



Middle School Newsletter
Mar. 10 through March 15, 2019

PLEASE READ THE BETHANY EAGLE THIS WEEK FOR LOTS OF INFORMATION ABOUT BETHANY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events:	
Mar. 10	K-8 Sings at Bethany Church—student arrival: 9:30am A delicious lunch reception will be served afterwards
Mar. 14	Middle School Field Trip—Chabot Space and Science Center
Mar. 16-17	Security Fence Installation— WE NEED YOUR HELP! <i>Weather permitting</i>
Mar. 20	Minimum Day—Dismissal at Noon / Ext. Care offered <i>Extended Care—bring lunch and snack</i>
Mar. 29	NO SCHOOL —Staff In-service Training @ Tracy, CA

Mrs. Bakken's Bits and Bytes kari.bakken@gobethany.com

7th/8th Homeroom:

Please make sure you mark your calendar and turn your clocks forward an hour for the All School Singing at Bethany Lutheran church on Sunday, 3/10 at the 10AM service. Please have you student arrive at Bethany Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in their chapel uniform at 9:30AM to rehearse. The students have been practicing hard to prepare with Dr. Nomura! The church is hosting a delicious lunch reception after the service. I look forward to seeing you there!

Since Pi Day falls on our field trip day to the Chabot Science Center we will celebrate Pi Day a little differently this year. Since we have been studying Seed Plants and Trees in Science we will be checking out Apple seeds, stems, leaves and fruit and prepping some special pies for Pi Day which we will eat during Math classes on Friday.

Just a reminder that each family is asked to donate Consumable Supplies like paper towels, tissue, 3 ounce cups, disinfecting wipes once during the year. We are at the beginning of the second semester so if your last name begins with M-Z it is now your turn to bring them in. There is a detailed list of Consumable Supplies outside the office door. Thank you in advance for your help!

We are collecting Box Tops for Education all year so ask your friends and extended family to help collecting labels. There is a container in my classroom for the students to deposit their labels.

5th-8th Grade Math:

We have one week left in the 3rd Quarter. I encourage you to regularly check TADS to monitor your student's progress. Also, it is where you can find assignments if for some reason your student has missed class. If you would like to discuss your student's progress we can set up a time to meet. Please feel free to leave a message for me at school (707) 451-6683 Ext.18 or send me an email and I will get back to you as soon I can.

Aftermath is being offered on Thursdays, from 2:45-4:00. No need to sign up in advance and there is no additional fee. It is on an as need basis. "Aftermath" is a good place for students to get extra help on their homework, study for tests, and do corrections.

Students are allowed to do corrections for half credit. They must show their work in order to get credit for their corrections. Here are the guidelines for **Test and Quiz Corrections:** **1) Do not** erase incorrect answers. **2) Label** the back of the paper or a separate sheet **Corrections.** **3) Redo** the problems missed, showing work or explaining how to do it correctly. **4) Get** a parent signature. **5) Turn** into the basket. **6) Place** returned tests with corrections in the Test section of your binder.

Here is what we have been up to and what's in store:

7th & 8th Grade Bible: The memory verse due on Friday, 3/15 is John 15: 7-8, Jesus said, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples." We will be doing Lessons 48-49 in our "One in Christ" workbooks.

5th Grade Math (Period 3): This week we did Lessons 81-84. Next week we will do Lessons 85-86. We will have a Test 16 covering Lessons 1-80 on Wednesday, 3/13. Corrections for Lessons 81-84 and Tests 14 & 15 will be due on Friday, 3/15. Also some of you have make-up work and corrections to turn in by the end of the quarter, Friday, 3/15. In order to get credit for corrections students must show work so that I know that they understand the material.

Middle School Math (6th grade, Period 4): This week we did Lessons 81-84. Next week we will do Lessons 85-86. We will have a Test 16 covering Lessons 1-80 on Wednesday, 3/13. Corrections for Lessons 81-84 and Tests 14 & 15 will be due on Friday, 3/15. Also some of you have make-up work and corrections to turn in by the end of the quarter, Friday, 3/15. In order to get credit for corrections students must show work so that I know that they understand the material.

