



Middle School Newsletter
Dec. 14 through Dec. 18, 2020

Christmas Tree Lighting—TONIGHT

Hosted by Bethany Church - Lutheran Women's Missionary League

See you there!



So excited!

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

1. We ask that you stay within your **FAMILY GROUP**, with your children at your side.
2. If you choose to be outside your automobiles make sure to have your family group safely spaced from other family groups.

If you choose to stay in your car you can tune into
Radio Station: 90.7 FM
and celebrate from the safety of your own vehicle.

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 11	Christmas Tree Lighting
Dec. 18	Minimum Day—Dismissal at Noon
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	Christmas Break



Minimum Day—Friday, December 18

Friday, December 18 will be a minimum day with school dismissal at noon. Extended Care will be offered this day. If your child will be going to Extended Care please remember to pack them a lunch and an additional snack for the day.

This will be the start of our Christmas Break from December 21—January 1 with school resuming Monday, January 4, 2021.

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

Middle School Families:

7th & 8th grade Homeroom:

Our class Christmas party will be on Friday, December 18. We will have Bible class from 8-8:30. Any students that have make-up work to complete or corrections to do for ANY class will work in my classroom from 8:30-10, while those students who are all done with their work can watch a movie in Dr. Nomura's room. At 10 we will go out for break and then come back to the homeroom for our Party and Secret Santa gift exchange. Names were picked today. Gift or gift card around \$10 value are to be brought wrapped and labeled without the "from" by Friday. Please discuss with your student what you can send in for food or beverage so that they can sign up on our list on Monday. Due to allergies NO PIZZA or NUTS. I will be serving the food while wearing gloves and a mask. In order to keep contact at a minimum we are asking that all food be brought to school with the students in the morning and **not** be dropped off throughout the morning. We will have the warming oven on and refrigerator space available if needed.

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 one week 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 1-44 in our "One in Christ" workbooks. Next week we will do Lessons 45-48. Our Bible memory verse due Friday, 12/18 is Matthew 25:13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

5th Grade Science: This week, 12/7-11, we completed Lesson 1 in our Ecosystems Unit. 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, 12/14-18, we will finish our Activity, "What Makes up a Land Ecosystem?" We will also start the Lesson called, How Do Environmental Changes Affect Organisms?

5th Grade Math: This week, 12/7-11 we did Lessons 53-56 and took our last test of the quarter. Next week, 12/14-18, we will do Lessons 57-60. **Test Corrections 5-10 will be due on Friday, 12/18.**

Middle School Math, Course 1 (6th & 7th grade, Mon., Wed., Thurs.): This week, 12/7-11, we did Lessons 50-52, Investigation 5 and retook Test 8. Next week, 12/14-18, we will do Lessons 53-54. **Test 9 covering Lessons 1-45 was postponed until Thursday, 12/17.**

Middle School Math Course 2 (6th & 7th grade, Mon., Wed., Thurs.): This week, 12/7-11, we did Lessons 49-51 and Investigation 5. Next week, 12/14-18, we will finish Lesson 51 and do Lessons 52-54. **Test 9 covering Lessons 1-45 was postponed until Wednesday, 12/9. I will grade them during my prep period that afternoon and send them home for corrections to do that evening.**

Middle School Math Course 3 (7th & 8th grade, Mon., Wed., Thurs.): This week, 12/7-11, we did Lessons 49-51 and Investigation 5. Students also had an opportunity to take a retake of Test 8. Next week, 12/14-18, we will finish Lesson 51 and do Lessons 52-54. **Test 9 covering Lessons 1-45 was postponed until Wednesday, 12/9. I will grade them during my prep period that afternoon and send them home for corrections to do that evening.**

Integrated Math 2 (High School level Math) : This week, 12/7-11, we worked on our Unit on Right Triangles and Trigonometry. Next week, 12/14-18, we will do review in preparation for a Quarter Test on Thursday, 12/17.

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

Homeroom: On December 18th, our class would like to have a Christmas party. The students drew names for a Secret Santa Gift Exchange. The limit for the gift is ten dollars. They can bring the gift in early and I will put it away for them if they would like. I asked the students to ask you what you would be willing to donate for the party. If you could tell your child two options of what you would like to bring (in case of everyone wanting to bring the same thing), I could let you know on Monday what to bring on Friday. Due to allergies, we will not be able to serve pizza or anything with nuts in it. We are also asking for the items to be brought to school when you drop off your student. I will be serving the food with a mask on and wearing gloves. We are following the CDC guidelines. Thank you!

