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Upcoming Events

Fri 9/29 - Gr 8 Photo Selection Due

Mon 10/2 - Character Monday

Thurs 10/5 - Gr 7 Retreat @ Christ Church Cathedral 9:15 - 2:00

Fri 10/6 - Gr 8 Coffee Hour - 8:00 - 9:00 Bethanna

Sat 10/7 - Open House and Showcase

Tues 10/10 - Gr 2 Coffee Hour - 8:00 - 9:00 Bethanna
Gr 8 Overnight Retreat leaves @ 9:15

Wed 10/11 - Gr 3 Coffee Hour - - 8:00 - 9:00 Bethanna
Gr 8 Overnight Retreat returns @ 2:20

Thurs 10/12 - Gr 5 Coffee Hour - - 8:00 - 9:00 Bethanna
Raffle Winners Limo Ride and Pizza Lunch during lunch periods

Fri 10/13 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

Mon 10/16 - Gr 3 - Gorman Farm

Tues 10/17 - Gr 1 Coffee Hour - 8:00 - 9:00 Bethanna

Thurs 10/19 - Gr 7 Coffee Hour - 8:00 - 9:00 Bethanna

Fri 10/20 - Picture Retakes

Attachments: Environmental Hawks Information, Environmental Hawks Application

Fall Coffee Hours

We are a few weeks into the school year. Are you finding you still feel like you have lots of questions you would like to ask about our school, your child's classroom expectations, procedures, etc?

Each fall, we hold grade level coffee hours and welcome our parents to come together with administration and the child's grade-level teachers to learn more about the child's current experience and have questions answered. These sessions last an hour and take place in BethAnna (the building behind the office). There is one session for every grade, so the topics are grade-level specific.

The schedule for coffee hours is:

Fri 10/6 - Grade 8

Tues 10/10 - Grade 2

Wed 10/11 - Grade 3

Thurs 10/12 - Grade 5

Tues 10/17 - Grade 1

Thurs 10/19 - Grade 7

Tues 10/24 - Kindergarten

Thurs 10/26 - Grade 6

Tues 10/31 - Grade 4

Episcopal Schools Week

Next week we will have an opportunity to celebrate one of the things that makes Bethany School unique and special. Each day we will be highlighting a facet of our identity as an Episcopal School as well as having several fun activities to help build school spirit. In addition, we will be living into our responsibility of being part of the wider Episcopal School Community by focusing on a special relationship with St. Thomas School in Houston, TX. Their campus was devastated by Hurricane Harvey, and we are partnering with them to provide some much needed practical and spiritual support. Stay tuned for details as we move into next week!

7th Grade Day Away Retreat - As part of Episcopal Schools week, our 7th Graders will have a day retreat at Christ Church Cathedral downtown next Thursday 10/5/17 from 9:15 - 2 pm. We will have a presentation on the history of the cathedral (lots of interesting local and even presidential ties), a tour of the really interesting building (including the art gallery), a chance to meet with some of their volunteers to hear about how they are listening and responding to the needs of the city through various service ministries, lunch, and a chance for us to think about how we can be aware of and responsive to the needs of our own community. Students should wear character shirts and uniform bottoms and pack a disposable lunch and drink.

8th Grade Retreat - On Tuesday 10/10/17 our 8th graders will head out for their **overnight** retreat at the Procter Camp and Conference Center. This is a special chance for this group to

get away together, have some fun, and focus on team building and goal setting as they continue in this very important year at Bethany. We leave after Chapel on the 10th and return in time for car line on the 11th. A special email with details on what to bring and medical forms will be sent to each 8th grade family. Please contact Joe Snavelly at snavelly@bethanyschool.org with any questions.

Exciting news from the Art Room!

