



Middle School Newsletter
Feb. 8 through Feb. 12, 2021

Priority Registration for Returning Students

Beginning Monday, February 8-21 Bethany School will open up **PRIORITY REGISTRATION** for Returning students for the school year: 2021-2022.

Please register **during this two-week period** to ensure a spot for your returning student(s). Go to GoBethany.com beginning February 8 to accomplish this.

Registration will not be available until this time.

Open registration for new students will begin Monday, February 22 . *We will not hold spots without completed registration.*

Office Hours during Winter Break

Mrs. Rush will be at the school during Winter Break: T-F. Her office hours will be 8am—Noon if you should require her assistance. Thank you.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 8	Priority Registration—2021-2022 School Year Begins!!!
Feb. 10 & 24	FAITH5
Feb. 12	Animal Theme Dress Day
Feb. 15-19	NO SCHOOL—President's Day & Winter Break
Feb. 22	Open Enrollment for 2021-2022
Feb. 26	Minimum Day —Dismissal at Noon Extended Care will be offered—make sure your child has a lunch and snack Superhero Themed Dress Day!



FAITH



Begins February 10

Dear Bethany Families of Students Grade 3rd to 8th Grade,

Bethany Lutheran Ministries has partnered with Faith 5 Inkubators, a powerful framework that deeply connects people to God and one another, connects church to home, and connects faith to daily life. This is FAITH5™. This program carries the power to enrich communication, deepen understanding, and promote mental, and spiritual health. The five steps of the program are:

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STEP 1: SHARE your highs and lows

STEP 2: READ a Bible verse or story

STEP 3: TALK about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows

STEP 4: PRAY for one another's highs and lows

STEP 5: BLESS one another

This program will also provide an opportunity for students to come together for one hour per week, free of charge, to discuss their highs and lows, mentoring one another, share their faith, and have some fun. If your son or daughter would like an opportunity to join Faith5 with us, **please allow them to sign-up in their classroom. The program will run for seven weeks, every Wednesday from 3-4 PM, beginning February 10th.** We pray that you will allow them to be a part of this powerful and uplifting program.

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

Middle School Families:

7th & 8th grade Homeroom:

There is still time to sign up for Faith 5 which starts on February 10th from 3-4 pm. Just let me know if you want your child to come to this event. It will be a lot of fun and very uplifting! A great chance to share your faith with others. Please see the envelope that was sent home with your student today for application.

If your last name begins with M - Z 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.

Congratulations to all six of our 8th grade students who were accepted into Buckingham Charter Magnet High School for next year!

Thank you for your partnership and support. If you have any 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.

5th-8th Grade Math:

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. 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 1-60 in our "One in Christ" workbooks. Next week we will do Lessons 61-6. Our Bible memory verse due Friday, 2/12 is Matthew 16:19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

5th Grade Science: This week, 2/1-5, we started our Energy & Ecosystems Unit, doing a lesson called "What are Roles of Organisms in 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, 2/8-12 we will continue our unit on Energy & Ecosystems. Our next lesson will be on "How Does Energy Move Through Ecosystems?" There will be a quiz on this lesson on Friday.

5th Grade Math: This week, 2/1-5 we did Lessons 74-77. Next week, 2/8-12, we will do Lessons 78-80 and Investigation 8. **Test 15 covering Lessons 1-75 will be Friday, 2/12.** Test corrections for Tests 11-14 should be turned in by Friday, 2/12.

Middle School Math, Course 1 (6th & 7th grade, Mon., Wed., Thurs.): This week, 2/1-5, we did Lessons 69-71 and Investigation 7. Lesson 71 is due on Monday, 2/8. Next week, 2/8-12, we will do Lessons 72-75. **Test 13 covering Lessons 1-65 has been postponed to Thursday 2/11.**

Middle School Math Course 2 (6th & 7th grade, Mon., Wed., Thurs.): This week, 2/1-5, we did Lessons 68-70, Investigation 7 and Test 12. Lessons 70 & Investigation 7 are due on Monday, 2/8. Next week, 2/8-12, we will do Lessons 71-73. **Test 13 covering Lessons 1-65 will be on Wednesday, 2/10.**

Middle School Math Course 3 (7th & 8th grade, Mon., Wed., Thurs.): This week, 2/1-5, we did Lessons 68-70, Investigation 7 and Test 12. Lessons 70 & Investigation 7 are due on Monday, 2/8. Next week, 2/8-12, we will do Lessons 71-73 and some Algebra Extension Lessons. **Test 13 covering Lessons 1-65 will be on Wednesday, 2/10.**

Integrated Math 2 (High School level Math): This week, 2/1-5, he started the Khan Lessons on Solid Geometry, looking at Cavalieri's Principle, 2D vs. 3D and Volume & Surface Area. Next week, 2/8-12, he will do the Lessons on Density, take Quiz 3 and the Solid Geometry Unit Test and complete the First Semester Final.

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

Homeroom: There is still time to sign up for Faith 5 which starts on February 10th from 3-4 pm. Just let me know if you want your child to come to this event. It will be a lot of fun and very uplifting! A great chance to share your faith with others.

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 M-Z, 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 1-68 in our "One in Christ" workbooks. 2/8 Lesson 69 (Zacchaeus), 2/9 Lesson 70 (The Pharisee and the Publican), On Thursday, we will write in our prayer journals what the chapel lesson said to us. 2/11 Lesson 71 (A Woman Anoints Jesus). On Fridays, the students will say their bible verse from memory and do a project in their prayer journals. Bible Verse: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:16

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 off the week writing an informative essay. The students will write, edit, and produce a final copy of their essay. On Thursday, we will review the story on Colin Powell and work on analyzing the story and working on vocabulary that is critical to the story. There is a book report (slide presentation) due on March 4th. There will be a grammar and spelling test on Thursday, Feb. 11th. If you did not finish your biography, it is due Monday at the start of class.