Pre-Algebra (Period 4): This week we finished Chapter 7 and did Lesson 8.1. Next week we will do Lesson 8.2-8.3 and some geometric constructions. Corrections for Chapter 7 will be due on Friday, 3/15.

Algebra 1P (Period 2) : This week we did Lessons 7.4-7.6 on Solving Linear Systems and Inequalities. Next week we will review and finish Chapter 7. There will be a quiz covering 7.4-7.6 on Tuesday, 3/12 and a Chapter Test on Friday, 3/15. Homework and quiz corrections are due by the end of Aftermath on Thursday, 3/14.

Geometry (Integrated Math 2): This week worked on Khan Academy and 9.4 & 9.5 on Cross Sections of Solids and Rotating 2D shapes in 3D. Next week she will be reviewing skills needed to prepare for Buckingham placement test so that we know what we need to still learn or revisit.

Science: This week we went over answers for 5.1 and 5.2. We also started Lesson 5.3 on Angiosperms. Next week we will finish 5.3, look at seeds, stems, leaves and fruit of apple trees and prepare our pie for Pi day. **The highlight of the week will be our field trip to the Chabot Science Center in Oakland on Thursday, 3/14.**

Student Council: This month our chapel offerings will be given to Lutheran Social Services of Northern California. The next student council meeting will be Friday, 3/15 in room B11 at 1:20.

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History:

5th/6th Graders-

Monday, March 11, 2019

- Presidents Project

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

- President Project

Friday, March 15, 2019

- Present President Project

- President Quiz

7th, & 8th Graders-

Monday, March 11, 2019

- Alexander the Great Project
- Receive Chapter 9 Study guide

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

- Present Alexander the Great Project
- Chapter 9 Study Guide **DUE**

Friday, March 15, 2019

- Chapter 9 Test

Reminder that students will only receive weekend homework if they:

1. Do not behave appropriately during class
2. Miss more than 3 on vocab quizzes
3. Miss more than 2 on reading quizzes

[Mrs. Johnston deborah.johnston@gobethany.com](mailto:deborah.johnston@gobethany.com)

5th/6th Homeroom: Re-enrollment is here!!!! Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead this Sunday!! Spring Ahead!! There are several field trips coming up!!! The school went to the VPAT Center to watch a presentation of "The Little Mermaid". What a great show! On Sunday, March 10th, the school is singing at Bethany Lutheran Church at 10 a.m. Please arrive by 9:30 for practice in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a reception following the service. The students have been working hard on the song that they are going to sing. On March 14th, we are going with the 4th and 7th and 8th grades to the Chabot Science Center in Oakland. Should be a very educational and fun trip. Please remember to sign and return all permission slips.

Just a reminder that all families are asked to bring in consumable supplies (paper towels, tissue, 3 Oz. ,drinking cups, disinfecting wipes,and printing paper) once a year. Those families who last name begin with the letters M-Z are asked to help and donate now. Thank you for all of your help. There is a complete list of supplies needed in the office.

Bible: We have finished lessons 1-64 in our "One in Christ" textbook. We are going to be working on Lessons 65-67. (Why do we have worship services for special events?, What is the background and history of the Lutheran hymnody?, and What is the purpose of Word in Lutheran hymnody?) "Oh sing to the Lord a new song; for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.." Psalm 98:1 The bible verse is due March 15, 2019.

English A: We will read the story "Rachel's Journal: The Story of a Pioneer Girl"-a historical fiction story. New spelling words (prefixes: in-, un-, dis-, mis-) will be given out on Monday. A handout will be given as homework instead of writing a story. A reading log is handed out every Friday, and it is due every Friday. Please remember to read daily. Spelling test is on Friday, March 15th.

English B: Every Monday, the students will write new spelling words in their planners. Homework consists of defining 10 of the 20 words, writing 20 sentences, a handout will be given as homework instead of writing a story The class is finishing up reading the book "Schooled". We will continue to read the story about should we

be able to own exotic animals as pets. We will discuss the pros and cons and analyze the text, the students will have a writing assignment of writing an argument telling whether or not you would own a particular exotic animal and why. Please continue to sign and turn in the reading logs. Spelling and grammar test on Friday, March 15th..

