



Middle School Newsletter
Dec. 7 through Dec. 11, 2020

Christmas Tree Lighting at Bethany



**Bethany Tree Lighting
Friday, December 11
1011 Ulatis Drive
6:00 pm**

Please join us near the Nativity Scene for tree lighting and caroling. Come early for hot chocolate and cookies. Dress warm and bring a flashlight. If you prefer you can sit in your car and watch and sing from afar.

Outdoor event—COVID guidelines followed

Be safe, wash your hands, practice social distancing, wear a mask, and pray to God. We will all get through these times of uncertainty!

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 11	Christmas Tree Lighting
Dec. 18	Minimum Day—Dismissal at Noon
Dec. 24-Jan.1	Christmas Break



Middle School Families:

7th & 8th grade Homeroom:

We are currently working on decorating our door for the Christmas Door Contest so your student might be asking to bring something to add to the decor. We are still discussing what kind of a Christmas party we can have during COVID so we will let you know next week what we will be doing on Friday, December 18.

Thank you for your partnership and support. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many who were able to come for Parent/Teacher conferences. If you did not get to meet with me and have questions or concerns with your student's schedule or work please let me know via email or leave me a message with a good time to call you. My classroom phone number is 707-331-1407. I will not answer during class time.

If your last name begins with A - L then this is the semester that we would like to have you donate Consumable Classroom Supplies. Please refer to the Eagle Newsletter posted by the office each Thursday for a complete list of items and quantities needed. Thank you in advance for your donations that will help us all stay safe and healthy.

5th-8th Grade Math:

We have two weeks left of 2nd Quarter so make sure your students are caught up on their assignments and doing any corrections they have to improve their grade.

Each week the Math assignments will be posted in TADS/EDUCATE with due dates. For Middle School Math Courses 1, 2 & 3 we are on a block schedule so we have math on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday. On Mondays and Thursdays there might be two lessons assigned but they are not due until the next time we meet. I will be posting grades regularly for the work completed. Please help your students stay current in their assignments by checking their planners daily and at least weekly online for their grades.

I am not able to have one day designated for "Aftermath" at this time due to COVID gathering rules but I am available every day after school until 4 to help a small number of students each day. There will **not** be Aftermath on Friday, 11/20. It will be on a first come, first serve basis. The students will be able to sign up on a list each week. It will be a time for students to work on homework, math corrections and prepare for tests. There is no extra charge for this service.

CORRECTIONS: Students are allowed to do corrections for half credit. They must show their work in order to get credit for their corrections. Homework can be erased and corrected on the original homework paper. 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 of paper **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: We have completed Lessons 1-42 in our "One in Christ" workbooks. Next week we will do Lessons 43-44. Our Bible memory verse due Friday, 12/11 is 1 Peter 2:24 "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed."

5th Grade Science: This week, 11/30-12/4, we reviewed Unit 2, and took the Unit Test. We also started Unit 5 on Ecosystems. The Science books will be kept in my classroom except when students need to prepare for tests and quizzes or have missed class and need to make up missed assignments. Students may do corrections on their quizzes and tests as long as they note which page of their book the answer was found. Next week, 12/7-11, we will do Unit 5, Lesson 2 Activity, "What Makes up a Land Ecosystem?" There will be a quiz covering Unit 5, Lesson 1 on Wednesday, 12/9.

5th Grade Math: This week, 11/30-12/4 we did Lessons 50-52 and Investigation 5 on Organizing and Analyzing Data. Next week, 12/7-11, we will do Lessons 53-56. **Test 10 covering Lessons 1-50 will be on Friday, 12/11.**

Middle School Math, Course 1 (6th & 7th grade, Mon., Wed., Thurs.): This week, 11/30-12/4, we did Lessons 46-49 and Test 8. Next week, 12/7-11, we will do Lessons 50-52 and Investigation 5. **Test 9 covering Lessons 1-45 will be Thursday, 12/10.**

Middle School Math Course 2 (6th & 7th grade, Mon., Wed., Thurs.): This week, 11/30-12/4, we did Lessons 45-48 and took Test 8. Lessons 47 & 48 are due on Monday, 12/7. Next week, 12/7-11, we will do Lessons 49-51 and Investigation 5. **Test 9 covering Lessons 1-45 will be on Wednesday, 12/9.**

Middle School Math Course 3 (7th & 8th grade, Mon., Wed., Thurs.): This week, 11/30-12/4, we did Lessons 45-48 and took Test 8. Lessons 47 & 48 are due on Monday, 12/7. Next week, 12/7-11, we will do Lessons 49-51 and Investigation 5. **Test 9 covering Lessons 1-45 will be on Wednesday, 12/9.**

Integrated Math 2 (High School level Math) :This week, 11/30-12/4, we finished the Unit on Similarity. Next week, 12/7-11, we will work on our Unit on Right Triangles and Trigonometry. We will be adding a notebook component.

