January 6, 2023

The school newsletter contains a lot of important information. Please make sure to read the Star every week to ensure that you are current and up to date. This is our main way of keeping you informed of upcoming activities and important events.

Office Hours

School Office: Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm (When school is in session) Church Office: Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Basketball Church/Hot Shot Night

LHS will be hosting a special night during their home basketball game for Association Congregations. It is a small thank you for the support we give to Lutheran High School by being a member of the Lutheran High School Association. All members of our congregation will be admitted free of charge on Thursday, January 12. Bethlehem's Hot Shot competition will take place and Lutheran High boys' basketball will play Elkhart Lake. JV begins at 5:50 pm and Varsity begins at 7:30 pm.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will take place on Thursday and Friday, January 26 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm and January 27 8:00 am – noon. Conferences will be held for parents of all students in 3K and 4K. They will also be held for those students in grades 5K through 8 whose parent or a child's teacher feels it is necessary.

Parents should sign up for conferences through their Sycamore account. To schedule log in to Sycamore and access the conference schedule from either the school's homepage by clicking on "Check Your Schedule" or under "My School / P/T Conference". Next select a student and date, click on one of the green square to schedule that time. Click the "confirm" button on the "Confirm Meeting" window. To show a list of your scheduled conferences click "Summary" and "Print" to get a print out of your schedule. If you feel you need more than the allotted time, please sign up for an additional time slot.

Scheduling will be closed at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, January 24 and you will no longer be able to schedule online. Conferences scheduled after 3:00 pm January 24 should be scheduled by contacting the teacher directly.

Class Composite Pictures

Students are receiving their class composite pictures this week. Please be sure to check your child's backpack for their picture.

Friday, January 6

3:15 – 4:30 PM Boys A Practice 8:45 pm Girls A Tournament @ FIL (First Immanuel Lutheran, Cedarburg) vs. Pilgrim, Green Bay

Saturday, January 7

Girls A Tournament @ FIL 12:30 pm if we lost Friday 6:15 pm if we won Friday 5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, January 8

8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship

Monday, January 9

Instrumental Lessons
Bball @ BLS vs. St. Paul, Grafton
4:30 pm Girls B
5:30 pm Boys B
6:30 pm Boys A

Tuesday, January 10

3:15 – 4:30 pm Girls B Practice Bball @ BLS vs. CCA 5:00 pm Girls A 6:00 pm Boys B 7:00 pm Boys A

Wednesday, January 11

Chapel – Pastor Osladil 3:15 – 4:00 pm Student Council 3:15 – 4:45 pm Boys B Practice 4:45 – 6:15 pm Boys A Practice SALSA Spelling Bee @ LHS

Thursday, January 12

3:15 – 4:45 pm Girls A Practice 4:45 – 6:15 pm Girls B Practice 6:30 – 7:15 pm 5 & 6 Band @ LHS 7:15 – 8:00 pm 7 & 8 Band @ LHS Hot Shot & Congregation Night @ LHS



The following members of our Bethlehem family will observe their birthdays between during the coming week.

Silas Boggs Jordyn Mentink Alexander Morrelle Brayden Reimer Aubrey Schallock

Volunteers Needed

Bethlehem is in need of donations and volunteers for our home basketball games. You do not have to be a basketball family to donate or volunteer your time.

To donate or help with concessions use the following SignUp Genius link https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084daaa82ca3f85-howsweet/79500326#/ If you have any questions regarding concessions please contact Amy Morrelle at amy.morrelle@ourbethlehem.com. All donations can be delivered to the cafeteria labeled "Concessions".

We also need help at the score table for our home games. Each game we need one parent (or maybe a high school sibling) to run the scoreboard and we need another helper to keep the official book. If this sounds intimidating, it is not. Instruction and help will be provided if you need it. Use the following link to volunteer for the score table https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084caea828a0fb6-score1#/ or contact Jon Krueger at Jon.Krueger@ourbethlehem.com if you have any guestions.

Year End Tuition and Extended Care Statements

2022 year end statements can be accessed through your Sycamore account.

<u>Extended Care:</u> "My Accounting", "Summary", "Childcare" – change year in the right-side drop-down box to 2020, click the "All" tab and click "Yearly Statement"

Tuition: "My Accounting", "Summary", "Tuition" - click the "All" tab, highlight the 2022 transactions and print

Tax Deductions

Tuition payments made before December 31 may be able to be used for the State of WI tuition tax deduction for private school families on your tax return.

The State of WI, allows parents to deduct private school tuition. Parents of private school students in WI could receive an income tax deduction for tuition paid for each kindergarten through high school student. Only the amount paid between January 1 and December 31 will qualify for the deduction and only the amount that you personally paid. We highly recommend that families work with their tax advisor to determine benefits.

Tuition includes any amount paid by the claimant for a pupil's tuition to attend an eligible institution and mandatory book fees paid to the institution. Tuition does not include amounts paid with a voucher or any amount s paid as a separate charge such as: supplies, rental of equipment, meals, transportation, and personal use items such as uniforms or gym clothes, before or after school child care, extracurricular activities such as music or athletic fees.

Only the person who claims the child as a dependent can use the deduction. For example, grandparents who pay tuition cannot take the deduction (unless or course they claim the child as a dependent).



