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CALENDAR

Sept. 2 Board of Ed Meeting

Sept. 6 Labor Day—NO SCHOOL

Sept. 9 B-day lunch with Principal

Sept. 10 Midterm

Sept. 15 Picture Day

Sept. 17 Midterm's sent home

Sept. 18 Ossian Days Parade

Sept. 22 Vision Screening

Sept. Fall Festival

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 2 Luke Harkless Sept. 10 Ivan Bales Sept. 12 JT Holtzclaw Sept. 16 Aralee Price



As a parent, you probably know that keeping your kids from spending all day (and night!) on their devices can be a challenge, and you're not alone. But finding a quick and easy way to manage screen time and filter the web doesn't have to be mission impossible — or cost an arm and a leg.

Bethlehem has partnered with Bark to offer our families a **free Bark Jr subscription** (\$60/year value) for life!

Use the URL below to activate your free Bark Jr account: https://www.bark.us/bark-jr/signup?ref=JFK944B

What am I getting with a free Bark Jr account?

Ability to manage screen time on mobile devices

Set different rules for school time and bedtime

Filter which websites your kids can visit Keep up with kids with location check-ins



What is Bark?

In addition to screen time, Bark can help parents proactively monitor text messages, YouTube, emails, and 30+ different social networks for potential safety concerns, so busy parents can save time and gain peace of mind. Bark currently helps protect over 5.6 million kids in the US.

Thank you

Bethlehem Lutheran School

This is the student portal Mr. Meyer maintains that gives the students quick access to a lot of our programs. Parents may also access this site to see what is going on in grades 3 - 8 grades. https://sites.google.com/bethlsossian.org/bethlehemstudentportal/home

PRIVACY NOTICE

We all love to share pictures of our child's school activities and accomplishments. However, we have to be very careful where those pictures are posted and respect that other students might also be in the picture. Parents please remember to respect do not post pictures that may have students in them other than your own child. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office before posting anything. Thank you

VOLLEYBALL

Practices have started this week for those girls in 3-8th grade. Thank you to Melissa Householder and Melissa Price for volunteering to coach our Tigers! No games have been scheduled as yet but stay tuned! Please be sure to have sports physicals into the office and pay the \$20 per player sports fee to PTL. Thank you





Bethlehem Lutheran School had 17 students who registered for the Wells County Public Library's Summer Reading Program this year. Below are the names of our students who successfully completed the program.

Congratulations to: Ellie Bales, Franklin Bales, Ivan Bales, MaKayla Berkey, Alex Fuhrmann, Annabelle Fuhrmann, Vinny Fuhrmann, Kyndal

Fuller, Savannah Fuller, Hunter Householder, Matthew Rekeweg, Emma Wirgau, Sarena Wirgau, Jude Wirgau, Ginny Wirgau

SGO for tuition assistance

Completed Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) forms need to be turned into the school office by **Friday, September 17th**. Forms are available from the school office or by downloading at www.lutheransgo.org. Proof of income and household size will need to be included, such as your 2020 federal tax return showing Adjusted Gross Income and household size. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

This scholarship is a donor based assistance that will be determined by how much is in the fund in order to equally distribute. If assistance is not what you need and you'd like to help another student by donating to this fund, go to www.lutheransgo.org.

With Gradelink you can stay updated on your child's academic progress at school and get information on upcoming assignments such as assignment descriptions and due dates. The following information is available to you when you **log in to Gradelink:**

- Current Grade in each class
- Current GPA for the term, if applicable
- Descriptions, Grades, and Teacher Comments for graded assignments
- Descriptions and Due Dates for upcoming assignments
- Assignment handouts or documents (attachments)
- Email Alerts you can configure for grades and attendance
- Attendance Information
- Transcript Information, if applicable
- Billing Information, if applicable

To access this information go to www.gradelink.com and click on the green Log In button.

PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU NEED ANY HELP



Weather permitting the students will be going outside for recess time. Please have your child dress appropriately for the weather.

Potential delays and cancellations for Bethlehem will follow the same as Northern Wells Community Schools. Sign up for text alerts at www.wane.com/text-alerts.





School pictures will be taken on **Wednesday**, **September 15th** by Gibby's Photo. Order forms will be **sent home next week**.

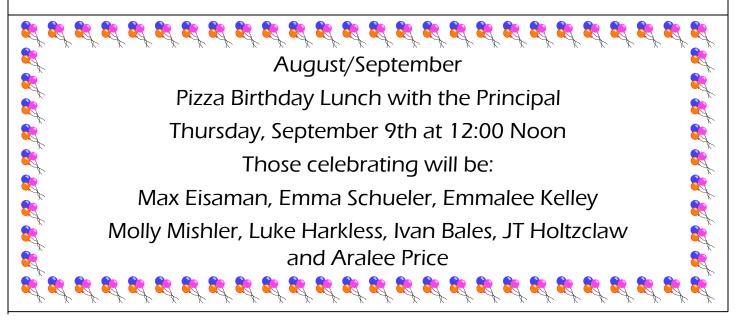
Please return the order form along with your payment on picture day. All students will be included in the classroom composites.