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Homeroom: Please read the Parent Handbook regarding the dress code. Friday is not a free dress day, unless stated, and your student is to wear either the spirit shirt or school uniform.

If your last name begins with the letters A-L, then this is the semester that we would like you to donate Classroom Consumable Supplies. The complete list of supplies requested is listed in the Eagle Newsletter posted by the office each Thursday. Thank you in advance for your donations to help to keep the school safe and healthy.

Bible: We have completed lesson 1-52 in our “ One in Christ” workbooks. 12/7 Lesson 53 (Nicodemus visits Jesus), 12/8 Lesson 54 (Jesus and the Woman at the Well). 12/4 Lesson 55 (Jesus and the Children). On Thursday, we will discuss what was said in Chapel and write in our prayer journals what the chapel lesson said to us. 12/10 Lesson 56 (Sermon on the Mount). On Fridays, the students will say their bible verse from memory and do a project in their prayer journals. Bible Verse: “For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11

English A: Each week the students will get new spelling words and for homework. Spelling words are given each Monday and are listed in TADS. A reading log is due every Thursday. Please remember to read and to have the reading log signed. Last week we read “My Wonder Horse”-a short story. This week we will review the story, analyze the story, and work on vocabulary critical to the story. We will start a new story “Let People own Exotic Animals” and the editorial “Wild Animals Aren’t Pets. We will analyze the story and work on critical vocabulary. Spelling test will be December 3rd. Book Report is due December 10th.

English C: Each week the students will get new spelling words for homework, and for homework they will write complete sentences using the current spelling words and turn it in. A reading log is due every Thursday. Please remember to read and to have the reading log signed. Last week we started to read the story :The Funeral of Abraham Lincoln. We will create and fill in a Venn Diagram on Jefferson and Lincoln. The class will work on analyzing the text, critical vocabulary and Gerunds. Spelling test will be December 10th. Book Report is due December 10th.

English B: Each week the students will get new spelling words for homework, they will write 20 complete sentences using the spelling words and turn it in. A reading log is due every Thursday. Spelling test on Thursday. Please remember to read and have the reading log signed. We will review the story “Remarks at the Dedication of the Medical Health Center.”.The class will evaluate an argument, analyze the text , and work on vocabulary critical to the story Spelling test on Thursday, December 10th. Book Report is due December 10th.

English 5: Each week the students will get new spelling words and for homework, they will write 20 complete sentences using the spelling words. A reading log is due every Friday. Please remember to read, answer the questions on the log and to have it signed. We will read the story "Lunch Money"-realistic fiction. On Friday, December 11th, we will take a spelling and comprehension test on the story and work on adjectives and word origins.

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

Beginning Band (5th Grade):

Please make sure you bring your ukulele to school when we have music/band days! That's Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for Intermediate Band :).

We did one video take on Thursday but we'll record again on Monday when we have everyone at school. Keep practicing so you don't get lost while we're playing!

Homework: Keep practicing Mele Kalikimaka as we'll be recording on Monday. Please bring your holiday garb!

Intermediate Band (6th Grade):

Please make sure you bring your ukulele to school when we have music/band days! That's Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for Intermediate Band :).

We've done pretty great work with Mele Kalikimaka! I'm happy with the progress we've been making as a class with MK and Jingle Bell Rock.

Homework: Practice Mele Kalikimaka and Jingle Bell Rock! We might be (audio) recording M.K. on Monday again so keep up the good work! We'll have a quiz on *Jingle Bell Rock* (we've been using a ton of class time to practice this song) on Wed. 12/9.

Advanced Band (7th and 8th Grades):

Please make sure you bring your ukulele to school when we have music/band days! That's Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for Advanced Band :).

Homework: Keep working on Jingle Bell Rock. We'll be recording this on Tuesday so be sure to bring your holiday attire!

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

As we're closing in on Quarter 2 (December 18), please make sure you're caught up with all missing homework assignments! Please check Educate for your missing work...

Spanish 1 (6th Grade):

We're finally at the end of Chapter 1.1! That means our chapter test will be on Tuesday, 12/8. Notes will be allowed so please take the time to review your notes and organize them! Please have the following in your notes: vocab list, the two grammar lessons, any homework/warm up/classwork, and the workbook packet.

Homework: Study and organize your notes for the Chapter test that's on Tuesday, 12/8!

Spanish 2 (7th and 8th Grades):

We'll be speeding through this new lesson (Unit 4, lesson 2) as most of the class voted to finish it before Christmas Break. With that in mind, the chapter 4.2 test will be on Tuesday/Wednesday (we'll probably use some band class time to finish it), 12/15 and 16.

