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Fri 2/2 - **Non-Uniform Day**

Skating Party 3:30 - 5:30 Skatetown USA

Sun 2/4 - Gr 8 Parent Meeting 1:00 - 2:00 Dining Room

Mon 2/5 - Character Monday

Pet Supplies Drive Begins

Thurs 2/8 - Third Quarter Midterm

ISSE Information Meeting 7:00 pm - Library

Fri 2/9 - ISSE Information Meeting 8:00 am - Dining Room

Sat 2/10 - Kdg Screening 9:00 - 12:00 Dining Room

Fri 2/16 - BEAP All-Member Meeting 8:00 - 9:00 am BAC

Gr 1 - Cincinnati Nature Center 9:15 - 2:45

Sat 2/24 - K-8 Admissions Screening/Testing 8:30 - 12:00

Please Read - Lunch Room Warmups - Important Changes

Students may bring items to be warmed up for their lunches. For K - 4 students, the items are sent to the dining room in the morning, and they are "warmed up" prior to the child's lunch period. For Gr 5-8 students, they may warm up their own items.

Please Note: lunchroom warmups should be items we just "warm up," and they should come in their own microwaveable containers. The intent is to heat up leftovers or items which are better eaten warm. However, so many students are bringing items which need to be "cooked". These take far too much time and often have multiple steps. Our lunchroom personnel is

struggling to make all the items while prepping for each lunch period, as well. By the time they get everything heated, the first items are no longer warm! And for the older students, there are too many students trying to cook meals in a very short time period leaving little to no time to eat. Therefore, beginning on Monday, February 5th, **we ask students no longer bring in items which need to be cooked (such as macaroni and cheese cups, ramen noodles, microwaveable meals, etc).** We understand these items are convenient to send, however, we are too limited in our time and space to continue to prepare these meals. We appreciate your understanding.

Uniform Reminders

As the year goes on, some of the uniforms begin to get too small or even start to wear out. Please remember, uniforms should not be skin tight, skirts/skorts should not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee unless worn with tights, and items should not have holes in them (even on non-uniform days). Be sure to retire any items which no longer meet our guidelines.

In addition, belts must be worn with pants with belt loops (grades 4-8) and fleece jackets (including Bethany fleece) and hooded sweatshirts are considered outer wear and must be removed in the classrooms (with the exception of 8th graders who are wearing sweatshirts for their chosen high school). Be sure students wear appropriate sweaters or Bethany sweatshirts over their polos if they tend to be cold in the classrooms.

See the [Uniform Policy](#) for complete details.

Lost and Found

Speaking of uniforms, did you know that our lost and found has grown and grown. Items are on display in the dining room and the breezeway by the BAC. Though students pass by all the time, they never seem to notice or claim their missing articles. Perhaps they don't even know they have lost them or can't recognize them.

We recently gathered all of the uniform items and the pile was staggering. The items have been washed, and any which were labeled with a name were returned to the students. The rest have been put with used uniforms. There were:

11 Sweatshirts (2 with names returned)
11 Sweaters (4 with names were returned)
6 skorts
7 pairs of leggings
7 pairs of pants (one still had tags on!?!?!)
3 belts
1 pair of shorts
26 !!!! polos
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72 total uniform items and only 6 were labeled

There are still many coats, hats, gloves, and miscellaneous items waiting to be claimed. And, already, more uniform items have been deposited there.

The key is to **LABEL EVERYTHING** that comes to school. Remind your students that if they take something off, they need to put it in their book bag right away or remember to retrieve it before leaving the area where they left it. Please help us help you get your possessions back.

A Celebration for Mrs. Pez - Saturday, April 28 3:00 - 5:00 pm BAC

Please SAVE THE DATE of April 28th, 2018 from 3:00 to 5:00pm. We will hold a public appreciation party for Cheryl Pez in the Bethany Activity Center. We are looking forward to honoring her and her many years of dedicated service by inviting current Bethany families, alumni, current and past faculty, friends, and members of her family. This will be a chance for us, as a community, to thank her and have lots of fun. If you know of someone whom you think would like to be invited, let Sharon Snavely know (snaveley.s@bethanyschool.org). Please click to [rsvp](#).

