

Crusader News 12/5/24

Our annual **Spelling Bee** will be tomorrow starting at 12:30 with the 1st-2nd graders followed by the 6th-8th graders and then 3rd-th graders. As soon as one group is done, we will move to the next.

Join us, **Thursday, December 12th** for our Christmas program **The Grinch Revisited**.
Preschool and PreK, Kindergarten through 5th grade choirs, recorders, and drama at 9:00am.
Kindergarten through 5th grade choir, recorders, and drama at 6:00pm

Our morning performance is a great time to bring grandparents and friends. **All choir students** are asked to wear red, green, black, white, or bright Christmas colors in any combination. **No blue jeans or tattered clothing is to be worn.** Our choir is to be NEAT and CLEAN for the 2 performances while keeping within the color scheme. **This dress is for both the 9:00am and 6:00pm performances.** Students may wear school uniform clothing with red, green, or white polo for the morning performance and their special outfit for the evening performance. If they wear a special outfit for the morning performance, **they must have uniform clothes to change into** after the performance. We do not want to worry about a special outfit getting dirty during the day.

Toys for Tots – We will once again be helping Toys for Tots by collecting new, unused toys, games, books, and puzzles for children and teens. Sports equipment and science kits are great choices also. Items are to be unwrapped in original factory packaging. We will be collecting them at chapel on **December 11th and at the Christmas program on December 12th**. Without this program, families who quality would not have any gifts.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held next week, **December 9-13** in Luther Hall (the gym). The fair will be open from 3:00-4:00 every afternoon, as well as for 30 minutes after the morning and evening Christmas performances. A flyer will be in folders today with information on the fairs. Come support our school and find some great new books for your home!

Go to: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/bethlehemlutherschool1> for information, especially how you will be able to pay for any purchases you make.

Ugly Christmas Sweater/Shirt Day – In celebration of the season wear your favorite Ugly Christmas shirt or sweater on **Friday, December 13th**. If you do not wear a Christmas shirt/sweater, you must be in school uniform. As always, school guidelines must be followed; nothing too tight, short, or revealing. Sleeves must be a minimum of a cap sleeve. Clothing is to be clean, in good repair; not tattered, torn, oversized or baggy. We are planning some Christmas fun for the students (K-8th grade) in the afternoon.

Parents, please remember that **Friday, December 20th, is the end of the 2nd quarter.** All work owed to teachers **MUST BE turned in by then or your child will receive a zero.**

CPTL wishes to thank all the volunteers who helped make this year's Thanksgiving Feast a wonderful and memorable event! This event could not have happened without the help of many families. Thank you for your time, donations, and support. We were blessed to start Thanksgiving break by celebrating together with the BLS family. Thank you all!

Please join us for the next CPTL meeting on Monday, Dec. 9th at 6pm. Meetings are being held in the 2nd grade classroom. Come meet more BLS families, hear and share ideas, and earn 1 PSP hour! We hope to see you there!

Dates Coming Up

- December 6th Spelling Bee 1st-8th grades at **12:30pm**
- December 7th Church All Youth & Family Day **12:30pm** flyer attached
- December 9th CPTL meeting **6:00 pm**
- December 12th Christmas Program **9am and 6pm**
- December 13th Ugly Christmas Shirt/Sweater & Movie Day
- December 20th Chapel
- December 20th End of 2nd Quarter Minimum Day Dismissal at **12:00pm**
- January 6th School resumes

New Pick-Up Policy – Below is the new pick-up policy the school board put in place **effective January 6, 2025**, when we return for Christmas break. This can be found on page 7 of the school handbook which is available on the FACTS Family Portal.

Students are to leave within 15 minutes after school is dismissed unless they are in the extended day care program. Students not picked up by 3:15pm will go to the school office and parents will be called. A fee of \$20.00 for the first 15 minutes, per child, starting at 3:15pm, will be charged. For every 15 minutes following, a fee of \$10 per child will be charged. This will be charged through FACTS incidental billing. Information concerning the extended care program is available from the school office (see page 12).