



Weary, Worn But Held Together in Jesus



I know that COVID-19 is causing everyone to feel weary and worn. Every cough, snuffle, or fever, feels like we are being sent into another whirlwind of illness. The public schools in our surrounding area have gone to remote learning or even no learning as they deal with increased rates of children becoming ill. Bethlehem is not immune to the illness that is around us in our community.

Bethlehem has been running 20 or more children absent each day of this past week. Some students have tested COVID positive. Some absences are because children are in contact with a parent or caregiver who is COVID positive. Some absences are for recovering from the effects of COVID. Some absences are because children have illness symptoms from _____ (fill in the blank).

The School Board of Bethlehem addressed the issue at its regular meeting on Tuesday. The School Board is committed to keep us all in-person for school if at all possible. Should we have a staff shortage due to illness, or more than a third of our student population absent, plans are already in place to go to remote learning should that be our only option.

Parents, you can help. Pay attention to your child's health. If your child appears ill, keep him or her at home. The best thing for a sick child is to have the rest needed so their body can heal. A child should be fever-free for 24 hours before they return to school.

Children are catching this new strain of COVID at an alarming rate. If you suspect COVID and know about a possible COVID exposure risk, have them tested. While you wait for test results, keep your child home.

When you call or send an email to the school office, let us know why your child is at home. Our goal in having the truth from you about the cause of illness is for monitoring reasons. It helps us accurately assess what actions we need to make to ensure health for the entire community.

I know you may feel weary of this whole pandemic situation. I know that you may feel worn from all the uncertainty and speculation. I also know that we have Jesus. He holds all things together. He holds us close and never leaves us. Ground yourself in Jesus. He's got this from start to finish.

Bethlehem parents are the best! Thanks for all you do as parents to help us keep the school open and functioning each day for in-person school. We know as educators that being in-school is the best way to impart the vast knowledge and experiences that will last a lifetime for your child. We've got this! We've got Jesus!

Serving the Master Teacher,
Mrs. Landon



LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 23rd – 29th

Theme: In All Things

Bible Verse: “He (Christ) is before all things and in him all things hold together.”

Song: “In All Things Jesus Christ is Found”

Online Mission Trip Location: Zambia

We are celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week with a different theme and/or event for every day! Those who do not wish to participate in one or more of the themed days must wear their uniform.

Monday, Jan. 24th “CHRIST”

Hat and Movie Day --Wear your favorite hat all day. You should be in uniform except for your hat. Classes will be watching a movie and eating popcorn in the afternoon.

Tuesday, Jan. 25th “CHURCH”

Dress Up for Jesus Day -- Wear your best for Jesus as we attend chapel in the morning. Bring appropriate shoes for recess and gym.

Wednesday, Jan. 26th “CREATION”

Dress-Up as Your Favorite Thing God Created Day -- What is your favorite part of God’s creation? Giraffes, apple trees, stars? Dress up to look like your favorite thing God created.
In School Field Trip --There will be a special visit from THE BUG GUY. Learn lots of interesting facts about insects that God created from THE BUG GUY.

Thursday, Jan. 27th “CHILDREN”

Wacky Day -- Wear the craziest clothes you have. PTO will provide a special ice cream treat from JUBIE’S CREAMERY for an afternoon snack. Wear appropriate shoes for recess and gym.

Friday, Jan. 28th “COMMUNITY”

Fan Day/PTO Pizza Lunch -- Love the Cincinnati Bengals, Cleveland Browns, Ohio State Buckeyes, or Dayton Dragons? Whoever your favorite sports team is, today is the day you wear clothing that supports your favorite team. In the afternoon we will work as teams and play games and have activities in the gym. Enjoy PTO pizza lunch.

Congratulations School Spelling Bee Winners

Our school spelling bee was held this week and it was wonderful to see our classroom winners do such a fine job.

The contestants were:

Grade 3-Kambrie, Adam, and Chandler
Grade 4-Harry, Malik, and Caroline
Grade 5-Joshua, John S., and Alexis R.
Grade 6-Amarah, Elizabeth L., and Zach
Grade 7-Robert, Autumn, and DeMari
Grade 8-Elizabeth M., Gavin, and Ale



Special congratulations go to the following all school winners:

School Champion: Elizabeth L.

Second Place: Malik R.

Third Place: Elizabeth M.

Registration For 2022-2023 Now Open



Today, students will be bringing home all of the necessary information and forms to register for the 2022-2023 school year. Current families have a 2 week head start as registration won't open to the general public until February 1st. Most classes are currently at or near capacity so we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to secure your child's place for the upcoming school year.

Chapel Offering for January



The students and teachers of Bethlehem will be collecting cans and packets of soups for the Fairborn FISH Food Pantry. Our gifts of love (wrapped in soup) will fill the stomachs of people in our local community.

Upcoming Events

January chapel offering – Souper Bowl-bring cans or packets of soup.

Jan. 17 NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 23-29 National Lutheran Schools Week

Jan. 23-29 School Choice Week



Scrip News



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- 2.) You order gift cards to pay for your shopping or to BLS Star give as gifts.
- 3.) Your cards are shipped directly to school and sent home with your student.
- 4.) SCRIP sends a monthly rebate check to the school to support field trips and school events.

If you have questions or need help ordering, contact Alison Witte or Leslie Lindsey.