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 1-56 in our "One in Christ" workbooks. 12/14 Lesson 57 (The Faith of the Roman Centurion), 12/15 Lesson 58 (Friends Bring a Man to Jesus). 12/16 Lesson 59 (Ten Men with Leprosy). On Thursday, we will discuss what was said in Chapel and write in our prayer journals what the chapel lesson said to us. 12/17 Lesson 60 (The Parable of the Sower). On Fridays, the students will say their bible verse from

memory and do a project in their prayer journals. Bible Verse: "I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior...You are precious in My eyes, and I love you." Isaiah 43:3-4.

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. 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 17th.

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 created a Venn Diagram on Jefferson and Lincoln. This week we will read the poem and analyze it. Spelling test will be December 17th.

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 read the story "Why Exploring the Ocean is Mankind's Next Giant Leap". We will analyze the story and work on vocabulary. Spelling test on Thursday, December 17th.

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 "LAF-Science fiction. Spelling test will be on Friday, December 18th.

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 :).

Hurray! We've finished recording our segment for the final video project I'm working on. We'll start working on Jingle Bell Rock in class.

Homework: Jingle Bell Rock-- look at the chords and practice transitioning between them.

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 had a quiz on Jingle Bell Rock on Wednesday; we'll continue to practice along with our recital "set-list" project (please see PDF attachment from the assignment listed on Educate).

Homework: Practice your set-list for our mini recital on Thursday, 12/17! Coordinate with your partner/group if necessary.

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 :).

We'll be doing a short group/class recital on Wednesday in our groups (or solo); work on your set-list and make sure you've communicated with your group/partner. (please see PDF attachment from the assignment listed on Educate)

Homework: Practice your set-list music for our recital on Wednesday 12/16.

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):

Please make sure you're constantly reviewing the concepts and materials we've covered in class. I'm noticing that many students are forgetting simple things that we've covered in the previous class! Also, if the homework assignment is to study and prep for an upcoming test, please look over your notes AND make sure you have the vocab list and grammar lessons covered in your notes before you take the test!!

I've returned the chapter 1.1 test... please make any test corrections and return to me on Tuesday. We're starting a new lesson/chapter in Spanish so I'd like for everyone to make sure they're responsible and organized. Please make sure you're caught up with all of the homework and classwork (and notes!) for the quarter so you don't receive a bad grade in Spanish.

Homework: complete pages 24-26 in the workbook packet; finish classwork page 58, #1 and #2 (textbook); do test corrections and turn them in on Tuesday, 12/15.

Spanish 2 (7th and 8th Grades):

Make sure you're caught up with any notes, vocab list, grammar concepts, classwork and homework! We'll be taking our chapter 4.2 test on Tuesday, 12/15. We won't be having Spanish class on Friday (12/18) but you'll have the opportunity to do corrections for the chapter 4.2 test that morning.

Homework: Page 238-239, #2-4 from textbook; Study for your test; organize notes!

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 Google Slides show and class presentation combined. We'll start presentations on Monday, December 14, so please make sure your project is finished beforehand.

Homework: Finish your presentation project! Remember you'll need to have your slides ready before class on Monday, 12/14. We will start presentations that day!

Hope you all have a restful weekend and continue enjoying this Advent season!

5th Grade Bible/Homeroom, Handwriting, and History: In our Scripture reading this week, we read through Old Testament prophecies about the birth of Jesus. We also took a quiz on Thursday. A lot of our questions this past week focused on the person of Jesus Christ. We talked about how Jesus is true God and true man, and we also discussed the importance of Jesus' sacrifice for us.

In Handwriting, we worked on decorating our door for the upcoming contest, and we also played a storytelling game. Lastly, we talked about adventure stories and started preparing to write our own adventure story.

Ancient Civilizations (6th Grade): We started learning about Ancient Chinese civilization. We read through sections in our textbook and also discussed some primary sources, including the poem "A Woman's Hundred Years".

U.S. History (7th/8th Grade): We watched the film Tolkien and discussed the film's depiction of both British culture and WWI. We also discussed the Schlieffen Plan and Germany's initial strategy for the war.

4th - 8th P.E: This week we played four square and did a few running exercises in MS PE. Meanwhile, for 4th-5th, we played turtle tag and also soccer/football.

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.