We are very excited about a new program that we are participating in this year. Our art students will be creating accounts on Artsonia.com, a web based art portfolio system. This is an opportunity for students to upload all of their artwork throughout the year to a safe and secure website for you to see. Students are being sent home with permission slips that have instructions for getting started. Please take a minute to setup an account and grant us permission to post artwork for your student. You can register by using the assigned screen name and parent code on the permission slip. No names or photos of your student will be used, just a screen name and their art. If you have any questions please contact Dana Ball at ball@bethanyschool.org. Thank you! -Dana Ball

Environmental Hawks

We are starting a new environmental club here on Bethany School's campus. The Environmental Hawks will be open to students in the 5th-8th Grades. For more information, see the attached flyer. If your student is interested, please have them fill out an application (attached) and return it to Mrs. Ball or Mr. Bruce. We will be meeting once a week during the Wednesday lunch/recess block.

An Important Note about Lunchroom Warmups

Students are permitted to bring items to school which need to be warmed up in the microwaves for lunch. For the older students (grades 5 - 8), they bring their lunch items to the dining room at lunchtime and can warm them up themselves. For students in grades K - 4, the warmups are sent to the dining room in the morning so the lunchroom staff can warm them up right before their lunch period. We do not permit students in grades K - 4 to warm up their own items.

The Ohio Board of Health does not permit us to put any items brought in from home in our refrigerators. Therefore, any items brought up to the dining room in the morning cannot be refrigerated here at school. We can place them in the kitchen until they are warmed up, but nothing more. For older students who keep their items with them, they can have cold packs in their lunch boxes. For the younger students, it is best to send in warmup items that will not need refrigeration if you have concerns about the items you are sending staying out until lunchtime. Due to time constraints, it is not possible for K-4 students to keep the warmups in their lunch boxes with cold packs and wait to bring them to the dining room at lunchtime. Also, due to space constraints, it is not possible for them all to send their entire lunch boxes to the dining room.

Raffle Winners

Congratulations to this week's raffle winner: Lorna Wood (sold by Maya and Ella Wood).

Gr 8 Photo Selection Due Tomorrow

Your photo selection which will be used in the 8th grade section of the yearbook is due by Tomorrow, Friday, September 29th. Contact Margie if you have any questions.

Gr 6-8 High School Fair - October 5th 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Sixth - Eighth grade students and their parents are invited to come to meet representatives from area high schools to learn what they each have to offer as you begin your high school search. Schools which will be represented include: Badin, Bishop Fenwick, Cincinnati Country Day, Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy, DePaul Cristo Rey, LaSalle, Moeller, Mount Notre Dame, Purcell Marian, Roger Bacon, Saint Ursula Academy, St. Xavier, Seven Hills, Summit, Ursuline Academy. This event will be held in the Bethany Activity Center from 7:00 - 8:00 on Thursday, October 5. Feel free to invite Family, Friends, and Neighbors who would benefit from this fair, as well!

Open House - October 7th 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Our Open House for Prospective Parents will be held on Saturday, October 7 from 2:00 - 4:00 in the afternoon. Tell friends and family who may be interested in joining the Bethany Family to stop by for a tour!

Our yard signs have arrived. We would love for you to pick one up from the porch of the front office and place them in your yard to help us advertise this event.

Gr 6-8 Parents, we can use Student Ambassadors to help direct families during Open House. If your child would be interested in helping out, please have them contact Mrs. Mauntel to get a form.

Extracurricular Opportunities

Voice Lessons

We have a voice instructor who is interested in teaching voice lessons on Tuesdays after school. She is trained in voice performance and vocal pedagogy. If you are interested, fill out the music lesson sign up form found at the Bethany website under the Parents tab, return it with a \$15 registration fee, and lessons can get started!!

Boys Basketball - Grades 3 - 8

Boys Basketball is offered for all boys in grades 3 - 8. All interested in playing must send notice of intent to play by emailing the following information to Jim Walz at jimwalz@fuse.net **by October 1, 2017.**

Student's Name
Current Grade
Parent(s) Names
Phone Number
Email Address

All players must attend a registration night to turn in a registration form and the \$75 participation fee as well as pick up their uniform (day and time to be announced). **Please do not turn the forms and fees in to the office - they should be turned in during registration night.**

Practices begin the first week of November. The season begins the first week of December, and ends around the last week in February.

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jim Walz, Athletic Director at 383-4523 or jimwalz@fuse.net