

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEKLY NOTE

October 4, 2007



REMINDER: There will be NO SCHOOL on **Friday, October 5th** due to a Teacher's In-Service Day and NO SCHOOL on **Monday, October 8th** due to the Columbus Day Holiday. Classes will resume on **Tuesday, October 9th**.

REMINDER: **TONIGHT** is Russell's Night! Come out and have dinner with your family and Bethlehem gets 10% of the sales for the evening! Just mention that you are with Bethlehem! We hope to see you there!

CROSS COUNTRY: Our last Cross Country meet will be **Friday, October 5th** at Portage Park (Irving Park Road and Central), at 4:00 pm. All of our runners did a great job at the last meet! We hope everyone will come and support our team!

5TH AND 6TH GRADE BASKETBALL: Our first basketball practice will be held on Wednesday, October 10th, from 3:30 until 4:30 pm. Any student in the 5th/6th grade interested in playing should be at the practice. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Mike O'Connor at 708-453-4791.

SCHOOL CHOIR: Thank you to all who sang and played for the church service last Sunday. It was a beautiful addition to the worship. Our school choir will also be singing 2 songs at the P.T.L. Meeting on **October 10th** at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Erjavec at 708-456-8786, ext. 16.

VOLLEYBALL NEWS: We came up a little short at our first game against St. John. But the girls played hard! Come out and watch our only home game of the year, at 4:00 pm next **Thursday, October 11th** against St. Phillip. There will be volleyball practice on Tuesday, October 9th, from 3:30 until 4:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Urban at 708-456-8786, ext. 17.

PRESCHOOL REMINDER: There **WILL** be Pre-4 on **Friday, October 5, 2007** (Teacher Workshop Day). There will be No Preschool on **Monday, October 8, 2007** (Columbus Day).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: On **Wednesday, October 10th** at 7:00 pm, the students of Bethlehem will provide some "entertainment" for our first P.T.L. meeting of the school year. Latin, Poetry and Song will be presented by various grades. The children will then be free to watch a movie in the gym, while the parents and teachers gather for their meeting. Hope to see you there!

7TH AND 8TH GRADE PARENTS MEETING: There will be a meeting for parents of 7th & 8th graders, to discuss fundraising, after the PTL meeting on **Wednesday, October 10th**. We hope you can attend. If you have any questions, please contact Kari Hermansen at 708-681-0837.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DINNER: Save the Date! There will be a "Bavarian Night" Dinner for the High School Scholarship Fund on **Saturday, October 20th**. There will be more information to follow.

TAFFY APPLE SALE: Notes went home for Bethlehem's annual Taffy Apple Sale. Reservations must be turned in by **Monday, October 22nd**. Apples are \$ 1.00 each or \$ 20.00 for a case (24). You can purchase plain or peanut. Pick-up is on **Monday, October 29th**. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Urban at 708-456-8786. ext. 17.

BETHLEHEM'S AUCTION: Bethlehem's Auction is set for **Friday, November 9th** at 6:00 pm. The Theme is "A Night to Remember." Tickets are \$ 35.00 per person and are on sale now! Our next meeting is on Sunday, October 7th at 12:00pm at the Shabez's. If you would like to be a part of the Auction Committee, please contact Peggy Shabez at 708-453-4398.

CEREAL BOXES: We need your empty cereal boxes for a project we are doing! They can be any size. Please put them in the box by the Headmaster's office. Thank you for your help!

MEMORY WORK/BIBLE STORIES: Memory work and bible stories for the upcoming week will be printed in the Weekly Note. We hope this will be an aid to discussion with your child during the week and we encourage families to use it during your evening devotions. This week's selections are:

◆ Catechism: Creed—First Article

The First Article: Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

◆ Verse of the week:

Psalm 33:6 **By the word of the LORD the heavens were made**, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 34

◆ Hymn of the week: 450 "The God of Abraham Praise" (stanzas 1 and 8)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday – Sin, Faith, Service - Luke 17:1-10

Monday – No School

Tuesday - Creation—The First Four Days—Genesis 1:1-19

Wednesday - Creation—Days Five and Six—Genesis 1:20-31

Thursday - Creation—The Days of Rest—Genesis 2:1-7

Friday - Creation—Man and the Garden of Eden—Genesis 2:8-25

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS: This week:

Kindergarten/Preschool: After learning how the Israelites built a monument to remind them to praise and thank God, we built our own monument, out of blocks. We drew pictures of what we are thankful for on paper and taped them to the blocks. The Preschool classes are busy learning about different kinds of houses and neighborhoods. They are working hard on learning their addresses.

1st/2nd: In math we are adding 9 facts. They have been taught a trick in adding the "9" facts. Our Scholastic book order is due on the 12th. There are some great books in there!

1st/4th: In Science, we had a lab with sugar, baking soda, baking powder and cornstarch. We added a few drops of water, vinegar, and iodine. Then we observed what happened! We are also still talking about plants. We are working on verbs in Latin.

3rd/4th: We just finished Stone Fox in Literature and are discussing it. In Grammar, we are learning about adjectives. Don't forget about our collection for the class "Auction" Basket!

5th/6th: We have started our new book "The Egypt Game". Ask the 5th/6th graders about the code of Hammurabi laws they made up. "If a baker makes a mistake on your birthday cake, you get a cake a day for the rest of your life!" Sounds good but too many calories!

7th/8th: In conjunction with our study of Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia, our class is also memorizing the current political boundaries in the Middle East. We've had some discussion about the differences we see on our globes and map compared to a modern atlas, due to the restructuring of the former U.S.S.R.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS: Chapel offerings for the months of September and October will be given to Lutheran World Relief. We have collected \$ 109.06, so far.

MICROWAVE USAGE: Just a reminder that, due to all the students eating lunch at the same time, the students will not be allowed to use the microwave this year at lunch. Meals needing to be eaten warm should be packed in a thermos. Thank you!

SCRIP PROGRAM: Please check out the SCRIP website at www.glscrip.com and look for the many bonus discounts given by many of the retailers. Please place your orders at www.shopwithscrip.com. Order will be placed on a weekly basis. If you have any questions, please contact Linda McGinnis at 708-681-1076.

BETHLEHEM'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE: The Sunday schedule for Bethlehem is 8:00 am and 10:30 am worship services, Soday School for 3 years and up 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.