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### **Upcoming Events**

Fri 12/8 - Santa Sale 8:00 - 3:30 Gym  
Gr 2 - Colonial Jeopardy 2:10 - 2:50 BAC

Sat 12/9 - Santa Celebration, Sale, & Pictures 9:00 - 12:00 Gym

Fri 12/15 - Gr 6 - 8 Dance 7:00 - 10:00

Mon 12/18 - Lessons and Carols Rehearsals during school day

Tues 12/19 - Lessons and Carols Rehearsals during school day  
[Lessons and Carols @ Sharonville Convention Center @ 6:30 pm](#)

**Wed 12/20 - Mon 1/1 - NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break**

### **Lessons and Carols Rehearsals - Important Details - Please Read**

Our Lessons and Carols Rehearsals will be held on Monday, December 18 and Tuesday, December 19 at the Sharonville Convention Center 11355 Chester Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45246.

In order to streamline the process, [we are asking that all students who arrive by car be dropped off at the Convention Center instead of at school both days](#). Drop-off can begin at the normal 7:00 am. Students who arrive by bus will be dropped off at school, and we will shuttle them to the convention center on our own bus. Any students arriving late that day (between 8:00 and lunchtime) should be dropped off at the convention center (it will be necessary for you to escort them in if no teachers are on duty outside). Students arriving during or after lunch should be dropped off at Bethany School.

We ask all students to wear their [Character T-shirts](#) on both Monday and Tuesday. They may wear different shirts underneath for warmth and to help keep the shirts clean.

Students will not need to bring their backpacks either day.

Students will be shuttled by bus back to school in time for lunch. **All lunches will happen at Bethany School.** Students will be able to bring a packed lunch (please, **no warmups**) or purchase lunch at school.

**All dismissals will happen at the normal time at Bethany School.**

### **Building Project and Capital Campaign News**

Our Building Project has begun! We are very excited about reaching this milestone. Earlier today, Mr. Gould sent a letter regarding the project and the status of our Capital Campaign. If you missed the letter, you can read it here:

[http://bethanyschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Gould\\_letter\\_122017.pdf](http://bethanyschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Gould_letter_122017.pdf)

Our steering committee volunteers will be out in full force this week and next setting up appointments for those families that have not had the Capital Campaign presentation. We will be available on Dec. 11th, 13th and 14th for drop-ins or scheduled appointments at the Administration Building. If you are a new family, we will be contacting you in January. Thank you again for all your continued, outstanding support of this amazing building project!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084dabaa29a4fd0-capital>

### **Uniform Reminders**

**Socks/Leggings** - Only solid white, navy, black, or gray

**Shirts under Uniform Shirts** - only solid white shirts may be worn under a uniform shirt. No long sleeve shirts may be worn underneath short sleeve uniform shirts. Long sleeve shirts under short sleeves are permitted under Character T-shirts and on non-uniform days.

**Holes** - All clothes must be hole-free including on non-uniform days

**Yoga Pants/Leggings** - May not be worn as pants. On uniform days, leggings may be worn under skirts, skorts, or jumpers. On non-uniform days, they may be worn with skirts or with tops long enough to extend below the entire torso.

### **All School Collection for Special Area Teachers and Staff**

BEAP is once again sponsoring a collection to provide monetary gifts for all the special area teachers (art, music, gym, computer, Spanish, Christian Ed., Library, Learner Support, etc.), administration (Head of School, Assistant Heads of School, Chaplain), and staff (office admins, business office, lunch, nurse, latchkey, etc.). The Homeroom and Academic area teachers are not included in this collection as room parents generally collect for gifts for them. If you would like to make a contribution, you can send it in the envelope which is going home with your child or send it in an envelope labeled with Lela Coffey's name (**make any checks out to BEAP**) by Monday, December 18. See the attached Holiday Letter for details.

## **Amazon Smile**

Please remember if you do your holiday shopping on Amazon, we would appreciate you using the Amazon Smile program as Bethany School can receive a small portion of the sales. Use this link which can also be found on the homepage of our website at any time: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0550834>

## **Giving Tree**

As the Advent season is upon us, let us take time to reflect about its meaning and the effect it has upon our lives and daily living. As we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth, let us not forget others who are less fortunate. Just as the Three Wise Men brought gifts to the baby Jesus to celebrate His birth, let us also do the same.