International Host and Travel Opportunities

Bethany School has been a part of the ISSE (International School to School Experience) program for decades! What is ISSE? It is “a unique international program for schools that provides for the exchange of thoughts and ideas through face-to-face contact with children from other countries around the world. It is non-profit, non-political, and non-religious in nature. The program gives all 10-12 year old school children the opportunity to experience and understand other cultures on a first-hand basis. It is an innovative approach for schools that realize the importance of international experience in modern school education.”

Our most recent exchanges have been with Costa Rica and Australia. They were amazing experiences for both hosts and travelers.

Our next exchange is with Bal Bharati School in New Delhi, India (we exchanged with them approximately 18 years ago!). They will send their delegates to us from approximately May 1st - May 15th (**Just two weeks!**). We will send our delegates there in the fall.

To continue to foster these relationships and have successful exchanges, we need volunteers! We need 6 hosts from the current 5th and 6th grades who are willing to open their hearts and homes for two weeks and include the visitor as one of the family. Hosting involves caring for the child as one of your own during the week (they go to school with your child), taking them on planned group outings, involving them in the normal family activities, and showing them as much as possible the coolest things Cincinnati has to offer. The visits are action-packed and fun-filled.

We also need 6 adventurous students willing to travel in the fall for three weeks (dates tbd). Students who are currently in 4th, 5th grade, or 6th grades who will be no older than 12 years old in the fall are invited to apply. “The ideal ISSE ambassadors are eager, positive children who are adaptable, polite, respectful, and well-rounded.” As these students will be ambassadors for both Bethany School and the United States, they must be good team members, adventurous about new foods and experiences, comfortable going far way and staying with a different family for three weeks, adaptable to new situations, willing to dance and speak publicly, excellent citizens, and dedicated students who can keep up with school work the teachers send along.

We will hold [informational meetings](#) for parents of students who are interested in learning more about hosting and/or traveling. You can attend either session: [Thursday, February 8th at 7:00 pm in the library](#) or [Friday, February 9th at 8:00 am in the dining room](#).

Additional Information about the program can be found on our [website](#) and the [ISSE website](#).

We hope you will consider these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities! They can be life changing!

Student Council Pet Supply Drive

Bethany's Student Council will be hosting a pet supplies drive for a local animal shelter, *Animal Friends Humane Society*. From February 5 to February 16, we ask Bethany's generous student body to donate supplies and items that will greatly help the AFHS during these cold winter months. Click [Here](#) for details and the link to the wish list.

Recycle the Open House Signs

Great news! Those Open House signs you displayed in your yards are recyclable! You can simply place them in your recycle bins (without the stands) to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill!

Gr 8 Washington DC Final Payment Due Soon

Just a reminder for 8th grade parents that the final Washington, DC payment of \$250 is due in the business office by Friday, February 16th. If you have any questions, contact the business office @ 513-771-7462 ext 110.

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](#)

BEAP Meeting - Friday, February 16 8:15-9:15 in the BAC

BEAP is having a Starbucks and Chick-Fil-A gift card raffle! (for the beginning and ending of the meeting). We will discuss Summer Camp opportunities at Procter Camp, the Uniform sale on March 15, and we need input from YOU about upcoming events! Light refreshments will be served and Spirit items will be available for purchase. If you have something that you'd like to add to the agenda, please email your topics to beap@bethanyschool.org. Can't wait to see you there!

BEAP Raffle

Raffle Winner this week: Emily Huff (Sold by Liam Ball)

Extracurricular Activities

Chess Club

There is still time to sign up for Chess Club which meets on Tuesdays beginning next week. Don't miss out; complete this form and submit with the payment.

Robotics - Gr 4 & 5

Robotics is returning in February! This session is open to any 4th or 5th graders **who have NOT been in Robotics Club in the past**. The Session for 4th graders will meet on Wednesdays for 6 weeks beginning on February 21st. The Session for 5th graders will meet on Thursdays beginning on February 15th. Cost is \$50. Print and submit this Robotics Form along with the payment. Forms are due by February 9th.