



# Bethany Academy



## A Note from Head Administrator Robin Sovine

Welcome Back!

I have heard many wonderful stories of great adventures over the summer. It is great to be back for the start of a new year of learning and growing in Christ!

We are truly blessed to have a school such as Bethany Academy to provide each of our students with strong foundations for both academics and biblical training. God was faithful in answering our prayers to provide fabulous teachers to help train up our students in the way they should go. Our new staff truly complements who we are and have been striving to become. They are gifts to us for these changing times as we recognize the need for a strong education to adapt

and a foundation of Biblical truth on which to stand. It is my vision and heart that our students experience a rigorous education with high expectations in the areas of academics and Bible.

The students will be faced with many challenges both in their academic world and their spiritual development. It may already be evident that rigor has increased. More is required in the areas of thinking and applying, and the bar is raised again this year. Our students are amazing in how they have already responded to the challenges laid before them!

With the same high expectations in mind, we continue to encourage the growth of their character as well. We

talk a lot about the character qualities we hope our students grow into. The reality is that unless we allow them to walk through the tough life events, the challenging assignments and projects, the disappointing grade, the difficulties with relationships, all it will ever be is just talk. These are the things that develop character within us all; without the opportunities to walk through these events, we will never experience all that God has for us. Students know when they are not being challenged and allowed to settle into mediocrity. (go to pg.4)



## Parent Rally Night

Rally Night was a huge success with 80% of our families in attendance. We all enjoyed the opportunity to meet with teachers and reconnect with each other. The highlight of the evening was learning more about the founding fathers of Bethany

and receiving a blessing by 96 year old Halvard Strand, one of the original founders.

At the end of the evening a "Talents Challenge" was given in which 5 parents received \$100 to invest using their time, treasure and talent to multiply for Bethany Acad-

emy. Cindy McCabe, Tim Morrison, Kim Steiner, Kris Engel, and Denise Heintz-Kuenzel all accepted the challenge. Please cloak these individuals in prayer as they move forward in this process. (See sidebar for Denise's special offer.)

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### Talents Challenge Discount

Visit Denise Heintz-Kuenzel at the **Oasis Salon**. She will donate 10% to Bethany Academy from service and product sales.

First time clients will receive an additional 10% discount.

Call Denise at:

**952-898-0805** to schedule your appointment and support our school.



# Elementary K-4



## K-3 grade

K-3 graders went to the **MN Landscape Arboretum** on Monday, September 22. We started off the day by heading to the apple house and learning all about apples that grow in Minnesota. We learned that there are special ladders and bags for apple picking. We made and tasted apple cider, and we had an apple taste test. We had a wonderful time.



*Mrs. Dahlen and her 3rd grade class at the Arboretum.*

Third grade is looking forward to our next field trip there on November 11 with Fourth grade. We will learn about foods locally grown in MN. The students will get to participate in harvesting crops, making healthy snacks out of local foods, among other things. We anticipate another wonderful and informative field trip!

## Fourth Grade

We are off to a terrific start! Each student was asked what they were most looking forward to in 4<sup>th</sup> grade:

**Zachary**-learning a lot of new things, and Tootsie Roll parties.

**Lauren**-having fun with my class.

**Kendell**- having fun learning about Jesus.

**Zoey**-going to band

**Hannah**-Tootsie Roll parties, all the book reports, learning more about Jesus, Valley Fair.

**Zach**-band, Valley Fair, having a great year with Mrs. Smith.

**Abbey**-my new teacher and band.

**Nicole**-making new friends.

**Gretta**-learning new things, learning more about Jesus and God.

**Katie**- going to Valley Fair, band, having parties.

We know we will have a great year together as we grow academically, spiritually, and closer to our classmates.

—Mrs. Smith and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade gang



# Elementary 5-6

It has been a great first month!

**Fifth grade** enjoyed their first of many awesome field trips. Check out the great photos from **River Rendezvous** outside their classroom!

In **sixth grade** we talked a lot about being organized. They listen well, and are already proving to be a conscientious, courteous class. Even though I am their teacher, I am mindful of Christ's words from Matt. 18:3- "Truly, I say to

**"I am mindful of Christ's words from Matthew 18:3- Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." - Tim Morrison**

you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." May we adults learn from these wonderful children! I am praying that I will be able to accomplish three goals this year: 1. Teach your children that they are loved by God and are very valuable to

him. 2. Be a good example of a Christian gentleman to your child. 3. Teach your children all the things they need to know to thrive in both Christian and non-Christian settings.

