



- ~ Mar 1: Ash Wednesday (services @12 pm & 7 pm)
- ~ Mar 2: Read Across America
- ~ Mar 7: Parent Workshop (Changed date)
- ~ Mar 8: Lent Service @ 7 pm
- ~ Mar 9-10: Parent / Teacher Conferences
- ~ Mar 9-10: Preschool Programs Closed Care for Conferences Only
- ~ Mar 12: Daylight Savings Begins (Spring Forward)
- ~ Mar 15: Lent Service @ 7 pm
- ~ Mar 17: International Potluck / Bring Parent to School
- ~ Mar 17: Campus Closes at 12 pm (no extended care or full day preschool)
- ~ Mar 25: Campus Work Day

What's Happening on Campus

2017/2018 Enrollment Fee & Tuition Rates Go Up!

Thank you to everyone that enrolled early! If you still want to enroll for the 17-18 school year, turn in your Cosmic Orange enrollment form and fee (now \$500) at your earliest convenience.

Elementary Winter Enrichment Clubs

We are excited for the following clubs starting this week:

Monday: Mandarin

Tuesday: Soccer

Wednesday: Basketball & Scratch

Thursday: Scratch Jr. (Class on March 9th will be held from 12-2 pm)

Space is still available for all clubs. Forms are available in the front office and in extended care.

Cupertino High School Safety Drill

We have been informed that Cupertino High School will be hosting the Every 15 Minutes program on Wednesday, March 1. The event is to raise safe driving awareness to our upperclassmen and will include a mock crash scene which will bring members of CHP, EMT, Coroner's office, etc. to our campus. There will likely be sirens and commotion taking place between 10 am and 11:30 am on Finch Avenue and possibly parking issues throughout the area on that day. Please do not be alarmed.

Lent Services at Bethel Lutheran Church

What is Lent? For Christians, Lent is a period of 40 days (not including Sundays) before Easter. This is a time for prayer and repentance, and remembering the sacrifices that Jesus made while he fasted in the desert for 40 days. Lent culminates with Holy Week, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday – which commemorates Jesus' crucifixion, Holy Saturday – which marks the day that Jesus' body is laid in the tomb. The day after Lent is Easter Sunday – which is the celebration of His resurrection.

Bethel, like many other churches, celebrates Lent with Wednesday services. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Its official name is "Day of Ashes," so called because of the practice of rubbing ashes on one's forehead in the sign of a cross. Bethel has two services scheduled for Wednesday, March 1st at 12 pm and 7 pm.

Community Corner

We ask for prayers of comfort, healing, and overall health for all teachers, staff, students, and their families. We also pray for our:

- ♥ Penguin Classroom

"I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself."

~Colossians 2:2

Everyone has a magnetic response to strong ties of love. As a matter of fact, we knit ourselves together in many ways. People seek out community in order to find these strong ties that are based in love. In community we are able to find love, acceptance, and encouragement.

Here at BLS, we have always had a strong community of families, friends, and church members that make this place one-of-a-kind. Our strong-knit community is what many families love most about our school. Are you continuing to build a community that demonstrates the love of Christ?

Dear Lord, we want to honor you by continually building a Christ-centered community here at school and at home. We look for Your guidance and strength. Amen.

If you have a special prayer request you would like the Bethel community to pray for, contact Mrs. Steen to be added to future editions of the Scream.

Read Across America / Dr. Seuss Day

Thursday, March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's birthday! To celebrate, schools around the nation will participate in Read Across America. Bethel has celebrated this tradition in many ways over the years. Help us celebrate by wearing your favorite Dr. Seuss character outfit. Whether you are the Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 or Thing 2, the Lorax, the Grinch, or any other character, this day will be such fun. We will begin the day with a parade around the elementary playground, and then we will head to the sanctuary for a wonderful story.

Forms for New Schools

We understand that some families will be leaving us after this school year. If you need any teacher recommendation forms, evaluations, or other paperwork for the new school, please follow the procedures listed below.

1. Submit any paperwork needing completion to the office. This includes all teacher recommendation forms, request for academic progress, and/or test scores.
2. The office will share these forms with your teachers and then send all information to the requesting school.
3. All permanent records are sent directly to the new school once an official cumulative records request is received. Typically this is done over the summer months. These files cannot be given to parents or guardians.

Parent Workshop Scheduled for Thurs. March 9th Rescheduled

We have changed our parent workshop night to Tuesday, March 7th. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is hosting a free workshop here at Bethel. Learn about Savvy Social Security Planning. This workshop starts at 7 pm. No childcare available.

Spring Parent / Teacher Conferences

March 9th & 10th are parent / teacher conferences for the whole school. Look for sign ups at the classrooms.

~Preschool programs are shut down for these two days to allow teachers time to talk with each student's parents. Childcare is provided for conference times only at no charge.

~Elementary programs close at 12 pm. Childcare is provided for conference times at no charge, all other childcare is available at a rate of \$10 per hour. *Childcare included for families with 2 & 3 hour contracts.

Bring Your Parent to School / International Potluck

We will have more details and a sign up for this event later this week. This is a scheduled half day where extended care is not provided.

Campus Work Day

Spring cleaning is needed around campus. Join us on Saturday, March 25th (this is a change from the original calendar due to scheduling conflicts), from 9 am – 1 pm. All adults and children are welcome (children must be supervised). Each adult will earn up to 3 hours towards their service hour requirement. Sign up coming soon.

Questions or comments? Email us at lsteen@bethells.org or call (408) 252-8512

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