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Upcoming Events

Thurs 8/31 - Bethany Singers Begins 3:00 - 4:00 Music Room

Mon 9/4 - Labor Day - No School

Tues 9/5 - Webby Dance Starts Gr K-3 3:00 - 3:45 gym

Wed 9/6 - Handbells Rehearsals Begin 7:15 - 7:45 BAC

Thurs 9/7 - Meet the Teacher Night 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Fri 9/8 - ISSE Visitors from Australia Arrive 7:56 pm

Mon 9/11 - Character Monday - Wear Character T-shirts and non-uniform bottoms

Thurs 9/14 - Groundbreaking Chapel Service and Ceremony 8:30 - 9:45

Fri 9/15 - Non-Uniform Day

Individual Picture Day

Skating Party 3:45 - 5:45 at Skatetown USA

Sun 9/17 - Bethany Singers at the Reds Game 1:10 pm

Mon 9/18 - Class Photos (in uniform)

Wed 9/22 - First Quarter Midterm

Business Office Note

Our Business Office asks that you **DO NOT COMBINE TUITION** with any other payments on the same check. You may combine lunch/latchkey/sports, etc. on one check, but do not include Tuition with anything else. Tuition is handled by a separate

department and inclusion with other items causes added work and slows down the process.

Support for Hurricane Victims

I want to say thank you to several people who have started conversations about how we might reach out to those in Texas impacted by the recent hurricane and the continuing flooding. It is a privilege to be part of such a caring community. We'll be looking at ways that our community can support those in need and in particular it makes sense to reach out to the many Episcopal Schools in that area, so let's keep talking!

In the meantime, I recommend the following video from Presiding Bishop Curry as a good place to start for practical ways to help and for a spiritual mandate. "If we are all God's children, then we are all brothers and sisters." Blessings - Joe Snavely

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Bakery Walkers

Beautiful weather means many of our students are interested in walking to the bakery in Glendale Square after school, generally on Fridays. It is important, though, that the office be notified by the parents either in writing or with a phone call when this is planned to take place.

Those who live close to school and walk home on a daily basis can send in a note at the beginning of the year indicating that their child(ren) will be walking home each day and may walk to the bakery on Fridays with friends. We will keep this note all year. For those who do not live close and do not normally walk home, we must have a note/call each time the student is permitted to walk so that we know that the parents have given the permission for that day and the student didn't make the decision when they heard their friends were going.

If we do not hear from the parents, the students will be stopped and will not be permitted to go. We will not allow the students to call home to make bakery arrangements, so to avoid their disappointment, please contact us early.

Parking for Sporting Events

With the limited parking near the BAC, we would like to request that parents of our Bethany School players park on the main campus (in the main driveway or near the library) to allow our visiting teams to park near the BAC. Since you are familiar with the campus, you know where to find parking elsewhere on campus, while our visitors do not. If there aren't any spaces for them, they may try to park on Oak Road which may lead to ticketing by the Glendale Police.

Meet the Teacher Night - Sept 7

Meet the Teacher Night is a chance for you to come, meet your child's teacher and learn about the classroom procedures and expectations for this school year. This is an informational meeting for all parents (no students, please). It is not a private conference time.

Our Meet the Teacher Night will be held on Thursday, September 7. Our Special Area Teachers (Art, Music, Gym, Computer, Christian Education, Library, Problem Solving, Spanish), BEAP, and Office Reps

will be in the Bethany Activity Center from 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm to answer questions and give you an idea of what they do throughout the year. Sharon Snavelly and David Gould will be in the BAC before, during, and after this event to answer any Capital Campaign and Construction questions you may have.

Classroom Presentations for Grades K -3 will be held in their rooms from 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm; Grades 4-6 will be held in their classrooms from 7:30 pm- 8:30 pm; Gr 7 and 8 will meet in designated rooms and the teachers will rotate through from 7:30 pm- 8:30 pm. Gr 7 will meet in the science lab in the basement of St. Faith (turn right at the bottom of the stairs). Gr 8 will meet in Mrs. Baker's math room in the basement of St. Faith (turn left at the bottom of the stairs).

