



Tips for School Success

Parenting is the toughest job that most of us will ever have. It requires the ability to twist and turn as situations change. There are a number of simple things that will help children be successful in school.

1. Support Homework Expectations - Homework reinforces and extends classroom learning and develops a sense of responsibility and work ethic. Create a place equipped with the supplies that are needed so children can begin and end in a reasonable amount of time. (Think 10 minutes per grade level on the average, ie 60 minutes for grade 6.)
2. Send Your Child to School Ready to Learn – The right amount of sleep followed by a nutritious breakfast. A breakfast that is rich in grains fiber and protein can boost attention span, concentration, and memory. Donuts, are yummy, but they don't provide the same benefit.
3. Teach (and Practice) Organizational Skills – Being organized and having what you need in the place you need it is a life-long skill and takes practice. Students who can find their work eliminate unnecessary stress from the day.
4. Teach Study Skills – Learning memory work each week strengthens the brain. Studying spelling words by reciting them or writing them can help your child discover what skills they can use for learning and retention.
5. Take Attendance Seriously – Children sick with fevers, vomiting, or Covid symptoms/exposure should of course stay home. Otherwise children need to be in school. There is learning which happens through classroom discussions and questions that are not available in any other way.
6. Talk About School – Take a few minutes each day to talk about school. Ask a specific question that will require thought to answer. “*What did you learn in math today?*” is better than “*How was school?*” Especially as students get older, they get good at telling parents nothing about how they spent 7 hours in a school day.

Nothing is fool proof, but simple changes can help your child feel and achieve success in the classroom. God bless your efforts as you parent this week!

Serving the Master Teacher, Beth Landon

Uniforms

Bethlehem Lutheran School has a uniform policy which was included in each student's registration packet. The policy can also be found on the school's website at mybethlehemschool.com. The following are the most common violations that we have been seeing since the start of school:

Colors: The approved shirt colors are navy blue, light blue, hunter green, burgundy, red, and white. We have seen different shades of blue, black, yellow and orange in our halls.

Sweaters, jackets, sweatshirts: It can get chilly in our classrooms and students often want to wear their sweaters or jackets in the room. However, if they are not in the colors approved by the uniform policy (see the colors listed above), then they are not allowed to do so. Sending your child with an approved sweater or jacket will help them have a more comfortable day.

Sleeves are required. Girls should not be wearing their jumpers without a shirt underneath.

Everyone is encouraged to look over the uniform policy so as to avoid any confusion or upset. If you need a hard copy, please contact the school office and one will be provided to you.

Chapel Offering: Hearts for Jesus

The Lutheran Schools of Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan are working together to support the ministry of the King's Community Outreach in Fort Wayne, IN. For our September chapel offerings, we are collecting **money** for this project.

King's Community Outreach serves the poor in the inner city of Fort Wayne. The Lutheran Schools will be working together to provide the funds necessary to continue and expand their Thanksgiving food basket project.

If you would like to see a news story about the King's Community Outreach, please follow this link: <https://www.wane.com/news/local-news/kings-community-outreach-baskets-are-positively-fort-wayne/>

Lunch Procedures

Please Remember:



1. We are beginning the school year with NO heat-ups at lunch. Each student will need to bring a lunch that is eaten as sent. Please remember to pack a drink or water.
2. Students will be sitting no more than 2 to a table with the tables facing in one direction.
3. Volunteers will be available to assist teachers to help students open packages and clean up the lunchroom between lunch groups.
4. Lunch time: K-2 from 11:00-11:30; 3-5 from 11:30-12:00; 6-8 from 12:00-12:30.

Extended Care



Extended Care is offered to Bethlehem students at a cost of \$5.00/hour. Morning Extended Care runs from 7:00-8:15 am and After School Care runs from 3:15-5:45 pm.

Parents are required to sign each child into and out of Extended Care. Classroom teachers will help students get to Extended Care from their classroom. If your child is staying in afterschool care, we recommend that you send a snack as we are not currently providing one.

Scrip News



Back to school time is a great time to use SCRIP. Get new clothes with gift cards for Old Navy, Children's Place, Kohl's, Marshall's, DSW, and more. Get ready for fall activities with cards from Dick's Sporting Goods, Cabela's, or UnderArmour. And as always, cards are available for groceries, gas, and household goods.

- **August Order Schedule:** Physical card orders will be placed on **Monday 8/30**. 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 and are either instantly available or available overnight.
- **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.

Haven't tried SCRIP yet? It's an easy way for you to use your regular shopping to support the school.

1. You sign up at shopwithscrip.com or in the RaiseRight app using our enrollment code: **4132CFB75963**.
2. You order gift cards to pay for your shopping or give as gifts.
3. SCRIP sends a monthly rebate check to the school to support field trips and school events.

Upcoming Events

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| Sept. 6 | NO SCHOOL for Labor Day – this is for everyone! |
| Sept 17 | Mid Quarter |
| Sept 21 | Grades 6-8 parent teacher conferences (sign ups will be coming) |
| Sept 23 | Grades 6-8 parent teacher conferences (sign ups will be coming) |
| Sept 24 | Picture Day for grades P4-8 (P3 will have their own day in October). |



Easy Donations to Bethlehem Lutheran School



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 to check your enrollment status.

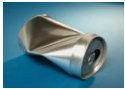
Thank you to the 73 households who listed Bethlehem for Community Rewards. We received \$372.99.



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 redeemed 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. 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



OFFICE DEPOT & OFFICEMAX: The Give Back to School Program lets you earn FREE supplies for Bethlehem when you make a purchase of qualifying products and provide Bethlehem ID number at checkout. Bethlehem's ID number is **70123252**.