Homework: Complete pages 174-176 in the packet; finish verbs list!

Dr. Nomura's Technology for 5th Graders megumi.nomura@gobethany.com

We started a research project for class! Most students have chosen their topics already and have gotten a headstart on their Google Slides. This project will be a Slide show and class presentation combined. We'll start presentations on Monday, December 14, so please make sure your project is finished beforehand.

Homework: Keep researching your topic and find good resources for your project! Catch up on any missing work (any typing.com assignments).

Mr. Lopez Trejo's Classes cristobal.lopeztrejo@gobethany.com

Thanks be to God for this Advent season! We started our Advent reading in Bible and it's been a nice time getting ready for the Christmas season and enjoying the weather.

5th Grade Bible/Homeroom, Handwriting, and History: Our Scripture reading for this week was through Luke 1 and Luke 2, which talks about the birth of Jesus and the amazement and wonder people had in meeting Jesus. We also worked through a few questions (36-38) including today's question, "Why is it important that Jesus is the true God?" Answer: Only God can save us and give us eternal life (John 3:16).

In Handwriting, we learned about scripts and tried creating some scripts for chapel. In History, we discussed the War of 1812 and the start of the Era of Good Feelings (1815 - 1825), a time of great patriotism and excitement in the U.S. Lord willing, we'll continue with the Age of Jackson next week.

Ancient Civilizations (6th Grade): We talked about Indian empires and Achievements of Indian Culture. The students got an opportunity to create scripts based on the history of Indian wars and 2nd and 3rd century Indian empires.

U.S. History (7th/8th Grade): We listened to a podcast on Teddy Roosevelt (26th President of the U.S.) We also started talking about World War I. As I mentioned to the students in class, some aspects of this war are intense and bloody, so if your student feels uncomfortable with any of our readings or presentations, please let me know. We discussed the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand and how that sparked tension that led into WWI.

4th - 8th P.E: This week we continued enjoying the warm sunlight and use of our field before the rainy season picks up. We played soccer on Tuesday for MS, and had fun in 4th-5th raking leaves. On Friday we tried constructing hula hoop huts for a volleyball game, and also tried playing volleyball.

Mr. Ingersoll's Classes joshua.ingersoll@gobethany.com

Technology A and B: The students should mostly be done with their calculator projects, so the rest of the quarter will be making sure that all of the students have their Typing.com intermediate lessons done, which are due December 18.

Technology C: The end of the quarter is coming up, so students have two main deadlines in the near future. Their projects are due December 14, and their Typing.com intermediate lesson is due December 18.

Science (6th grade): This week we continued to work on Lesson 5, and we'll be finishing up the lesson review today in class, or over the weekend as homework if needed. Next week, we're going to go through Lesson 6 so we can hopefully have the Unit 1 Test on December 16 or 17.

Science (7th/8th Grade): Someone pointed out to me that there are only 4 lessons in this unit, so this week when we had the mid-unit test, it was just for review, and did not affect the students' grades. This upcoming week we're going to work on Unit 2 Lesson 4 so we can hopefully have the Unit 2 Test on December 16 or 17.



Bethany Lutheran School (K-8 & TK Prg.)

2020-2021 Student Calendar

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- Quarter 1 August 13 - October 9
- Quarter 2 October 12- December 18
- Quarter 3 January 4 - March 12
- Quarter 4 March 15 - June 3

August	School Starts Thursday, August 13 - Chapel Wear	Collaborative Day (Aug 28) - Dismissal at Noon
September	Labor Day September 7	Collaborative Day (Sept. 25) - Dismissal at Noon
October	School Holiday October 12	Parent/Teacher Conf (Oct. 28-30) - Dismissal at Noon
November	Veteran's Day November 11 Thanksgiving Break November 23-27	Collaborative Day (Nov. 20) - Dismissal at Noon
December	Christmas Break December 21 - January 1	Collaborative Day (Dec. 18) - Dismissal at Noon
January	MLK, JR. Birthday January 18	Collaborative Day (Jan. 29) - Dismissal at Noon
February	President's Day/Winter Break February 15 - 19	Collaborative Day (Feb. 26) - Dismissal at Noon
March	Staff In-Service - TBD	Collaborative Day (Mar. 26) - Dismissal at Noon
April	Good Friday Apr 2 / Easter Break Apr 5 - 9	Collaborative Day (Apr. 30) - Dismissal at Noon
May	Memorial Day May 31	MS Alliance Camp May 5-7 (5/28) - Dismissal at Noon
June	Last Day of School June 3	Minimum Days June 2 and June 3

Dates are subject to change. Please check our weekly edition of *The Eagle* newsletter for the most up-to-date information.