



TIGER TALES

"Connected to Christ"



Principal's Message

Christmas Connects us to Christ

Christmas is a celebration of our connection to Christ! Picture that little Baby in the manger. That Baby is a human child just like all of us, born from a human mother as all babies are. And His birth is even more lowly than most, laid in a feed trough. He is connected to our blood, our bodies, and He is connected to our poverty and pain. But that poor Baby is also the true Lord, the eternal Son of the Father, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. He is the source of all the life and glory of heaven. So if He is connected to us, then that means we are also connected to God. Christmas is all about our connection to Christ. He connects Himself to us—being a man like us, connected to our flesh, our weakness, even our sin and death. And He does that so we can be connected to Him, to God—sharing His divinity, connected to His strength, His joy, even His righteousness and life.

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 Late in time behold Him come,
 Offspring of a virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
 Hail the incarnate Deity!
 Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
 Jesus, our Immanuel!
 Hark! The herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!" (LSB 380:2)



Merry Christmas!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Anthony Dodgers

CALENDAR

Dec. 4 Children's Christmas Lunch
 Dec. 8 Skating Party
 Dec. 12 Board of Education Meeting
 Dec. 20 Children's Christmas Service
 Dec. 22 End of 2nd Quarter
 Dec. 25-Jan.5 Christmas Break
 Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
 Dec. 25 Christmas Day
 Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 3 Annabelle Fuhrmann
 Dec. 5 Anna Haiflich
 Dec. 6 Maddox Kelley
 Dec. 7 Everett Sommer
 Dec. 12 Violet Nahrwold
 Dec. 13 Emma Campbell
 Dec. 23 Eliana Leamon



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

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. Login information is available from your child's teacher or from the school office.

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

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

School Gym Use after school hours – Before using the school gym after school hours, please be sure to contact our current Athletic Director, Josh Boehm. Please call or text him at 260-258-3998 to make arrangements. Thank you

We have chapel families made of a few students of each grade, so older students can help younger students when we go to chapel. Each family has a name, in alphabetical order, and the names are from the Bible. Each family has a color, to help students who can't read find their family.

The old chapel family signs were paper and kept ripping, so we made banners to hang on the pews in church. Micah, Jacob, and I cut the fabric, embroidered the names with Mrs. Krumma's embroidery machine, sewed layers of fabric together, sewed a pocket for a dowel rod, and glued ribbon onto the rod for hanging.

Thank you Mrs. Krumma and Mrs. Stuckwisch for helping with this project. We hope everyone enjoys the new banners!

-Emma Wirgau



Everyone is invited to attend the PTL Skating Party on Friday, December 8th from 4-6 pm at the West Park Skating Rink in Huntington. There is no cost for this event except for food and drink. PTL will be paying the cost. Please plan to attend for a fun evening with family and friends!

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 Norwell Community Schools.

NO SCHOOL—December 25-January 5 Christmas Break (does not follow Norwell's schedule)

Please note that because Norwell does not have school December 21 & 22, Bethlehem will NOT be provided with hot lunch or morning/afternoon bus service.

E-learning packets will be used this year for weather related closures and teachers will be distributing 5 days this week for parents to have on hand. An email will be sent on the day of closure to indicate an E-learning day.



Bethlehem families who shop at Kroger are encouraged to Sign up today!

Shop at Kroger and help the 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 HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Everyone is encouraged to use the online "ShopwithScrip" app to buy and reload gift cards for faster turn around. Create an account on RaiseRight.com and enter our Bethlehem enrollment code:

***43ALE7851441.** Or for physical orders, contact our Scrip coordinator, **Melissa Price at 260-433-5307.** 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. Thank you for your support.*



Help our 7th and 8th graders raise funds for their Washington D.C. class trip!

Please save your newspapers, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, old phone books, office/school papers and hard/soft cover books. Along with cereal type boxes (NO CARDBOARD). Bring your recyclable paper to school and dispose of in our "PaperGator."

