



# BLS Star News



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*The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28*

## Well Done, Parents!

We have completed 58 days or 1 and 1/2 quarters of this school year with 5 day a week in-person school. Parents, it's time for me to thank you. You are doing a great job as together we navigate the twists, turns and bumps in the road that coronavirus is sending us. You are doing a fantastic job of keeping your children home. Your "abundance of caution" is keeping the risk to the entire school to a minimum. You are evaluating and taking steps to ensure that your child is not coming to school with an illness that can't be explained. The number of "caution" absences may be up, but you are keeping illness out of the building.

Parents, you are being patient and waiting in the parking lot while I temperature check each student at the door. Even when I have technical issues with my thermometer, you have been patient. Thank you.

You are avoiding behaviors outside of the school day that would put you or your child into a situation where coronavirus could be shared.

I know all the changes to what you might want to do have been difficult. But I want you to know that your efforts are not being missed. Be encouraged this lifestyle is only for a short time. We can do this as our 58 days of success proves.

Parents, while you keep up the great work, we will continue with our revised recess schedules, separated classroom groups, spraying of the classrooms and shared spaces, etc.

Let's all continue to do all the things that will keep us in school for another 117 days,

Serving the Master Teacher,  
Mrs. Beth Landon

## Fall Festival Basket Auction



The PTO has kicked-off its first online auction for the Fall Festival. The PTO has set up an auction of the class baskets and a few special items. The online auction will end on Sunday, November 22.

The classroom basket themes are:

Preschool – **Tea/Hot Chocolate**  
Grade 1 – **Snow Day**  
Grade 3 – **Snug and Cozy**  
Grade 6 – **Fitness**

Kindergarten – **Campfire/Cookout**  
Grade 2 – **Family Fun Night**  
Grade 4/5 – **Quarantine**  
Grade 7/8 – **Disney**

All baskets are available for students to view in the school lunchroom.

The web link for our online auction is

<https://www.biddingowl.com/Auction/home.cfm?auctionID=24522>

## Chapel Offering for November



We will be collecting food for the Holiday Baskets that Bethlehem Church will be delivering this season. We are planning to deliver **15** baskets to large families and **35** baskets to small families. We are hoping to collect 50 of each item to cover the needs of these families. See where you might be able to assist with the will need lots of items. Each basket will contain:

Stuffing  
Noodles  
Canned corn

Instant potatoes  
Canned Green Beans  
Soup (not creamed)

Crackers  
Cookies  
Gravy packets

Members of Bethlehem congregation will contribute to provide the fresh produce, meat and dairy products.

## Christian Character – Citizenship



Our Christian life principle is: *Citizenship* – belonging to a country or community where you have rights and obligations. Jesus told the people in Mark 12:17, “*Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.*”

May our words and actions show that we are good citizens enjoying our rights and serious in completing our obligations to the United States of America.

## “Ohio Loves School Choice” Video Contest

National School Choice Week is quickly approaching, and the “Ohio Loves School Choice” video contest is receiving national accolades! Keep those videos coming!

If you or a member of your family participates in a K-12 school choice option in Ohio and has a story to tell about school choice, we want to hear your story. Eligible school choice programs include (charter) schools, private schools, Ohio scholarship programs, homeschool, district open enrollment, and independent STEM schools.

Eligible participants are invited to submit videos telling your personal story in a video of 90 seconds or less in length that answer one of the following questions:  
How did school choice make a difference for you or your family?  
Why is school choice important for Ohio students?

School Choice Ohio will award the following prizes in January 2021:

- Two (2) “School Choice Champion” prizes of \$1,000 each
- Two (2) “Outstanding Advocate” prizes \$500 each.
- Two (2) “Honorable Mention” prizes of \$250 each

Submission of an entry indicates participants agree to abide by contest rules and requirements. Entry forms and official rules are available here:

**<https://scoho.org/ohio-loves-school-choice-video-contest>**

## Scrip News – (The PTO Fundraising at No Cost to You)

Now is a great time to start your holiday shopping with SCRIP. Support the school by purchasing gift cards as gifts or to pay for your holiday shopping.

- **November Order Schedule:** Physical card orders will be placed by Mrs. Henderson **Monday 11/23**. Order by noon on Monday to get your order in the same week. E-card orders and reloads to existing cards can be done at any time.
- **Raise Right App:** Shop for SCRIP right from your phone. E-cards can be scanned and used directly from the app at many stores and restaurants.
- **Ship to Home:** Cards can now be shipped directly to your home for a small shipping fee. Cards must be ordered in the Raise Right app to use the Ship to Home feature.

Purchase gift cards through [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to do your shopping. When you purchase cards through SCRIP, a portion of each card purchased comes back to the school to help with costs of school events, field trips, and purchasing classroom and playground equipment.

It's easy to enroll. Go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) or download the RaiseRight app in the App Store or on Google Play. Set up an account using this enrollment code: **4132CFB75963** and start shopping.

Any questions, contact Alison Witte or Leslie Lindsey or email [bethlehemscrip@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemscrip@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 8-22	Online bidding for Fall Festival Class Baskets
Nov. 19	Chapel, 8:45 am on churchstreamer.org
Nov. 22	Online Auction ends <b>10 pm</b>
Nov. 24	School Geography Bee
Nov. 25-29	Thanksgiving vacation



## Collecting to Raise Funds **and/or To Serve Our Neighbors**



**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS:** When you shop at Kroger and use a Kroger Plus Card, you could be supporting Bethlehem Lutheran School without making any additional donations. Through the Kroger Community Rewards program, when you link your Kroger Plus Card to the Bethlehem Lutheran School's nonprofit number (80102), Kroger will donate to our school every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus Card.

Please go to [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com) to check your enrollment status.



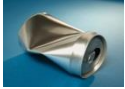
**Dead Batteries** If your house is like mine, we seem to have a plethora of dead batteries! Bethlehem will be saving dead batteries to get them into recycling and out of the landfills. Just drop off any dead batteries and we will get them to the right place.



**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION (10 cents each):** Nifty little box tops are worth 10 cents each for BLS. Some older packages still have Box Tops on them. Clip and send them to school. Most new Box Tops can be sent by sending a photo of your receipt where the product was purchased to the Box Tops site. The new program requires each family to be involved as Bethlehem can not collect and send pictures for you.



**POP TABS:** Pop tabs are on most aluminum cans. Please: *remove* them, *send* them to school, we *deliver* them to the local Ronald McDonald House. RMDH can *redeem* them for cash to support their ministry of providing housing for families with a child in the hospital.



**ALUMINUM CANS and SCRAP METAL:** BLS recycles aluminum cans and scrap metal. Two large garbage cans are located under the steps by the Extended Care entrance. The cans and scrap metals appropriate for recycling are redeemed for cash. Much of our success in the past has come from people needing to recycle large appliances like washers, dryers, refrigerators or dishwashers. Please call the school office if you have large items to recycle and we can arrange for pick-up.



**GOODSEARCH:** A search engine, similar to Google, Goodsearch will donate a penny each time you use it. Also affiliated with it is Goodshop. A portion of your purchase through them also goes to the school. Set up your account at [goodsearch.com](http://goodsearch.com)