

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEKLY NOTE

September 28, 2007



SCHOOL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES: The school phone directories went home last week via the kids (1 copy per family.) Along with the main directory is what I call my little "cheat sheet", which is all the families on one page that you can carry around in your purse. I apologize in advance for any errors in the directory. Please report the errors to me (Kari Hermansen at 708-681-0837) or to the school office, so we can make sure the records are correct for everyone. Thanks.

CROSS COUNTRY: Our first Cross Country meet at LaBagh Woods went great! Three of our runners were among the top 15 finishers in their age group! Congratulations to Amy Walsh (15th), Hannah McGinnis (12th) and Jonah McGinnis (10th). All of our runners did a great job! We hope everyone will come and support our team! The next Cross Country meet is **TODAY, Friday, September 28th** at Schiller Woods (Irving Park Road & Cumberland).

BETHLEHEM'S WALK-A-THON: Just a reminder, all pledges are due into the school by **TODAY, Friday, September 28th**. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Shabez at 708-453-4398 or Linda McGinnis at 708-681-1076.

SCHOOL CHOIR: Our school choir will be singing at the 10:30 am service this **Sunday, September 30th**. Choir members have been asked to wear a plain white top and dark pants/skirts. Please have your student in church by 10:20 am, ready for church. This means: get a drink, go to the bathroom, get their chime and folder. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Erjavec at 708-456-8786, ext. 16.

MARKET DAY: Due to the Columbus Day Holiday, Market Day pick up will be on **Monday, October 1st**, from 4:30 until 5:30 pm. If you can help with Market Day, please contact Mrs. Gallup at 708-456-8786, ext. 10.

VOLLEYBALL GAME: Our first game will be at St. John, 4939 Montrose Avenue, on **Tuesday, October 2nd**. Practices are 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 will be on sale in a week or so. 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: Ten Commandments—Review and The Close of the Commandments

The Close of the Commandments

What does God say about all of these commandments?

He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments" (Exodus 20:5-6).

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

◆ Verse of the week:

James 2:10 **Whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.**

◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 2

◆ Hymn of the week: 388 "The Man Is Ever Blessed" (stanzas 1-3)

◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday – The Rich Man and Lazarus - Luke 16:19-31

Monday - Jesus Heals on the Sabbath—Luke 14:1-11

Tuesday - The Worship of the Golden Calf—Exodus 32:1-14

Wednesday - God’s Wrath Is Poured Out upon Idol Worshipers—Exodus 32:15-35

Thursday - Jesus Takes the Place of the Guilty—Luke 23:13-25

Friday- No School

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS: This week:

Kindergarten/Preschool: In Preschool, we enjoy listening to the beginning sound in our names, when we sing the “Elephant Song”! We enjoy learning new songs; while Mrs. Rohde plays the guitar. In Kindergarten, we are working very hard learning to print. So far, we have learned a, c, d, and p. We are noticing the trees outside of the classroom, watching for signs of Fall. We enjoyed doing leaf rubbings and leaf prints.

1st/2nd: We are looking at poetry in the 1st/2nd grade class. The children have a favorite! Ask them about it!

3rd/4th: The 3/4 graders have finished James and have moved on to Stone Fox for Literature. In Science, we are studying about plants. In history, we have added some more figures to our timelines and are learning about the first writings.

5th/6th: The 5/6 grades are finishing their 1st novel of the year, and are getting ready to read the next one! Stop by and see our cave drawings, outside our room. Also, coming soon, Queens and Pharaohs. Also, our chickens are in their mummification process, we will keep you updated on that.

7th/8th: This week we learned about the Code of Hammurabi, the first known set of written laws. The severity of the punishments (if a doctor had a patient who died, his hand was cut off; if a man broke into a house to steal, he would be killed at that very spot) provoked much discussion! In grammar class we are learning to classify a sentence, and are becoming adept at

locating the subject noun, verb, adjectives, and adverbs in sentences.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS: Chapel offerings for the months of September and October will be given to Lutheran World Relief. We have collected \$ 93.56, so far.

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.

NO MORE SHORTS: As of this weekend, the school dress code policy prohibits the wearing of shorts to school. Unless the temperature is predicted to be 90*, students may not wear shorts again until May. Reminder: skirts and skorts must be knee-length to 3" above the knee.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS: The teachers have been giving gentle reminders this month when a student has violated the dress code. Starting October 1st, the following policy will be followed:

For each academic quarter...

1st offense: Student sent to headmaster, and a note is sent home which must be signed and returned.

2nd offense: Student loses part of recess, and a note is sent home which must be signed and returned.

3rd offense: Student loses all of recess, and a note is sent home which must be signed and returned.

4th offense: Student must serve a detention for the 4th and subsequent violations in one quarter.

The note home will be in the student's assignment notebook whenever possible, and parents should sign next to the teacher's note. It is our desire to help teach the students responsibility for their appearance. Most students are following the policy consistently, but there are some who need some "help" to remind them of their responsibility. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schmeiser at 708-456-8786, ext. 18.

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