The recycling company pays by the ton so the more you feed our Gator, the more funds we can collect!

If you need help with pick up for large amounts, please call the school and we will make arrangements to help you.

Let your family, neighbors, and friends know!

Thank you



First Quarter Chapel Mission Project

During the 2nd quarter (Oct. 9-Dec. 22) our school families will be supporting the Northern Wells Food Pantry.

Along with our weekly chapel offerings, we will be collecting different items and there will be a school-wide reward if we reach our collection goals.

October 9—25 Canned Goods 150 cans (accomplished!!)
 October 30— November 10 Personal Hygiene items 50 items
 November 13-December 1 Boxed Food 100 items
December 4— 22 Paper Products and Snack Foods 100 items



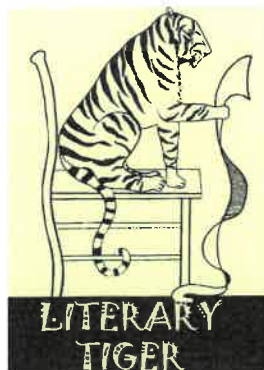
Thank you for supporting this project!

Thank
You

Dear students of Bethlehem Lutheran School,
 We wanted to thank you all so much for supporting us during this fall quarter. Your gifts are very much needed, and we will put them to good use. It is because of the support, prayers, and encouragement of fellow servants of Christ that we can continue our time at the seminary. I truly enjoyed being able to service during the Matins Chapel Service and worship with everyone supporting us. One of our favorite experiences this quarter was visiting all the classrooms and being able to meet and answer questions with everyone. Thank you all again for everything and continue with zeal in your studies as well, you will be in our prayers.
 Seminarian Travis and Monica *(Seminarian that we supported with our 1st quarter Chapel offering.)*

Reminder to parents:

For those parents needing early morning drop off, we will have the doors unlocked by 8:45 a.m. However, we need your help to remind those students to sit quietly in the hallway outside their classroom until permission to enter is granted. Thank you



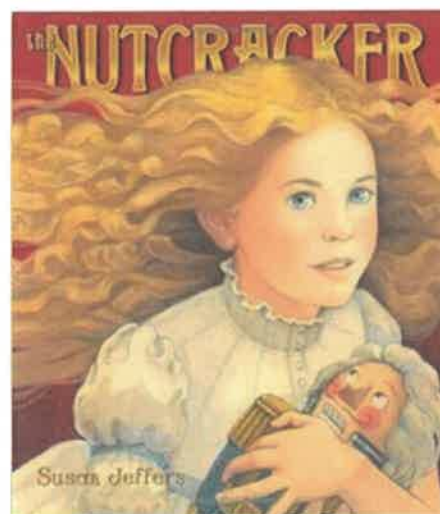
Tales for Tigers

Many families enjoy watching Christmas movies together this time of year. If you don't already, consider making it a tradition to enjoy Christmas stories together, too. Parents or Grandparents (or kids!) can read aloud to the whole family. We have a variety of Christmas books for all ages in the school library.



"A Christmas Carol" is an obvious choice (and can be paired with my favorite, "Muppet Christmas Carol" movie), and perhaps you already enjoy "A Visit from St. Nicholas" every December 24th. The ever-popular "Best Christmas Pageant Ever" is a light-hearted story, which will likely cause giggles for parents and children alike. "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" or even the whole Narnia collection, would be worthy additions to your yearly re-read pile.

Some newer options include "The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street" by Karina Yan Glaser, about five siblings who try to solve a big problem – their family may be kicked out of their beloved home, at Christmas! This is the first book in a delightful series. You could also check out "A Place to Hang the Moon" by Kate Albus, which is not really a Christmas story, but includes some satisfying Christmas moments. This historical fiction novel takes place in England during World War II, and follows children who are evacuated from London and search for a home.



Picture books can also be enjoyed by the whole family, not only younger students. We have a few music-related offerings - you could admire the lovely Edward Riojas illustrations in "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and try to memorize the hymn together, and listen to a recording of "The Waltz of the Snowflakes" while reading about the story of the Nutcracker ballet in a picture book adaptation by Susan Jeffers.