Monday, January 9 Badger Bowl WG Bun Mashed Potatoes

Broccoli
Peaches

Fresh Grapes

Tuesday, January 10

Walking Tacos
Refried Beans
Corn
Fresh Pineapple
Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday, January 11

Mozzarella Pizza Sticks California Blend Broccoli Apple Sauce Peaches Cookie

Thursday, January 12

Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread California Blend Green Beans Mixed Fruit Apple Sauce

Friday, January 13

French Toast Sticks
Sausage
Hash Brown Patty
Carrots & Cucumbers
Apple or Orange Juice

Sandwich of the Week:

Cold Ham & Cheese

USDA is an equal opportunity provider.

The Lutheran High Experience

With high school just around the corner for middle school families, take some time to learn about what a high school experience at LHS looks like!

- Educational consultations Principal Derek Bult is offering private one-hour tours from 12-4 on January 8, 15 or 22, and February 12. Ideal for 7th and 8th graders, this is a great opportunity for parents to tour the school with their child, discuss class offerings, chat about financial aid opportunities, learn about extra-curricular opportunities & more. To schedule yours, email bult@lutheranhigh.com.
- Shadow Days If your middle schooler has not yet had an experience day at LHS, consider a shadow day where he/she will spend a school day with a current LHS student and see firsthand how LHS prepares Christian leaders. To schedule, visit www.lutheranhigh.com/visit.
- Open House Save the date for our next Open House on Thursday, January 26, 5-7 pm. Open to 5th 8th graders, this is a great opportunity to learn more about LHS in a group setting. You'll tour the facility, meet with teachers & learn about tuition assistance options. Come for the Open House & stay for the boys' basketball game vs. Sheboygan Christian! Varsity tips off at 7:15 pm and admission to the game is their treat.

North High School 8th Grade Open House

North High will be hosting an 8th Grade Open House for all students interested in attending North High School for the 2023-24 school year. Families will have the opportunity to meet with academic department leaders, coaches of athletics, as well as see the many different activities available to your student.

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 5:45 pm – North High Auditorium 6:15 pm North High Raider Gym – Displays (academic departments, athletics & activities)

New Year, New Bible Studies

Genesis in January – Starting at the Beginning

Join us in the Century Room on Monday nights as we dive into the questions or origins with Rick Zeuner. See how the Bible clearly explains how the universe, the earth, plants and animals and people came to be how they are, and how science lets us discover God's wonderful creation. 6-7 pm starting January 9th. No class January 16th or February 6th.

Read through the Bible chronologically with us in one year!

Email <u>martha.becker.96@gmail.com</u> for directions to download an app for your smartphone that will remind you what to read each day, and how to join our discussion group.

New Sunday morning Bible studies start this week

Come and sit down with us in the Century Room or the library for a little more time together with your church family learning about God's word. It is a great way to get to know your brother and sisters in Christ as we learn more of His wonderful love. 9:15-10:15 am between services on Sunday mornings.

Free In-home COVID-19 Tests

Did you know you are able to receive free in-home COVID tests? Families of Bethlehem School students are now able to receive them through the school office. Please contact the office, let us know how many tests you need and we will have them ready for you to pick up.

Also, all Wisconsin households are eligible to order free rapid antigen tests each month through Say Yes Covid Test! https://www.sayyescovidhometest.org/.

Weather Related School Closures

We will be using our School Messenger System through Sycamore to send text messages and emails to inform our families of inclement weather decisions. Please, be sure to keep your contact information up to date in our records.

If you have not yet signed up for text messages, we highly recommend you do so.

- Go to "My School" "My Notifications"
- Select the "primary parent" from the drop-down menu (at this time we are only able to add one number per family to receive text alerts)
- Make sure the "Enable Messaging" box is checked
- Select the correct cell phone number in "SMS" (make sure are code is included)
- Select the correct carrier
- Check "School Closing Notifications"
- Click the blue "Update" button in the upper right corner

This system will only be used for the school to send out notifications. We will not respond to text messages sent to us.

In the event there is a two-hour delay, there will be no 3K or 4k classes held that day and extended care will not be available before classes begin.

If we close early, all students must be picked up as quickly as possible. Extended care will not be available. Please DO NOT call or email the school to get information Once a decision has been made, we will notify all families as quickly as possible. Answering individual phone calls and emails prevents us from doing so.

Do You Order Pizza or other Food Deliveries?

Do you have Amazon deliver products you purchased online? Well, how about having a Bethlehem at-home Bible study at your fingertips – delivered right to your phone or computer? Bible-Studies Task Force is wanting to develop a casual, online Bible-studies ministry. But we need help! We need:

- 1. Persons who are willing to learn to lead an online study. Prepared materials with Leaders' Guides are available and Martha Becker is willing to mentor anyone who is willing to give this a try. How often you lead, would be up to you.
- 2. Persons willing to participate in an online study. Your leader would show you how to get started.
- 3. Let's talk it over. Email Audrey Braatz at dobraatz@yahoo.com or call her at 920-452-7706.

Acolyte Schedule

Saturday, January 7 5:30 pm Sunday, January 8 8:00 am Sunday, January 8 10:30 am Lucy Lemus & Emma Krueger Anthony Nack & Leon Wenzel Jet Kubow & Ryland Hess

GODIS GREAT CONCERT

JAN. 24 6:30 PM

Lutheran High School Fine Arts CenterFree Concert Open to All Families and Ages!

Dinner provided at 5:30 PM
To join us for dinner, RSVP to your school or church office by JAN. 20

An exciting music ministry impacting the hearts and lives of youth and families around the world! Jennie Williamson brings an energy and excitement for Jesus that is contagious! The music and live events are filled with incredible messages of love and hope that reaches the hearts of every audience.



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