



## Signs of School Safety



Bethlehem takes the safety of students and teachers seriously. We are always looking for ways to improve the environment and procedures surrounding the school so as to ensure that everyone is safe throughout the school day.

**COVID precautions:** Unfortunately, COVID remains a real threat to our health and safety. Students and staff are masking (mouths and noses) to keep our germs to ourselves. Each classroom and the lunchroom have air purifiers in them. We know from changing the filters that lots of airborne things were removed from the areas by these purifiers. While we have lowered exposures, we did find that a number of students in selected grades tested positive for COVID right before we left for Christmas vacation. It did not reach a place where we needed to close any classrooms and we give thanks to God for that. The time away has gotten us mostly healthy. We pray this trend will continue throughout the remainder of the school year.

**Recess/Playground:** In order to give children time in the fresh air, all classes continue to have outside recess twice a day. We are using a portion of the parking lot for this exercise area. The barricades are set up to keep car traffic out of the play area. The barricades are not enough to block off the entire driving surface, but PLEASE, NEVER DRIVE AROUND THE BARRICADES. They will be taken down when the area is being returned to parking lot.

**Illness:** Children are getting ill with ear infections, stomach issues, strep throat, and colds. Please monitor your child's health. Keep them home if they are ill. When they return, their healthy body will be ready for learning.

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 here is the best way to impart the vast knowledge and experiences that will last a lifetime.

Serving the Master Teacher,  
Mrs. Landon

## Goodbye, Mr. Bohardt



Bethlehem says good-bye and God-speed to Mr. Mark Bohardt. Mr. Bohardt has been a member of the Bethlehem teaching staff for the past 2 1/2 years as the middle school Language Arts and Social Studies teacher. He leaves behind well-educated students who will miss the plethora of stories and insights that Mr. Bohardt shared over the years.

We thank him for his service and care of the students during his years with us. May God bless his new 'retirement' from the teaching profession!

## Welcome, Mrs. Kearns



Bethlehem welcomes Mrs. Tiffany Kearns as the new middle school Language Arts and Social Studies teacher. Mrs. Kearns has a degree in Communications and years of substitute teaching experience in many grades in the Bethel school system. Mrs. Kearns lives with her children and spouse in Tipp City.

We pray her time with us is blessed and productive for her and the students in the middle school.

## Chapel Offering for December – Final Report



We collected 31 – hats/headbands, 31 – pairs of mittens or gloves, 8 – scarves, and 1 - coat for the Greene County Health Department. That's 100 items of love and warmth for people in our county.

## 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

- Jan. 7 End 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
- Jan. 11 2nd quarter report cards available on Fast Direct after school
- Jan. 11 School Board meeting, 6:00 pm
- Jan. 13 School Spelling Bee
- Jan. 17 NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 23-29 National Lutheran School 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.

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Alison Witte, PTO President