Every year at this time, Bethany School participates in its annual outreach program with a recreational facility in Lincoln Heights called St. Monica's (also a ministry of the Society of the Transfiguration). If your child wishes to participate in this outreach program, have him/her **select an ornament** from the Giving Tree in the Dining Room and **write his/her name on the selection list**.

The children from St. Monica's have put some suggestions inside the name tag. These just help provide ideas of what they would like. There is no expectation that you will buy everything on the list! When purchasing a gift, if clothing is selected, please leave on all tags in case the gift would have to be exchanged. If a store offers a gift receipt, please include that with the present so the exchange process, if need be, becomes simplified.

Gifts should be wrapped, have the tag affixed to the outside, and placed under the tree in the dining room by **Tuesday, December 19th**. Thank you for helping to make the holidays brighter for other children.

## **Lessons and Carols Attire**

For the Lessons and Carols Program which will be held on Tuesday, December 19 6:30 pm at the Sharonville Convention Center, students at all grade levels should wear festive attire. Boys can wear dress pants (no jeans or shorts) and a collared shirt. Boys in grades 4 - 8 should wear a tie. Girls can wear dress slacks (no jeans or shorts), skirt, or dress. As always, students should wear clothing that fits with the Bethany policy on non-uniform days (i.e. no spaghetti straps or strapless tops, no clothing with holes, etc.).

## **Gr 6-8 Winter Wonderland Dance - December 15, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.**

Student Council will hold a special Winter Wonderland dance for students in grades 6-8 on Friday, December 15th from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. in the Gym. Attire is casual. Cost is \$5.00 with a \$2.00 discount for those wearing an "ugly" or "not so ugly" holiday sweater. There will be great music, holiday themed activities, a sweater contest, yummy treats, and lots of fun! **We are also looking for adult chaperones for the dance**. Interested parents can email Mr. Snavelly at [snavelly@bethanyschool.org](mailto:snavelly@bethanyschool.org)

### **Outreach Opportunity - Matthew 25 Ministries**

We have been talking in Chapel about how the Advent/Christmas season is a time where we prepare to partner with God in the work of healing a hurting world. A great way to participate in that work is by joining Student Council members on Saturday, December 16th from 11am-1pm at Matthew 25 ministries as we help respond to the recent natural disasters that have devastated so many. This event is open to students of any age and their families. We have 30 spots available on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested, please email Mr. Snavelly at [snavelly@bethanyhschool.org](mailto:snavelly@bethanyhschool.org) with questions or to sign up.

### **Wanted: Christmas Wrapping Supplies for Santa Sale**

BEAP is in need of Christmas Wrapping Supplies for the Santa Sale. We are in need of wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper, ribbon and bows. No boxes are needed. Please drop off your donated items in the box in the office, now until December 7th. Thank you for your support of BEAP.

### **Santa Sale Volunteers Needed**

BEAP is in need of several volunteers to assist us with Santa Sale (December 8th) and Santa Sale and Celebration (December 9th). Santa Sale is a really fun event for the students and Bethany families. Please see below the opportunities to volunteer below. If you are interested please sign up using this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a48aeaf2fa5fc1-santa>

### **BEAP Santa Sale - Friday, December 8th**

The Santa Sale will be held in the old gym on Friday, December 8th during the school day. Children will also have a chance to shop the sale on Saturday during our Santa Celebration event, as well.

You may send cash or checks (made out to BEAP and with the spending limit noted on the memo line) with your child on Friday, December 8th. It is also helpful if you give them a list of people for whom they should buy and guidelines on how much is appropriate to spend on each one.

### **Santa Celebration – 9am to noon Saturday, December 9th**

Bethany's Santa Sale (it's so much more than just breakfast!) is rapidly approaching! Join us THIS SATURDAY December 9th from 9am to noon for a continental breakfast, magic, balloons, face painting, shopping at the Santa Sale and photos with you-know-who! Be sure to RSVP by following the Sign Up Genius link. See you there! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084dabaa29a4fd0-beap1>

### **Santa Photos - During Santa Celebration Saturday, December 9th 9:30 - 10:30**

December is such a busy time. Who has time to stand in line at the mall to see Santa? We don't think you should have to, so we are flying Santa Claus in to Bethany School this Saturday, **December 9, 2017**.

This year Santa's visit will coincide with Day 2 of our BEAP Santa Sale. Pictures with Santa will be available for **\$5.00 each between 9:30-10:30am**. Just pay when you have the pictures taken. Pictures will be distributed before Christmas break.

**Raffle Winner**

Raffle Winner for 12/04 - Kristin Stackpole (sold by Will Stackpole)