Gratefully yours, Mr. Morrison

# Chapel Highlights 7-12



On September 10 we held our **Senior Chapel**. The purpose of this chapel is to allow parents the opportunity to pray over their senior, and also to challenge them to be the leaders God intends them to be. **Tom Richards** from **Crown College** was our guest speaker. He challenged our seniors to consider the legacy they want to leave behind when they graduate from Bethany Academy. He reminded them that there is no other time in their life when they will have

such a strong impression on a group of younger people who look up to them. Junior **Nick Tousley** said, "This chapel was really good, it gave the seniors motivation and ideas to work hard and be good leaders this year". Senior, **Mia Nichols** said, "It was emotional seeing all the younger grades looking up to us and knowing we have to be good role models." Please pray for our seniors as they spend this school year creating their legacy at Bethany Academy.



*Parents prayed over their Seniors at chapel*

# Eagle Athletics – Featuring Girls' Soccer & Football



## Girls' Soccer

The strength of a few have stood strong against the power of many. Our BA Varsity girls soccer team consists of 11 girls, 7-12 grade, with more gumption and character than a team 3 times their size. They consistently have shown the resilience needed to stay in the game.

Coach Chad Peters is very proud of the perseverance his girls have shown this season. Phoebe Wall feels that despite their challenges this has been such a great season. "The girls have had a positive attitude, we've made great friendships, and had so much fun." Nicole Rae said, "Though we have a small amount of players

we have a lot of heart. Under the leadership of Mr. Peters and Laura Hagen our team has learned to excel despite the odds against us". (Football on page 4)



Captains Phoebe Wall and Nicole Rae



Vanessa Quinones shows her stuff the soccer field.

## Fundraiser News: Poinsettias, Cell Phones & Auction



We are off to a fast and furious start. The students are busy collecting *Poinsettia* orders and

also collecting old *cell phones*.

Orders for poinsettias are due October 24 to your homeroom teacher. The cell phone collection contest goes through December 1.

So far the Elementary cell phone collection is overflowing! Where are your phones, Secondary?! All sales earned from cell phone collections will go toward new furniture in the lobby.

There will be a **cash prize** for the person with the most poinsettia sales and a **pizza party** for the class with the most poinsettia sales.

### Auction News

Mark your calendars! **Saturday, November 15, from 5-9 pm.** It's our annual auction. Get ready for the social event of the year-**Hawaiian Paradise**. The evening begins with the silent auction, tasty tropical drinks and a delicious Luau Buffet.



Next enjoy Hawaiian entertainment and lastly the dynamic live auction. Be festive and dress tropical!

*We just love this night!*

Rosey Brausen

**But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. (Deut.8 vs18)**

## See you at the Pole

September 24th was a most beautiful day for Bethany Academy as the students joined in prayer support with countless other schools and prayed at the flag pole. They prayed for those not able to attend private school, they prayed for our nation, they gave thanksgiving, they worshiped and by their expression of faith inspired us all.

Immediately after prayer, the Worship

Band and Student Council Chaplin **Phoebe Wall** led Secondary Chapel in the Atrium. Student Council President **Ben Peters** inspired the students not to be lukewarm but rather to have a Red Hot Faith. **Ethan Kleiner** discussed what it means to submit to authority and Dan Nutting discussed Christian Character within the arena of competition.



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K-6 Bookfair Safari Family  
Fun Night 10/28

## Bethany Academy School Calendar

Go online to your Edline Calendar for more details.

### October 2008

- 9/29-10/3 - Spirit Week
- 10/3 - Pep Fest
- 10/15 - PSAT testing (grades 10 & 11)
- 10/16 & 10/17 - Teacher's Convention NO SCHOOL
- 10/24 - Lifetouch Retakes
- 10/24 - Sadie's (grades 9-12)
- 10/28 - Book Fair Safari Family Fun Night (grades K-6)
- 10/30 - College Information Night (grades 9-12)
- 10/27-10/31 - Spiritual Emphasis Week (grades 7-12)



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Likewise, they recognize the rigor and rise to meet the standards, often with enthusiasm. There is a greater sense of accomplishment and increased self-esteem after successfully completing something that is difficult, even if the grade received was lower than they had desired. If things are consistently easy for our students at school and in life, they will have a false sense of security and go on to college ill-prepared to handle the challenges that await them.

I invite you to partner with us as we provide both a quality education and Biblical teaching so our students are prepared to adapt to the shifting times, while standing solidly on the Biblical foundation of Truth.

Blessings,

Robin Sovine

### Eagle Athletics

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#### Lancer Football

We started off the year with the much anticipated introduction of Football to the Bethany Academy Sports Roster.

This summer, the men of Bethany Academy and the men of Concordia joined forces to form the **Concordia/Bethany Academy Lancers**. Head Coach Dan Maser noticed immediately that this would be a special year as the players became dedicated teammates.

Co-Captains Seniors **Jake LeVoir** and **John O'Sullivan** have led the charge for Bethany insuring good sportsmanship, hard work and contagious enthusiasm for the game. Senior **Nick Cathcart** says it all " We are working hard, staying focused and having fun."

Catch the last home football game on Friday, October 10.



Eagle Fans rock their school spirit for our new football team.



Next issue of the BA Bugle will highlight volleyball and boys' soccer teams.