

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEKLY NOTE

October 24, 2008



REMINDER: There will be **NO BUS SERVICE** on **Monday, October 27th**, as Leyden has Teacher In-Service that day.

CALENDAR CHANGES: There is a calendar change. The Open Gym night scheduled for **Friday, October 24th** has been postponed until December. Daylight Savings Time is not this weekend, as it reads in the calendar; it is **Sunday, November 2nd**. Don't forget to "fall back" one hour on that day!

YOUTH GOVERNMENT BREAKFAST: Youth Government--a reminder that there is a breakfast at 10:00 am Saturday at the River Grove Community Center for all 8th graders (and their parents) who are participating in the Youth Government election process.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DINNER (Repeat): The Lutheran High School Scholarship Fund's annual Bavarian Fest is **THIS Saturday, October 25th**, with continuous serving from 5:00 - 6:30. Sponsored by Thrivent. For more information or to buy tickets contact Judy Virzi 847-451-8221 or Carrie Bernero 708-456-4344.

EARLY DISMISSAL REMINDER: Our next Early Dismissal Day will be on **Wednesday, October 29th** at 12:00 noon. If your will be using Extended Care on that day, please contact Bunny Freeman at 708-456-8786, ext. 13.

LITTLE CAESARS' / TAFFY APPLE PICK-UP: Pick up for the Taffy Apples and Little Caesar's pizza orders will be on **Thursday, October 30th** after school. We earned approximately \$300 for the school. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Shabez at 708-453-4398.

REFORMATION DAY: You are welcome to join us **Friday, October 31st**, for our Reformation Day chapel, as we celebrate the blessings that Martin Luther and the other Reformers brought to the Christian church. The children will be learning about Reformation Day throughout the week.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES: Parent-teacher conferences are coming up, as the end of the quarter is October 31st. These conferences are for grades K-8 (preschool has theirs later in the year). Attached to the weekly note is a request for conference times. Please indicate your first and second choices and return by **Tuesday, November 4th**, so that we can create the conference schedule.

CROSS COUNTRY STATE MEET: Congratulations! The girls' cross-country team placed 7th at the state track meet last Saturday. This is a grand accomplishment considering they were competing against some very large schools. We are very proud of all those who went to state: Jonah McGinnis, Ramona Tausz, Lydia Tausz, Mackenzie LeDuc, Hannah McGinnis, and Amy Walsh.

CONGRATULATIONS!: Congratulations to 7/8 grade students Matt Lewis, Hannah McGinnis, Sarah Schmeiser, and Ramona Tausz who received 2nd place in the September Walther Science League competition. They had to estimate the mass and volume of spheres without actually seeing or touching them!

CULVER'S BENEFIT NIGHT: We had a great turnout for our Culver's Fundraising Night! (Did you see our name scroll on Culver's electronic sign?) Thank you to all who came to support us!

MARKET DAY: Thanks to all who ordered and especially to all who helped. We made a profit of \$ 184.00 (give or take some pennies). Please don't forget to order next month, as this is an ongoing fundraiser, and we always need your help to support our kids. Next month is Pie month and the more pies we sell, the more profit we make. Also, we should know if any of us won the free groceries. Our helper staff is doing a great job, but we could still use more help! Thanks again from your chairperson, Debbie Hug. If you need to contact me, please call 847-296-7221.

CHAPEL OFFERING: So far, this month we have collected \$ 81.60 for chapel offering. The chapel offering for the months of September and October the offering will go to the Lutheran Bible Translators.

SCRIP PROGRAM (Repeat): Christmas is just around the corner! Don't forget to start 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.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS: This week:

Kindergarten/Preschool: The Kindergarteners are learning about the sound the letter "M" makes. They made monsters and fed them objects that begin with the letter "M". Come and see our tree. We colored leaves and put them on the glass. Watch our tree as the seasons change!

1st/2nd: Our 1st graders are starting to do "Timed" math problems! Our 2nd graders are reading "Henry and Mudge".

3rd/4th: 3rd/4th will be attending the play "Charlotte's Web".

5th/6th: We are working hard in our new English Series. We all like the jingles and singing along with them. In History, we will be studying about Australia and New Zealand. Taffy Apple Pick-up is on Tuesday, October 30th.

7th/8th: We have finished memorizing the countries of southern and western Europe, and Monday we will have a quiz on Great Britain. The students have finished the "fun" part of putting together their election process books, and will now be entering the facts and figures. Eighth graders who are participating in the River Grove Youth Government elections may put their posters up starting Monday.

BETHLEHEM'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE: The Sunday morning schedule for Bethlehem is 8:00 am and 10:30 am worship services, Sunday School for 3 years through 6th grade at 9:15 am, and Bible Studies for Adults and Teens at 9:15 am. We invite you to join us, if you don't have a church home of your own.