

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEKLY NOTE

January 18, 2008



REMINDER: There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **Monday, January 21st** due to Martin Luther King's Birthday and **Tuesday, January 22nd** due to a Teacher In-Service Day. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 23rd.

MARKET DAY PICK-UP: Market Day Pick-up for January is on **Monday, January 21st** (Martin Luther King Holiday) from 4:30 until 5:30 pm. We were unable to change the pick-up date. We're sorry for any inconvenience this causes. If you have any questions or can help, please contact Mrs. Gallup at 708-456-8786, ext. 10.

BASKETBALL: The 7th and 8th grade teams came up a little short on both their game with Pilgrim and Holy Family! They played great! Their next **HOME** game against St. John, is on **Tuesday, January 22nd**. All players are asked to be at Bethlehem at 3:30 pm.

SPECIAL AWARDS NIGHT AND P.T.L. MEETING: There will be a **Special Awards Night** in conjunction with a brief P.T.L. meeting; on **Friday, January 25th** at 7:00 pm. Students will be recognized for the 1st and 2nd quarter Honor Roll, church and school attendance, athletics and special achievements. Our Preschool will delight us with a song. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Shabez at 708-453-4398

5th AND 6th FIELD TRIP: The 5th and 6th grade class will be going on a backstage tour at the Lyric Opera on **January 28, 2008**. Permission slips for the 5/6 grade music field trip will be going home next week. Check with your student about this. Any questions, call Mrs. Erjavec at 708-456-8786, ext. 16.

ADVENTURES OF FLAT STANLEY: STANLEY has returned from Egypt. Check the bulletin board in the upper hallway to read his letter and see pictures of Stanley by the pyramids, etc... However, Stanley didn't stay here very long. He is traveling with Mr. & Mrs. Hanson, (Nicole and Cassie's grandparents) to Florida. We look forward to his return and hearing about his adventures. If anyone is traveling or soon will be traveling, please let us know. Stanley loves to travel and see many new sights.

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES FOR 2008: The school has set the dates for the early dismissals for the rest of the school year. We hope this timely information will help you as you plan your child's schedule this year. All the early dismissal days are Wednesdays and classes will end at 1:30 pm. Pre-4 class will still meet these days. One month we have scheduled a faculty In-service day in lieu of an early dismissal. The dates are as follows:

Feb 13

Mar 5 (new date)

Apr 11 - Full day off of school for Faculty In-service

May 14

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schmeiser at 708-456-8786, ext. 18.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS: Chapel offerings for January and February will be going for “Hearts for Jesus”. The coin folders should be filled and returned to school by February 28th. So far, \$ 16.01 has been collected during chapel. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Urban at 708-456-8786, ext. 17.

SCRIP PROGRAM: SCRIP orders will continue to be placed weekly in 2008! Just place your order on the SCRIP website at www.shopwithscrip.com and get the money to Linda McGinnis! If you have any questions, please contact Linda McGinnis at 708-681-1076.

MEMORY WORK/BIBLE STORIES: Memory work and bible stories for the upcoming week will be printed in the Weekly Note. This week’s selections are:

- ◆ Catechism: Sacrament of Holy Baptism: How can water do such great things?

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Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying" (Titus 3:568).

- ◆ Verse of the week:

1 Peter 3:18 **For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust**, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.

- ◆ Psalm of the week: Psalm 92
- ◆ Hymn of the week: 88 “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (stanzas 1-2)
- ◆ Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday - “Behold the Lamb of God”—John 1:29-42a

Monday – No School

Tuesday - Jacob Returns to Isaac His Father—Genesis 35:16-20, 22b-29

Wednesday - Joseph’s Dreams and His Brothers Sell Him into Slavery—Gen. 37:1-36

Thursday - Judah and Tamar—Genesis 38:1-30

Friday - Joseph Is a Slave in Egypt—Genesis 39:1-23

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS: This week:

Kindergarten/Preschool: The Preschoolers continued the theme of winter. We enjoyed using our fingertips for “paint brushes” to make snow pictures. The Kindergarteners are excited about the 100th day of school. Our centipede is getting long!

1st/2nd: We have been working on our reading, math and handwriting for the New Year!

3rd/4th: In Science class, we are finishing our lesson on eggs. In History, we made monkey dolls. We have a new CD in Math to help us learn our Multiplication facts. 1/2 had an introduction to the instruments by watching Peter and The Wolf. 3/4 are also learning about the instrument families, which will go for a few weeks. In Geography, we are studying the Pacific coast states and their capitals. 3rd and 4th are also learning about graphs, pictographs, line graphs, circle (pie) graphs and bar graphs.

5th/6th: We have started a new book “The Secret Garden”. Watch for things growing in our classroom. On a personal note: I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards and kind words, during the past two weeks. It has been very hard with the unexpected loss of my brother. Thank you again, Mrs. Urban.

7th/8th: This week, we began a project to make Grecian Vases.

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 of your own.