PTL NEWS

Ossian Days! On Saturday, September 18th Bethlehem Lutheran School will be walking in the Ossian Days Parade. Asking all parents and students to meet at the old drive in across from the Marathon gas station in Ossian at 4:40. The parade will kick off at 5:00pm. We will be passing out candy and Bethlehem info to parade goers. Come join us for a fun time as we show our Bethlehem pride! Don't forget to wear your Bethlehem shirts!

FALL FESTIVAL! Sunday, September 26th from 4-7pm will be our annual FALL FESTIVAL! This is a great evening of fun games, food and fellowship. We will need lots of volunteers to help with preparing and serving food as well as running some of the games/activities. We will begin contacting people very soon to help with this event!

Black tie Gala and SILENT AUCTION! Saturday, November 6th! We are looking for a group of people that would like to be part of our planning committee, as the time draws closer there are many things still to be done. If you would like to be part of this committee please contact Melissa Price at 433-5307.



Sign up today!

Shop at Kroger and help Bethlehem Lutheran School tuition assistance fund with the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**.

Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com, be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with Bethlehem Lutheran School as your organization for the reward. **The NPO number for Bethlehem is WG595#**.

If you don't have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk.

Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered card when shopping for each purchase to count.

PLAN TO USE SCRIP FOR ALL YOUR SHOP-PING NEEDS Please contact our Scrip coordinator, Melissa Price at 260-433-5307. Thank you to the church congregation and school families for supporting the Scrip Program. Over the years, we have been able to financially support the church general fund and participating school families who have applied credits toward their child's tuition.

Keep On Clipping... . <u>NEW INFORMATION</u>

Box Tops receipts, Spirit of America labels, and Tyson labels are all worth money for our school. To redeem Box Top products, you will need to download the Box Tops app on your phone and then scan each receipt that contains your Box Tops products. The Spirit of America and Tyson labels can still be turned in to school. Since Community Market has closed in our area, we will no longer be collecting receipts from them. For questions, contact Jeni Harkless our new label coordinator,

KEEP ON CLIPPING and SCANNING!





First Quarter Chapel Mission Project

During the 1st quarter (now until October 8) our school family will be supporting Worship Anew. A 30 minute weekly broadcast sharing Christ's love through scripture readings, favorite church hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth.

Worship Anew is broadcast throughout the United States and around the world on television via broadcast (over-the-air), satellite, and cable.

The program can be found on DIRECTV every Sunday on Channel 377 at 11:30 a.m.(ET) 8:30 a.m.(PT) or Network channel 21.2 at 7:00 a.m. and 21.3 at 8:00 a.m. A list of sermon summaries for each Sunday can be found on their website, WorshipAnew.org.

Worship Anew relies on prayers and financial support to ensure the ministry meets the spiritual needs of our viewers by sharing Christ's love.

Your weekly offering is appreciated.

The Lutheran School Partnership is sponsoring a <u>food collection</u> for Thanksgiving food boxes for (NINE) Northeast Indiana Neighborhood Engagement.

Bethlehem's teachers, along with Lutheran school teachers from the Indiana, Michigan, and the Ohio District, will be attending the Connections Conference in Fort Wayne in November. At this conference the teachers will be packing the food boxes to be distributed for Thanksgiving.

<u>Starting September 1st</u>, the following items will be collected and are the requested items from NINE (any brand is acceptable)

1 pound box spaghetti

CANNED spaghetti sauce

Boxed macaroni and cheese

Chicken and broccoli flavored rice

Chicken flavored rice

CANNED chicken

Canned fruit and vegetables

8 pack of Peanut Butter Crackers

8 pack breakfast bars

6 pack Ramen noodles

Variety pack Instant Oatmeal

Treasure Your Children

Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. "Who are these with you?" he asked. Jacob answered, "They are the children God has graciously given your servant." Genesis 33:5

We live in a day when kids have never been given more of the things they want, and less of the things they need. What do they need? You! Not trinkets, treasures, and toys, but your love and your time. It is very easy to push day to day things off, waiting to take care

of them later – but then the later never happens. We only get one chance with our children, and as their parents and teachers we need to teach them constantly. As time goes by and our children become older, we can pray that what we as teachers and parents have taught them will be with them.

Like Esau, the teachers at Bethlehem see all children as ones that God has graciously given to us to teach them the Word so they may proclaim the Word to others.

In Christ,

Mark Schallhorn







In June 2021, Bethlehem Lutheran School sent its current 7th and 8th graders along with the 2020 Graduates on their Washington DC 2020 trip to see the Ark Adventure outside of Cincinnati.

Yes, you read that right, our DC trip went to Kentucky. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 Pandemic caused a rescheduling and restructuring of the DC trip.

9 students and their parents were accompanied by Mr. Meyer and his lovely wife. Our first stop was the United States Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

This massive archive of significant planes was a dramatic kickoff to our trip. Many steps were logged on fitness devices.

Then we traveled on to The Creation Museum. This museum correlates the creation account of Genesis with scientific understanding.

The highlight of the trip was Sunday to the Ark Adventure. A lifesize rendition of Noah's Ark, this exhibit overwhelms the senses as you move about in the space the animals were cared for by the last 8 humans of the earth.

Our trip was capped off with a day spent at King's Island, where many a thrill ride, and a few shaky knees were to be had.

