

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEKLY NOTE

May 28, 2009



REMINDER: Today is the last day of the 2008-2009 school year! The Faculty and Staff of Bethlehem wish everyone a safe and blessed summer!

TIMELINE NOTEBOOKS: The students have been working on their timelines all year. The policy set by the faculty is that the timeline notebooks will stay in the classrooms over the summer so that there is no chance they will be lost. The students will continue working on the notebooks next year. Parents are encouraged to have their child(ren) show them their notebook from time to time.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR (repeat): Pre-registration Reminder: In order to qualify for the \$50 credit for registration, you must complete 3 items by **TODAY**:

- 1) Pay 1/2 registration fee to the school office, accompanied by...
- 2) Completed registration form
- 3) Register with FACTS to set up next year's tuition payments

Financial aid **is** available, but you must apply for it through the new FACTS program. As always, Bethlehem is committed to providing a Christian education to all who desire it. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schmeiser at 708-456-8786, ext. 18.

FACTS PROGRAM (repeat): To register with FACTS for next year's tuition payments, the easiest thing to do is to go to our school website, www.bethlehemrivergrove.org, and click on the FACTS logo. That will take you directly to their secure website, where you can put in information on the bank account you would like to pay your tuition from next year. **NO** payments will be withdrawn at this time! **NO** payments will be withdrawn until **YOU** decide when you want your payments to begin. You will receive a confirmation letter in the mail when everything is set up. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schmeiser at 708-456-8786, ext 12 or Kari Hermansen at 708-681-0837.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL PICNIC (repeat): Last day of school picnic, is **TODAY** from 11:00 until 1:00 pm. All families are invited. All students will be dismissed at 1:00 pm. Please contact Bunny Freeman in Extended Care, if your student is not being picked up or taking the bus home, and let us know if you need it.

YEARBOOKS (repeat): Yearbooks will arrive by **May 28th**. If you would like to purchase a yearbook, the cost is \$ 20.00 and you can purchase them at the picnic. Please make checks payable to Bethlehem and pay Peggy Shabez. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Shabez at 708-453-4398.

CLASS OF 2009 GRADUATION BANQUET (repeat): The banquet is on **Friday, May 29th** at 6:00 pm. The reservations for the 8th Grade Graduation banquet are past due. If anyone still wants to attend, but didn't turn in a reservation form, please contact Kari Hermansen before Monday (708)681-0837. Thanks!

GRADUATION SERVICE: The Graduation Service will be following the 10:30 am church service, on **Sunday, May 31st**. There will be a cake reception on the lawn following the service.

GRADUATION AND REPORT CARD PICK-UP (repeat): Graduation and report card pick-up will be on **Sunday, May 31st** after the **10:30 am** service. According to the handbook, final report cards will **NOT** be distributed until all outstanding tuition/extended care band and piano payments have been made. Please speak with Mrs. Schmeiser immediately if you still owe tuition for this year, 708-456-8786, ext. 18.

THE “ROCKIN’ STARS OF BETHLEHEM” TALENT SHOW(repeat): The 3rd Annual Talent Show, to benefit Bethlehem Lutheran School, will be held on **Sunday, June 14th** at 12:00 pm. The Bethlehem students will be onstage and will perform! It will be held in the field behind the Shabez house at 2540 Oak Street. The cost is \$ 5.00 for Adults and \$ 2.50 for kids and all proceeds will go to benefit our school! If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Shabez at 708-453-4398 or Amanda Hermansen at 708-681-0837.

CHAPEL OFFERING: Chapel Offering is \$ 147.65. We will be sending a check in the amount of \$ 150.00 to “Phil’s Friends.” We sent:

\$ 150.00 to the Lutheran Bible Translators.

\$ 100.00 to the Walther Mission Trip.

\$ 205.00 to Hearts for Jesus.

For a total of \$ 580.00 in chapel offerings for the 2008-2009 school year! Great work everyone!

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS: This week:

Kindergarten/Preschool: Kindergarten, keep practicing your reading and writing over the summer! Have a great summer and see you next year! Mrs. Rohde.

1st/2nd: Keep reading over the summer! Have a good summer and see you next year!

3rd/4th: We wish everyone a great summer!

5th/6th: The egg drop happened at 2:00 on Wednesday and 8 of the 9 eggs survived! One didn’t make it! We wish everyone a great summer and we will see you next year!

7th/8th: The 7/8 graders had a great trip! We went to Cahokia Indian Mounds and saw the site of an ancient Indian village. Then we went to the St. Louis Arch, and even those who were elevator-phobic made it up the Arch! Our time in Springfield went smoothly. The Abe Lincoln Presidential Museum was the most interesting museum many of the students had ever been to! A highlight of our trip was getting to speak to one of the senators when the General Assembly was in session, and being recognized by all the senators. We were fortunate to be able to listen to an argument in progress about a bill the Senate was trying to pass. Thanks to the chaperones for all their hard work! We also enjoyed our trip to the Museum of Science and Industry, especially the Harry Potter exhibit. I have enjoyed teaching the students this year! Have a great summer!

SCRIP PROGRAM (repeat): Don’t forget to order those Vacation and “summer fun” gift cards! Do your shopping with SCRIP! All SCRIP orders are placed weekly. Just place your order on the SCRIP website at **www.shopwithscrip.com** and get the money to Linda McGinnis! If you are new to the program and need assistance, or have any questions, please contact Linda McGinnis at 708-681-1076.

BETHLEHEM’S WORSHIP SCHEDULE: The Summer schedule for Bethlehem is 9:15 am worship services. Sunday School will resume in the fall. We invite you to join us, if you don’t have a church home of your own.