Your school librarians would love to help you find a new family favorite in the school library!



Many Bethlehem students regularly participate in music, dance, theater, and other arts activities outside of school. We would love to share information about upcoming performances and recitals featuring Bethlehem students! Contact the school office with any details you wish to be shared in future issues of Tiger Tales.

Upcoming Events:

All are welcome to the Bluffton Creative Arts Council performance of excerpts from The Nutcracker ballet!

Tigers Jonah Bultemeier, Anna Furhmann, and Gianna Wirgau will all be dancing as party guests and polichinelles. Tiger Emma Wirgau will be in the Snow, Flower, and Spanish



First Quarter Honor Roll

A/B Honor

5th Grade

Hunter Householder
Emmalee Kelley
Matthew Rekeweg

6th Grade

Ivan Bales
Savannah Fuller
Lucas Werling

7th Grade

Vinny Fuhrmann
Emma Wirgau

A Honor

5th Grade

Bailey Meyer



Please join us in cheering for our Bethlehem Tigers

Everyone is welcome!

Monday, December 4th

5:15 p.m. JV Girls vs Harlan
Christian School (HOME)

6:15 p.m. JV Boys vs Harlan
Christian School (HOME)

Monday, December 11th

5:15 p.m. JV Girls vs St. Louis Academy (away)

Monday, December 18th

5:15 p.m. JV Girls vs Zion Lutheran, Decatur
(HOME)

6:15 p.m. JV Boys vs Zion Lutheran, Decatur
(HOME)

Tuesday, December 19th **CANCELLED**

Be sure to visit the concession stand supported by our Washington D.C. students and parents.



HOLIDAY SERVICES - Please join us for worship:

December 3 First Sunday in Advent Divine Service at 9:00 a.m.

December 6th and 13th Wednesday Evening Advent Services at 7:00 p.m.

The Bethlehem Youth Group will be providing a free-will light supper before the service

December 20th Bethlehem Lutheran School Children's Christmas Service 7:00 p.m.

Students should arrive between 6:30-6:45 p.m.

The Bethlehem Youth Group will be serving a free-will light supper before the service

December 24th Christmas Eve Divine Service 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service of Light 7:00 p.m.

December 25th Christmas Day Divine Service 9:00 a.m.

December 31st Divine Service 9:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Divine Service 7:00 p.m.



On Monday, December 4th, the Women of Bethlehem will be providing the school children and staff with a special Christmas luncheon. The regular school lunch will NOT be served.



On Nov. 10, the 7th and 8th graders visited Concordia High School in Fort Wayne. They heard performances from the marching band and choir. They got a tour of the school and got to visit each department where various activities were held like math games and science experiments. There was also a big interactive event featuring the ROTC program. They were served lunch and got to talk to high school students, teachers, and coaches. It was a fun day experiencing what this Lutheran High School has to offer.



NLSA (National Lutheran School Accreditation)

Congratulations Bethlehem Lutheran School

Thank you to everyone for their prayers of support during the process of this year's school accreditation.

Thank you to the members of the 6 standard committee for participating in this process.

Thank you to the Women of Bethlehem for a wonderful dinner.

The visitation team was very impressed with our school and recommended us for Accreditation.

Grab your partner & promenade over to a

SQUARE DANCE

The Mirage Banquet Hall
Friday, Dec. 8th

Christmas is
a comin!
And guitars will be
strummin



The wheat's in the ground
The harvest is done (almost)
Come to the M I R A G E
And have some fun!

Music by BILL WERLING & BREAKAWAY

Square Dancing: 8-11 p.m.

Doors Open: 7:00 p.m.

Square Dance Lessons for Beginners: 7:30 p.m.

For more information contact Bill W: 260-442-4333

Proceeds to benefit St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran School

Admission: \$10 - Full Cash Bar Available