BEAP will have a Swag Event during this Meet the Teacher night. Please stop by the gym to receive a raffle ticket and purchase Bethany Spirit items. We will have giveaways throughout the night starting at 6:30 and every half hour until 8:30!! You don't have to be present to win. For more details, text or call Carol Dunklin, 513-638-7629.

New Attendance Policy

Over the summer we adopted a new attendance policy regarding tardies, early departures, and departures/returns for appointments:

Students' Attendance is recorded in PowerSchool and will reflect any tardies or partial days of attendance based on the following criteria:

Late Arrivals: Arrival time between 8:00 - 8:15 - Tardy; Arrival time between 8:15 - 10:00 - 1/4 day; Arrival time between 10:00 - 1:00 - 1/2 day; Arrival time after 1:00 - 3/4 day

Midday Departures/Returns for appointments: Off campus up to two hours - 1/4 day; Off campus between two - five hours - 1/2 day; Off campus over five hours - 3/4 day

Early Departures: Departure before 10:00 - 3/4 day; Departure between 10:00 - 1:00 - 1/2 day; Departure after 1:00 - 1/4 day

The entire attendance policy can be found in the Parent-Student Handbook under the Parents tab of the website.

Picture Day - September 15 (individual) & 19 (class)

Individual Pictures will be taken on Friday, September 15. All students will be photographed whether you order photos or not. If you wish to receive a package of photos, you must send your order form in by picture day or place your order online. Order forms are going home with students this week. Extras are available in the office if you need one. Order online at mylifetouch.com (our Picture Day ID = JC017296Q0). This is a non-uniform day.

Class Picture day is Monday, September 19. All students should be in uniform for these photos. These begin at approximately 9:00 am and end by approximately 11:00 am. Don't be late that day!

Skating Party - September 15

The first skating party of the year will be held on Friday, September 15 from 3:45 - 5:45 at Skatetown, USA 8730 North Pavilion Dr. West Chester. To avoid long lines to pay admission, you can pre-pay. See the form that is attached for all the details and the pre-order form.

Reds Game - Sunday, September 17

Our Bethany Singers have the honor of singing the National Anthem at the Cincinnati Reds game on Sunday, September 17 at 1:00 pm. In addition, our Australian ISSE visitors and their host families will be attending the game. This offers our Bethany Family the perfect opportunity to come together, take pride in hearing our singers sing the anthem, meet the Australian students and chaperones, and have a great time with other Bethany families.

All Registered Bethany Singers will receive an admission ticket for themselves. Singers' parents and all other families are invited to purchase tickets, as well. We will have special discounted rates and a code to use to purchase tickets through the Reds. We will provide those details as soon as they are available.

Bethany Food Policy and Birthday Treats

Bethany School has adopted a policy which promotes healthy food choices at school. This can be seen in our school lunch menu, where all foods and beverages are in accordance with federal standards with regard to sugar, fat, and sodium content. White bread has been replaced with wheat; gatorade and juices are gone from the cooler; fresh fruits and vegetables are being chosen as snacks instead of chips and popcorn. While ice cream is still available one day per week (on Fridays this year), all of the options are low-fat.

Changes were made in other areas, too. Teacher rewards and incentives are not of the sweet, sugar-laden variety. Bake sales are not permitted. Latchkey snacks are always healthy choices.

Room parents are asked to coordinate only healthy snacks for class holiday parties with the exception of no more than One sweet treat. Products containing nuts should be avoided.

(Only snacks organized by our Room Parents may be brought to school for these events. Any additional sweet treats will be sent back home with the parent/student who brought them in). It is important that we ensure a safe and healthy environment for students with food allergies and to reduce the likelihood of a severe or potentially life threatening allergic reaction. Therefore, all food sent into school for classroom snacks and class parties must be purchased from a store, in the original wrapper, and labeled with nutrient and ingredient information.