English C :7th Grade- The students are finishing up "Schooled". All homework is due on Friday. Spelling test on Friday, March 15 , 2019. Remember to read daily and turn in your signed reading log on Friday.

8th Grade- The students are finishing up the book "Schooled". We will begin a new story in our textbook on Monday. All homework (definitions, sentences), a handout will be the homework instead of writing a story is due on Friday, March 15, 2019. Remember to read daily and turn in your signed reading log on Friday.

Dr. Nomura's Musical Musings megumi.nomura@gobethany.com

The BLS performance at the Bethany Lutheran Church this Sunday (3/10) will be an assignment for band for all Middle Schoolers. We have spent a LOT of time practicing and rehearsing for this performance! And, it is also important to give back to our church and to thank them for supporting our school.

If for some reason you are not able to attend, please let Dr. Smith know AHEAD OF TIME. Anyone who misses the performance without a written excused note will fail the assignment. Anyone who misses the performance will have to turn in a 2-page essay (double-spaced, 12 point font Times New Roman, with 1 cited resource) on why music (or any type of performing arts) performances are beneficial to a community. This essay must be turned in by 3/15 (Friday) and will be read by me, Mrs. Johnston and Dr. Smith. I will be handing out the prompt and directions on Tuesday, 3/12 to the students who have missed the performance.

We are nearing the end of the 3rd Quarter! Please check Educate and make sure all missing work gets turned in for some credit.

Beginning Band: Practice Log #8 due Tuesday, 3/12! Please remember it's at least 1 hour of total practice. It might be a good idea to set a timer for 10-15 minutes and practice right before dinner time! If you plan for it, you'll get it done!

Intermediate Band: Practice Log #8 due Tuesday, 3/12! Please remember it's at least 1.5 hours of total practice. It might be a good idea to set a timer for 10-15 minutes and practice right before dinner time! If you plan for it, you'll get it done!

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Dr. Nomura's Spanish megumi.nomura@gobethany.com

Spanish 1A (6th Grade): We've started the second half of Chapter 3! We also corrected and gone over the answers to the Chapter 3.1 quiz on Tuesday. All students had the opportunity (25 minutes) during class to make corrections on the quiz and turn it back in for a re-grade. Some of the students forgot to do their homework that was due on Thursday (vocabulary list for 3.2 in their notes). Please make sure you complete the assignment, finish classwork, and do the homework for next Tuesday.

Homework: finish 3.2 vocabulary list, classwork: page 96 #21, and page 31 in the workbook.

Spanish 1B (5th Grade): We have been playing catch up this week by making sure we have all of our notes and assignments completed before the end of the quarter. Please check Educate if your student is missing any work! They should be caught up with notes on Chapter 2 Vocabulario 1 (pages 44-47) and Gramatica 1 (pages 48-50) in the textbook. They should also have exercises #7 (page 48) and #11 (page 50) in the textbook, and also pages 16 and 17 in the workbook.

Spanish 2 MS (7th and 8th Grades): We finished Chapter 5! We'll be reviewing test answers and grades will be posted next week. Next week, we'll be starting Chapter 6... Food! Our 4th Quarter project will be a food project. More details to come later!

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ADVANCED ART CLASS

This quarter we are moving into advanced art. Having a sketch book and a regular pencil (not mechanical) is **required** for class. The last week I have been having the students work on portfolio works. They have been taking their time and making sure it's the best they can do.

Keyboarding

The keyboard covers are here and the students must use one from this point on. I take that into account when I look at words per minute and accuracy. Students need to be at 21 hours by this Friday, and 22 hours by next Friday March 8th

PE

We got a whole bunch of new testing equipment to test fitness standards. This includes pushups, curl ups, pullups, torso lift. This quarter the students still must do a food and water log and have parents sign it. Also the government has released new physical activity guidelines. The guidelines are children and adolescents aged 6 through 17 years should do 60 minutes or more of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity daily. I've also ordered new testing equipment that should be here by the end of break.

Great News for the 100 Mile Club: a few students are closing in on the 75 Mile mark. Great job to all the students.

