

Parent-Teacher Conferences – Online Signup!

Parent-teacher conferences will be held from 1:15 - 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 15th (there are also times available in the morning for some Gr 6-8 teachers), and 8:00 am - Noon on Friday, March 17th.

Once again, Bethany School will be using PTCFast.com to schedule all of our parent-teacher conferences. PTCFast.com is a website created by an educator and software designer to make it easy to schedule parent-teacher conferences.

We will activate this scheduler on **Sunday, February 18th**. This scheduler will be available for you to pick your conference times through **Wednesday, March 14th**. The scheduler link will be deactivated on **March 14th** and any changes will need to be made by calling the office.

Some nice features are:

You are in Control - You can sign up anytime during the activation period, day or night. You can see all available times for teachers and select the times without having to call the office.

Maximum Choice in Times - The website displays all the currently available appointment times, and lets you pick whichever one works best for your schedule. These are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis, based on who hits submit first, not who grabs the schedule first!

Multiple Children in a Family - Parents who need to make appointments with more than one teacher or for more than one child can select all of the teachers at once and will see all their schedules for all their conferences on the same screen. This way, parents can more easily organize all of their appointments.

Email Confirmations and Reminders - When you pick a time, you will receive a confirmation, and you will also receive a reminder prior to the appointment. These notices include where the conferences will be held.

Conveniently Change Appointment Times. If the time you have selected no longer works for you, just return to the site and pick a new time. (Note that changes cannot be made after a cutoff time, which is the day before the conference.)

Turn the Page for Instructions on how to get started.

**Don't forget Early Dismissal @ 1:00 on Thursday, March 15th
(Buses will be at normal dismissal time of 2:50 - students not picked
up at 1:00 will be supervised until normal dismissal time - then they
will go to bus, car, or latchkey).**

No School on Friday, March 16th.

Conference Scheduling Process Using PTCFast Scheduling Opens on Sunday, February 18th.

The Process is very easy, but it is important to follow these steps! It is also helpful to read through all of the instructions before proceeding.

#1. To schedule a conference, please go to http://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Bethany_School

#2. Click on each teacher with whom you wish to schedule a conference** (You can click on all or your students' teachers at one time). Another screen will appear asking if these choices are for one student or multiple students. Check the proper selection. On the next screen, please enter each child's first and last name (If you are scheduling multiple children for the same time slot for the same teacher, enter all of the students' names in this field), your name, and your email. Press the submit button. You will see a message with a Thank You for registering note.

****You will have to enter your students' names multiple times if you have multiple students or multiple teachers. To reduce the number of times you need to enter the names, you could first select all the teachers for one student, then after you get the schedules for that one student, click on the option on the left side of the screen to add another student and repeat the process.**

#3. Check your email for an email from Do-Not-Reply@ptcfast.com. It may take a couple of minutes for this to appear. If you don't see it in your inbox, check your junk/spam folder (to keep things from going to junk mail, put do-not-reply@ptcfast.com and ptcfast.com in your contacts). Open the email and click on the link that says: "CLICK HERE TO SELECT CONFERENCE TIME.

#4. You will be taken to the TIME PICKER screen. Here you will see all of the schedules for all of the teachers you selected side by side! You can scroll to the right or left to see additional teachers if they don't all fit on the screen at once. Select the available time for each teacher which best fits your schedule.** If you forgot a teacher or need to schedule the same teacher at a different time for another student, there are options on the left side of the screen for adding other teachers for any given student. There is also an option to view the schedule before confirming in the left column. Once you've selected a time for each teacher, press the **Confirm Selection** at the bottom of the screen to lock in your selections.

**** The system will allow you to schedule two teachers at the same time and will indicate to you that the schedules overlap. You should NOT schedule two teachers for the same time EXCEPT in the case of 6th grade teachers: Since Ms. Mellea teaches 7th graders as well as 6th graders, the 6th grade teachers' schedules are separate. You should select the same time slot for both teachers if you wish to see them both.**

#5. Check your email for your appointment schedule (from Do-Not-Reply@ptcfast.com). This may take 15 minutes or more to appear. KEEP THIS EMAIL. You can go back in at any time and change appointment times or delete your appointments, but you will need the links in this confirmation email. You can print a copy of your appointments from the website, too. You will receive a reminder email a few days before conferences (from ptcfast.com).

#6. If you need to change or cancel an appointment, go back to your confirmation email and click on any one of the codes listed. It will take you back in to your entire schedule where you can make the necessary adjustments.

If you have any trouble scheduling your conferences, please contact the office at 771-7462 ext. 0 or email office@bethanyschool.org.

PTCFast Scheduling - Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Where do I go to schedule my child's conference?
- A. Please visit http://ptcfast.com/schools/Bethany_School which contains a list of Bethany School teachers. This link will also be available on our web site home page.
- Q. What if I need to schedule multiple conferences (more than one child at Bethany School)?
- A. If you have more than one child for whom you need to schedule, you should select (check) **all** teachers with whom you need to conference from the list of available teachers**. You will then be prompted to enter the children's names for the corresponding teachers. When that is done you can proceed with registering your email address. You will receive a link via email to access the teachers' schedules. You will see all selected schedules at one time!
- **You will have to enter your students' names multiple times if you have multiple students or multiple teachers. To reduce the number of times you need to enter the names, you could first select all the teachers for one student, then after you get the schedules for that one student, click on the option on the left side of the screen to add another student and repeat the process.**
- Q. How do I schedule more than one appointment for a teacher when I have multiple children with the same teacher (as with twins or multi-grade children with the same math, Spanish, or specials teachers)?
- A. You can either schedule them together for the same time slot or if you need more time you can schedule a second appointment. Once you have selected all of your teachers, gotten your email to schedule them and clicked on the link, the screen with all of the schedules will appear. On the left side of the screen are options to Register another conference for ... Select the name of the child for whom you need to add a teacher. The list of teachers will appear again. Click on the teacher to add for that child. The schedules should appear again with the new column(s) added.
- Q. I registered my name and my email but have not received the link to set up my time.
- A. If you have not received the confirmation email within about an hour, we suggest you check your spam filter to see if it has put the email in a folder (typically called JUNK or SPAM). If you include do-not-reply@ptcfast.com in your contacts, these emails should not go to your junk mail.
- Q. What happens if I realize I cannot make the scheduled time and need to delete or reschedule my conference?
- A. If you need to remove or change your appointment, please locate the email you received after scheduling titled "Appointment Confirmation for your Parent/Teacher Conference". Inside this email you can click on the specific appointment. It will take you to the scheduling page, where you can select "Remove Appointment" from the top of the screen or click on a different time if you wish to reschedule.
- Q. Will I be reminded of my conference from PTC Fast?
- A. You will receive a confirmation email indicating that you have scheduled the conference and a reminder email both 2 days and 1 day before the conference date.
- Q. I am concerned about providing my email address to PTC Fast? What is their privacy policy?
- A. See the following link from PTC Fast regarding their Privacy Policy:
<http://ptcfast.com/faq.php#q3>
- Q. I went to the PTCFast web site, <http://www.PTCfast.com>, and I went to the Parent Sign-in page, but I do not have a code for my child.
- A. When you follow the Bethany School link and register your email address for the conference, PTC FAST sends an email with a link for scheduling. Another link and a parent code are provided for making changes to already scheduled conferences or for logging in to the site if the scheduling link does not work for some reason. **Please use these links for making changes to your conference appointments.**