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. We will read the story "Fatal Car Crashes", and answer questions relating to the story. The students will work on analyzing the story. There is a book report (slide presentation) due on March 4th. A grammar and spelling test will be on Thursday, Feb. 11th. If you did not finish your biography, it is due Monday, at the start of class.

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 "Living in the Dark"-a science fiction article.. We will analyze the article and work on vocabulary that is critical to the story. There is a book report (slide presentation) due on March 4th. Spelling and grammar test on Thursday, Feb. 11th. If you did not finish your biography, it is due Monday at the start of class.

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 answer the questions on the log and to have it signed. We did not read the story last week due to having DEAR DAY on Friday, so we will read the story "The Birchbark House"-historical fiction this week. We will work on perfect tenses and reference materials. There will be a spelling, vocabulary and comprehension on Friday, 12th.

B/C Lab: After correcting a grammar sentence and answering a journal question, the students will work on comparing and contrasting the story "At Sheila's House", and working on a cursive practice page-making a schedule. We will be starting to read a book as a class and starting a reading response log. Last week, the class researched and wrote a short biography on a famous African-American inventor, so we did not get to the posted assignments.

English Comprehension: We will correct a grammar sentence and respond to a journal prompt. The students will work on comparing and contrasting the story "At Sheila's House", and working on a cursive practice page-making a schedule. We will be starting to read a book as a class starting a reading response log. Last

week, the class researched and wrote a short biography on a famous African-American inventor, so we did not get to the posted assignments.

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've been playing through the ENTIRE Lava song so you might want to ask your student to play it for you! We also started a new song on Thursday... You're Welcome (from *Moana*). This one will be fun and super upbeat! We'll be going over the strumming pattern on Monday so make sure you're comfortable with the new chords.

Homework: Practice the new chords in You're Welcome.

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 been playing through the ENTIRE Lava song so you might want to ask your student to play it for you! We also started a new song on Thursday... Hakuna Matata (from *The Lion King*). We'll be learning the strumming pattern on Monday for this new song so please make sure you're comfortable with the new chords! Students also picked out other songs that they want to play (Un Poco Loco, You're Welcome, Bare Necessities, etc.)

Homework: Learn the new chords to Hakuna Matata. If you're up to it, start learning the other new songs you've chosen to work on.

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 had our playing quiz on Someone to Lava on Tuesday. Overall, I am very pleased with everyone's progress (although we can always do better...). On Friday, we started a new song, You're Welcome (from *Moana*), and next Tuesday, we'll be going over the strumming pattern used in the song.

Homework: Learn the new chords for You're Welcome. If you chose other songs to work on, go ahead and work on those as well.

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

Spanish 1 (6th Grade):

Hopefully everyone is feeling comfortable with the grammar concepts covered in this chapter thus far. We will continue working on regular -ar ending verbs next Tuesday as well as reviewing for our test that's on Friday (2/12!).

Homework: complete pages 56-58 in the workbook packet. Remember our test is on Friday, 2/12 on chapter 2.1.

Spanish 2 (7th and 8th Grades):

Everyone should've received their Chapter 5.1 tests back and grades are on Educate. Corrections will

be due on Tuesday, 2/9. Since we're zipping through chapter 5.2, our chapter test on Friday, 2/12, will cover the basics of what we've learned in class over the past couple of weeks.

Homework: pages 226-228 in workbook packet. Chapter 5.2 test is Friday, 2/12.

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

Continue working on Scratch projects. If you're done with one, start another one! It's also important to remember that your projects shouldn't all be the same type. Once we're back from winter break, we'll be starting a graded Scratch project.

Homework: keep exploring Scratch and keep working on your animation/game!

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

A couple of weeks ago someone described the song "Amazing Grace" as a piece of poetry and prayer that so effectively combines the use of both to describe God's grace. God's grace is truly amazing, and it is by His grace that we have finished another week!

5th Grade Bible/Homeroom, Handwriting, and History: During our Bible times we talked about things like repentance, confession, and also pastoral ministry. We ended our time discussing the Bible this week with a question and answer session. In Handwriting, we continue working on our persuasive essay, and many of our students got to typing up their essay. Lastly, in History we talked about the issue of slavery leading into the Civil War and examined events such as "Bleeding Kansas" and the Lincoln-Douglas Debates.

Ancient Civilizations (6th Grade):

We finished the epic "Red Cliff" and started discussing ancient American civilizations, namely, the Mayas and the Aztecs. Today, we did an activity in which the students were able to create their own flag.

U.S. History (7th/8th Grade):

We started learning about WWII this past week, and looked at the key players and also the rise of the Third Reich. Lord willing, we'll spend the next few weeks on this topic.

4th - 8th P.E:

In 4th/5th & MS PE, we played a few games of king of the court and also enjoyed the sunny days we have received this past week.

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

Technology A and B: We're going to be going back to doing snap for a while. The students are going to work together to make a game in snap as a group project.

Technology C: We're going to continue along in the orange book to lesson 3. Page 241 #1-5, 7-10 will be due this coming monday.

Science (6th grade): This coming week we will be doing corrections on the test we had this week, then we will continue on to Unit 2 Lesson 3.

Science (7th/8th Grade): This coming Friday we will have the unit 3 test, so the students should be preparing for that. This coming monday the Unit 3 Review and the element project will be due.



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.