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### **Upcoming Events**

Fri 12/15 - Gr 6 - 8 Dance 7:00 - 10:00 Drop-off in bus circle, park on main campus

Mon 12/18 - Lessons and Carols Rehearsals during school day - Wear Character T-shirts and non-uniform bottoms

Tues 12/19 - Lessons and Carols Rehearsals during school day - Wear Character T-shirts and non-uniform bottoms  
[Lessons and Carols @ Sharonville Convention Center @ 6:30 pm](#)

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

Tues 1/2 - School Resumes

Mon 1/8 - Character Monday  
Second Quarter Ends

Fri 1/12 - Gr K - 3 Recognition Assembly 8:00 am - 9:00 am BAC

Mon 1/15 - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### **All School Collection for Special Area Teachers and Staff - \*DUE MONDAY**

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 went 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.

### **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 along with non-uniform bottoms. They may wear different shirts underneath for warmth and to help keep the shirts clean.

Students should not 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.**

### **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**

Our Giving Tree is up in the Dining Room. The gifts from this tree benefit the 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 Window Near 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 needed, 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.).

### **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. Snavely at [snavely@bethanyschool.org](mailto:snavely@bethanyschool.org) with questions or to sign up.

### **Raffle Winner**

Raffle Winner for 12/11 - David Ball (sold by Liam Ball 2B)