

May 23, 2020

"Duty, honor, country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be." Gen. Douglas MacArthur

Dear Bethany Family,

This Monday we remember the men and women who have died while serving in the military to protect our American freedoms. We also celebrate our First Responders and those who continue to put their lives at risk amid COVID 19. Many of our Bethany families are nurses, EMT's, Firefighters, Doctors, Cashiers, and other essential professionals. "Thank You" for your service not just today, but every day.

The staff and I cannot think of any other families to have endured this unprecedented time with. Can you believe next week is the final week of instruction? What began as something foreign and unknown has now become quite familiar. Middle school students learned to cook as an elective with Mrs. Donna via Zoom while continuing with their core subjects. *The bagels looked delicious*. In other grades students created City reports, took on key character roles as they walked through the American Revolution, even our 1st graders have met the standard of creating paragraphs by writing clear and coherent sentences with a central idea. The Opportunities program continued to provide instructional support with Mrs. Huff and we cannot leave out Preschool. Some teachers created Facebook accounts for exercising, letter hunts, story time and even daily circle time. I must admit Preschoolers on Zoom takes on a whole new meaning.

We have upcoming important events as the school year comes to a close. Please reserve the following dates.

Preschool~

- •<u>June 1st</u> Parent Pick-up 9-2PM. Preschool will pick up pre-COVID 19 items along with yearbooks, Open House memoirs and other items. Pre-K will receive their yearbooks at graduation.
- •<u>June 12th</u> Pre-K Car Parade Commencement beginning at 9AM. (A letter was sent to you with instructions for the morning.)
- •June 15th 'Summer Fun, Summer School' begins. (6/15-8/14)
- •<u>August 1st</u> 8:30AM <u>Mandatory Parent Orientation</u> for parents of preschool students enrolled for the 2020-2021 school year.

Elementary & Middle School~

- •May 29th Final day of instruction. This is the last day for the discount for registration for the 2020-2021 school year.
- •<u>June 1st</u> Parent Drop-off 9-1pm. Packet (Work) / Equipment used/borrowed for distance learning (chrome books, chords, textbooks, etc.) <u>must be returned on this day.</u>
- •<u>June 2nd -5th</u> Individualized non graded optional instruction per class as teachers grade final work and prepare to submit grades for year-end report cards.
- •<u>June 9th</u> 'Zoomin Into The Summer' parade. This morning is being planned by your teachers. Students will pick up yearbooks and other memoirs, say "good bye" to their teachers and more! More details to follow about this special day.
- •<u>June 11th</u> Eighth Grade Commencement. Starting at 9AM. We will honor our 8th graders for their accomplishments as they advance to high school. More details to follow.
- •June 22nd First day of K-8 S.W.A.G. Summer Enrichment. (6/22-8/14)
- •<u>August 8th</u> 8:30am <u>Mandatory Parent Orientation</u> for parents of K-8 students enrolled for the 2020-2021 school year.

 Let's start the year off right!

Bethany has endured many changes and challenges this season, but God continues to sustain us. With God's continued guidance, prayers & support from Bethany church along with my leadership, the 2020-2021 school year will be stellar. Registration for both summer and fall continue. My desire is that you continue to make Bethany your school of choice.

Take care and be safe.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tonia Z. Hill, M.A. Principal