Parents are welcome to join their child(ren) for lunch on any day (we ask you sign in at the office, first). You are welcome to bring an outside lunch with you, however we ask that parents not bring food for children other than their own. We also ask that students not share their food with other students at any time while on campus.

We know birthdays are reason to celebrate, and we are happy to recognize students' birthdays in weekly chapel services and with the opportunity to purchase a birthday book for the library. Teachers provide age-appropriate recognition for their students, as well. **However, we do not allow birthday treats, food items or non-food items, to be sent in from home.**

Many factors were considered in these decisions including concerns of food allergies, disruption of class time, and exclusion of others.

We hope you will understand and support this effort, as we work to make Bethany School a positive learning environment and educate our students on making good choices for a healthy lifestyle.

Calling All Parents: BEAP Needs You!

BEAP Raffle News

The competition is heating up! We have had several people already selling large quantities of tickets as they are motivated to win the \$500 discount off of tuition. Some are using creative techniques to sell their tickets, even posting videos of their adorable child asking for their support to share on social media. Whatever method you choose, be sure to get your raffle ticket stubs and funds to the office as soon as you can. The earlier you turn in, the more chances you have of winning one of the weekly prizes. Please be sure to meet your family threshold (\$200 or \$300) to ensure your child goes on the super cool limo ride and enjoys pizza with their friends! If you have any questions, please contact a member of BEAP committee (beap@bethanyschool.org). **ALL FUNDS DUE by 9/15**

We have already had our first drawing! Congratulations to the first winner, Tracey Ball (sold by Liam and Addie Ball).

BEAP Meeting

Come one, come all, to the Fall BEAP ALL MEMBERS Meeting, Friday, September 22nd. Your presence is needed. BEAP needs and wants to hear your feedback and ideas for this school year.

Room Parents

If you're interested in serving as a room parent, please sign-up on signup genius using this link. The first 2 parents to sign up for each homeroom K-7 will be selected. Click Now to learn more about this fun role and sign up! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084faba72eabfe3-room>

BEAP needs money counters.

We can use help counting raffle money! This requires approximately 1 hour each Friday for 5 weeks from 4:00 - 5:00 pm beginning tomorrow! We would love to have you join us. Let us know you can help by signing up via the link below. This is a low effort task that is made much easier and faster with a few helping hands! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084faba72eabfe3-beap>

[Thank you for supporting and helping our students and teachers!](#)

Extracurricular Opportunities

Drama Club - Grades - 1-3

Drama Club for students in grades 1-3 will present *Cinderella* this fall! Interested actors should attend the Script Read-throughs to determine parts on Tuesday, September 26 and Wednesday, September 27 in the music room from 3:00 - 4:30. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:30 in the Music Room beginning on Tuesday, October 3. Dress Rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, November 15 at 2:10 pm. The performance will be held on Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 pm.

All students interested in being a part of this production must fill out the attached registration form, provide a photo, and submit the \$50 registration fee by September 26th.

Any questions should be directed to Mrs. Hamall - rhonda@hamall.us.

Set Design - Grades 5 - 8

Do you know what any great drama production needs? Great sets! Do you know who creates these amazing sets? Our Set Design group! Wouldn't you love to use your creative talents to help bring Cinderella's world to life? We can use many helping hands, but space is limited, so be sure to sign up right away. Set Design will take place on Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:30 beginning September 13. Cost for participation is \$20. Use the attached flyer to sign up.

Webby Dance - For Students in Grades K - 3 - Classes combine age-appropriate music, tumbling, ballet, jazz, tap, creative movement, and fun props. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 6 and meet in the Bethany School gym (old gym) from 3:00 - 3:45. Costs are \$45.00 per month plus an annual administration fee of \$20 paid to the Webby Dance Company. Webby Dance offers online enrollment. You are able to manage your child's account online at any time. The system allows you to make payments, check balances, verify payment was received, enter credit card information, and update personal account profiles. Credit card payment is NOT necessary to register online. It is required that ALL students either register online or fill out a new enrollment form and mail it to the Webby Dance office. Register online at: www.webbydanceco.com. Any questions, call Webby Dance at (513) 755-2480.