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Upcoming Events

Fri 1/12 - Gr K - 3 Recognition Assembly 8:00 am - 9:30 am BAC
Gr 3 - 8 Friday Fiesta

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

Thurs 1/18 - All School Chapel 9:45 - 10:45 BAC

Fri 1/26 - Gr 4 - 8 Honors Assembly 8:00 - 9:30 BAC

Sun 1/28 - Open House 2:00 - 4:00

Fri 2/2 - Skating Party 3:30 - 5:30 Skatetown USA

Clarification - Cold Weather and Snow Policy

To clear up some confusion regarding school closings/delays, please note: decisions regarding late starts or closures are made independently of any of the school districts. Though we are in the Princeton District, do not follow the information regarding Princeton. You will find us listed as Bethany School on the television stations' broadcasts and websites.

Also, we do send out PowerAnnouncements via phone, text, and email. Sometimes with all the other schools sending out messages at the same time, you may not receive the text or phone message. It is also possible you won't receive them because your preferences in PowerSchool do not include phone or text options. Be sure you turn those options on in PowerSchool if you would like to receive these calls/messages.

We do our best to provide the information in a variety of ways. If you don't receive a call/text and you want to know our status, check your email, the tv stations (5 and 12), our website, or call the office to see if there is a message.

Important Weather Related Information for Friday

The weather forecast for tomorrow indicates there may be some ice/snow headed our way. Unfortunately, weather forecasting is not an exact science so the amount and timing of the ice/snow is unclear. We would like to be pro-active and prepared in the event that it begins during the school day. **Remember, once we open, we will remain open and latchkey will be available until 6:00.** However, if the districts which provide transportation to us decide to close early, they will send their buses early. Should this happen, we will not send the K-6 students home on those buses unless we have had communication with their parents.

We will have a signature sheet at the Lower School Recognition Assembly tomorrow for each of the four school districts which send buses our way (Princeton, Lakota, Fairfield, and Winton Woods). We ask that **ALL parents of students in these districts** please sign the form and check off whether their child should ride the bus home if it comes early or if they should stay at school. If you will not be at the Recognition Assembly, we ask that you send an **email to office@bethanyschool.org** either tonight or tomorrow morning as early as possible to indicate what your child will do in the event that the districts close early.

Since we do not know which students normally ride and which do not, we want EVERY PARENT of K-6 students **IN THESE FOUR DISTRICTS** to either sign the form or email us. If we do not hear from you, we will attempt to call. If we cannot reach you, we will not send your child on an early bus.

Parents of 7th or 8th graders, please let your children know if they are permitted to go on an early bus or not. You can let us know, too, if you would like.

You can imagine how chaotic it is trying to reach the parents of 100 or more students when given at most two hours notice. Please help us be as prepared as we possibly can ahead of time. We appreciate your assistance.

Also, know that should we start to get a lot of snow and/or ice, we support the decision of any parent who wishes to come to pick up their child early.

The above information is pertinent for any such days which may occur in the future, as well!

Sports Cancellations

In the event the weather is bad on basketball game days, our Athletic Director, Jim Walz, will contact the coaches. The coaches will contact the team members. We will not send our PowerAnnouncements from school or post these cancellations on our website, phone, or tv stations. Should the GCCYS League decide to cancel all games, they may submit the information to the local news stations. If you have any questions about game cancellations, contact your coach.

Parking for Basketball Games

We continue to have parking issues on game days with our limited space availability near the BAC. We ask that the Bethany families help out by parking in the school's main driveway (near

the cottages) or by the library to free up as many spaces as possible for our visitors and refs who are not familiar with the campus and other parking areas. Thank you for your assistance!

Open House, Yard Signs, Refer-a-Friend Raffle - Sunday January 28, 2017 2:00 - 4:00 p.m

Our next Open House for prospective families will be held on Sunday, January 28th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. We have yard signs available which you can pick up during car line. Please consider posting one in your yard especially if you are located on a heavily traveled road!

Share our Facebook Post about this event on your Facebook page, share this [flyer](#) and tell friends and family who may be interested in joining the Bethany Family to stop by for a tour! Each time prospective families write your name as the one who referred them to us, we'll place your name in a raffle. The more families you send, the more chances you have to win. A drawing will take place following the Open House and winners will receive a \$25 credit toward their lunch account.

Prospective Student Screenings/Testing

If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten next year, now is the time to turn in your applications (found on the website under the Admissions tab) and sign up for Kindergarten Screening. Screenings are offered on Saturday, February 10 and Saturday, February 24. You can sign up by going to: [Kindergarten Screening](#).

If you have a child who will be entering 1st - 8th grades who isn't already a Bethany student, the Testing will take place on Saturday, February 24. Be sure to submit an application (found on the website under the Admissions tab) and sign up for screening by going to: [Gr 1-8 Admissions Testing](#)

K-3 Recognition Assembly - TOMORROW, January 12 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. BAC

We have had a great year so far, and our students have accomplished so much. We would love to take the time to recognize them for all of their effort. Please plan to join us for our assembly honoring our K-3 students for their achievements during the first half of the year. This will be held in the BAC on Tomorrow, Friday, January 12th. We will begin shortly after 8:00 am. It will last until approximately 9:30.

Gr 4-8 Honors Assembly - Friday, January 26 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. BAC

It's time to recognize our students in grades four through eight who have earned first and second honors and other special achievements during the second quarter and let them know how proud we are of them for all their hard work. In addition, at this time of year, we spend time highlighting the achievements of our eighth graders who have completed the high school application process and have started to learn about their acceptances and scholarship offers.

Please plan to join us for our second quarter Honors Assembly on Friday, January 26th beginning shortly after 8:00 am. It will last until approximately 9:30 am.

BEAP Skating Party - Friday, February 2 3:30 - 5:30

BEAP is sponsoring a skating party once again at Skatetown USA in West Chester on Friday, February 2 from 3:30 - 5:30. Tickets may be pre-ordered to avoid waiting in line at the door. Skates must be paid for at the rink. Pre-Register by returning this form with payment by Wednesday, January 31st.

To run the check-in process effectively, we need at least four volunteers. Please consider volunteering to help the lines move more quickly (contact BEAP - beap@bethanyschool.org). This is a great way to give back to the school, help lessen the load on BEAP, and get the kids skating more quickly.

Take out a Yearbook Ad!

We are currently taking reservations for yearbook ads for the 2017-2018 yearbook. This is a great way to tell your students how proud you are of their accomplishments or to advertise your business. 8th grade parents, give your student a great sendoff with an ad designed just for him/her. Ads are available in 1/4 page (\$75), 1/2 page (\$100), or full page (\$150). We must know by Friday, January 26th if you would like us to save space for you, and all ad materials (photos, text) are due by Friday, March 2nd. See this flyer for specific details and costs.

Raffle Winners

Raffle winners for 12/18, 12/25, 1/1, 1/8, and 1/15 are: Mr. Gould (sold by Stella Rucker KG), Lynn Sovec (sold by Nathan Sovec 3D), Stefanie Ruther (sold by Kinley Riga 1B), Sean Brooksbank (sold by Jessa Brooksbank 2R), and Carol Dunklin (sold by Cameron Dunklin 4I).