



THE BLUE AND GOLD

Bethlehem High School Newsletter

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Important Oct. Dates

Oct. 1-12

Fall Break

Monday, Oct. 15

Classes resume

Wednesday, Oct. 17

Testing Day

Noon dismissal

Thursday, Oct. 18

School Mass

Monday, Oct. 22

Parent-Teacher
Conferences 5-8 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 23

National Honor Society
Induction 2 p.m.
Speech Team Bunco

Thursday, Oct. 25

Underclassmen Pictures
Senior Portrait Make-up

Friday, Oct. 26

Mayor's Cup Football Game

Saturday, Oct. 27

ACT Test day

Wednesday, Oct. 31

Happy Halloween!

Dear Parents and Students:

Please mark your calendars for Parent Teacher Conferences from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Monday October 22. There is nothing more significant to the progress and academic development of any student than parental support. Study after study indicates that academic achievement strongly correlates with parental involvement in scholastic endeavors. It is for that reason that I am asking you to please take a few minutes to meet with your child's teachers on the 22nd of October. Because teachers spend as much, if not more time than parents each day with the greatest gift God ever gave any of us, the time we invest in our children is priceless.

Also, please note that report cards will be available for pickup in the library when you arrive for Parent Teacher Conferences. While I realize that this is several weeks after the end of the first quarter, the electronic version of the first quarter grades can be accessed as of Tuesday, October 9 on K-12 Planet. Please realize that teachers have a great deal of grading that requires some time to complete before final quarter grades are posted.

At Bethlehem High School we are committed to providing the very best possible education attainable in this region. In order to encourage all of our students to be successful, Bethlehem High School is committed to the following goals:

- Providing exceptionally high academic expectations with realistic and reasonable assistance.
- Providing a focus on personal discipline and strong study skills.
- Providing a highly qualified and personally committed faculty and staff
- Providing a positive, safe and cooperative learning environment which is intently focused on skill development required to be successful in post secondary endeavors.
- Providing a Christ-centered environment that respects and dignifies all members of our community

Thank you for your support, commitment and dedication to our efforts here at Bethlehem High school. I look forward to seeing you on the 22nd of October.

Sincerely

Dr. Paul A. Schum

Congratulations to

Senior **Sally Mattingly** on her selection as Queen at the Rolling Fork Iron Horse Festival.

Basketball Try-outs

Boys basketball try-outs will be held starting at 3:20 on Monday, Oct. 15. Any boy not playing a fall sport and interested in trying out should plan to be there. Anyone trying out must have a physical form on file. For more information, contact Coach Ayersman, 348-8594, or email mayersman@bethlehemhigh.org.

From Mr. Hall

Test Day October 17

Testing for all students will be Wednesday, Oct. 17. This will be a half day of school for students.

Freshmen will take a learning style inventory while sophomores will take the PLAN test, juniors the PSAT and seniors the ASVAB.

All of these tests are very important. We want the freshmen to get off to the best start possible, and one of the ways they can enjoy success is to understand how they learn.

The PLAN test is a predictor for the ACT, and the score will provide an estimate of what score the student can expect on the ACT.

The PSAT test is the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test. Students who score well on this test can find themselves in the running for National Merit recognition.

The ASVAB is not just a test used to identify students' aptitude for military service. It is a test that provides a comprehensive career outlook, providing the student with areas of interest they may be suited to study.

Please encourage your student to get plenty of rest, eat breakfast, and come prepared to do his or her best.

Dedication of student art at Bernheim Oct. 16

Students, faculty and staff will be traveling to Bernheim Arboretum Tuesday, Oct. 16, for a dedication of a tile-encrusted water collection tank that features the work of Bethlehem students.

This project began two years ago when art teacher Mara Ringo and local clay artist Matt Gaddie worked with the students to create hundreds of these tiles. Ringo and several students installed the tiles over the summer break. The tank is located next to Isaac's Cafe and has already drawn many compliments, as this formerly concrete structure has been transformed into a work of art.

Magazine Drive earns \$37,266

The magazine drive was once again a big success, raising \$37,266. Now in its 35th year, the drive continues to provide funds for many areas of interest at Bethlehem.

Coach Mike Ayersman's homeroom won the "Blizzard" party and the pizza party, both incentives for most sales on specified turn-in days, and he also won the teacher incentive prize.

Freshman Kate Spaulding won the Ipod in a drawing among those students who used the internet sales promotion.

Elizabeth Cornell, junior, was the top seller, earning the \$100 bonus. Other top sellers, also winning cash prizes, were senior Jeremy Douglas, junior Rose Newcomb, and sophomores Violet Downs and Carlee Guthrie.

The seniors won the class competition, followed by the juniors and sophomores. The seniors earned a day off school for their efforts.

Make plans to attend Lights, Camera . . . Auction!

Hard to believe but preparations are well underway for the 8th annual Dinner/Auction to be held Saturday, November 17th. The theme for this year's event is Titanic and an elegant evening is being planned. The Auction committee has been meeting since last spring but it takes many people to make this event successful. If you would like to be a part of this FUN fundraiser contact the school for ways you can help. In the past seven years, over \$350,000 has been raised to benefit our technology, tuition assistance and facilities.

Drama Club to perform "Greater Tuna" Nov. 2- 3

Rehearsals are underway for Bethlehem's fall drama production of "Greater Tuna." This is the original quick change farce that spawned the popular holiday sequel "A Tuna Christmas," so be sure to mark your calendars to see how it all began! Bethlehem students Nick Rogers and David Seelye create the entire population of Tuna, the third smallest town in Texas, in a tour de force of quick change artistry, both of costumes and of comic characterizations. "Howlingly funny." *Variety*. "The audience ... all but exploded the theatre with laughter." *New York Post*. Performances are at 7:30 at a location to be announced.

Senior Portrait Make-up October 25, Underclassmen Pictures also Oct. 25

The Senior portrait make-up day had to be rescheduled due to illness. Please accept Lifetouch's apology for cancelling the Sept. 17 date. The photographer will be here Oct. 25, the same day as underclassmen photos, to take the senior pictures. Two cameras will be set up so we can accomplish this in the morning.

Seniors who have not yet had their portraits made for the yearbook are encouraged to participate in the senior Portrait Make-Up Day Thursday, Oct. 25. Lifetouch Studios will be here to take formal portraits only, tux or drape, for a \$5 sitting fee. Only Lifetouch Portraits are used in the yearbook. There is no obligation to purchase any pictures. Don't be left out. Bring \$5 on Oct. 25 and guarantee your place in the yearbook.

Underclassmen pictures will also be taken Oct. 25. Students may come out of uniform but must dress appropriately for school. Students will be given pre-pay envelopes that must be returned to the photographer Oct. 25.

October Athletic News

The Crafts Fair will be held on October 13 and 14. This is a big fund-raiser for the athletic department. Please read the “Craft Fair link” on the Bethlehem web page in regards to number of cookies to bake, when to send them to school, and times to work---PLEASE remember that this is the end of fall break, so don't forget!! Thanks!

Athletic Bingo Schedule:

September 30---Senior parents
December 30---Junior parents
March 30---Sophomore parents
June 29---Freshmen parents

Volleyball Senior Night----October 1
Girls' Soccer Senior Night----October 4
Football Senior Night----October 19

We will be hosting the girls' soccer district and the volleyball district. Lots of help will be needed.

Mike Ayersman (boys' basketball coach) and Terry Janes (girls' basketball coach) will begin basketball practices October 15.

The baseball boosters will be hosting a 7th/8th grade basketball tournament Oct. 20-21.