Bethlehem Christian School

Stephenezer Campus (PreK-4) 3100 Hecktown Road Bethlehem, PA 18020

2014-2015

Calvary Campus (5-8) 5300 Green Pond Road Easton, PA 18045

610-868-6020

www.bethlehemchristianschool.org

610-365-8176

School Begins:

Start of School -Tuesday, September 2, 2014 Calvary......8:15 am (Grades 5-8) Ebenezer....8:25 am (Grades K-4)

Dismissal of School

Ebenezer....... 12:00 NOON (Half Day Kindergarten)
Ebenezer...... 2:50 (Full Day Kindergarten - Grade 4)

Calvary...... 2:50 (Grades 5-8)



Mailing Address-Central Office

Bethlehem Christian School 3100 Hecktown Road Bethlehem, PA 18020 information@bcspanthers.net

Tuition:

Tution or other financial questions should be directed to:
Mrs. Ruth Blose
Telephone - 610-767-7574
rblose@bcspanthers.net

School Offices:

 Ebenezer (Grades K-4)
 610-868-6020

 Calvary (Grades 5-8)
 610-365-8176

 Bethel Memorial Preschool
 610-533-4820

 Ebenezer Preschool
 610-865-9557

Orientations:

Kindergarten orientation will be Wednesday, August 27th from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in the Ebenezer sanctuary for all Kindergarten students and parents.

Grades 1-4 orientations will be held on Tuesday, August 26th from 9:00-11:00 am in the Ebenezer sanctuary for the students and parents.

Grades 5-8 orientations will be held in the Calvary campus sanctuary on Tuesday, August 26th from 6:30 pm - 7:30pm.

Please make it a priority to attend the appropriate session with your child.

Bus Transportation The school bus ticket and other pertinent information concerning the transportation of children to and from school will be mailed to you by the public school districts before the start of school. If you haven't received the bus ticket by August 28th, call the school office.



Morning Car Drop

Offs: If your child is being transported to school by car they must arrive at the Calvary Campus between 7:45 AM and no later than 8:10 AM and the Ebenezer Campus between 8:00 AM

and no later than 8:25AM. Your children will

be marked tardy after these times and parents must accompany their child to the office to fill out a tardy slip.

Please avoid tardiness as it may affect your student's academic progress, including their citizenship grade.

Visitors/Volunteers: All school Visitors or Volunteers must sign in at the school office upon entering the school building. The BCS Volunteer Program will allow you to "earn" BCS Bucks to be used for a dress down card, the Swap Shop, or free ice cream/snack at lunch.

Extended Care: Extended care is available and is located at the Ebenezer Campus. The hours are 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. and 2:45 pm -5:30 pm. Contact Sharon Kritzberger for enrollment and fees, 610-865-9557.

Volunteers: We are in need of volunteers for lunch duty, recess, and art. We would be glad to work with your schedule. If you can help, please call: Ebenezer Campus 610-868-6020 or Calvary Campus 610-365-8176.

The BCS Dedication Service: This dedication service is for all parents and students and will be held on Friday, September 19, from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm. It will take place at Calvary Baptist Church, 5300 Green Pond Road, Easton, PA. You are expected to attend with your child(ren) and become acquainted with the faculty and staff, Board of Trustee members and other parents. A dinner will be served at 5:30 pm.

NON-ILLNESS Absences: A permission form to excuse a student for an educational trip must be filled out at least 10 school days in advance. Please call the school office in order to obtain this form. If it becomes necessary to schedule a trip during the school year, please refer to the school calendar and attempt to select a period of time when school is not in session. This will substantially reduce the make-up work required. Please avoid non-illness absences during the week of the Terra Nova standardized testing (April 20-24, 2015).

Dress Code: Kindergarten through Eighth Grade have a required uniform. The BCS Dress Code is included with this letter. Lands End has been added as an approved uniform supplier for the upcoming school year.

School Supplies Needed: A list of these items by grade level is included with this letter.

The Chapel Program: Parents, Grandparents, and friends are encouraged to attend the chapel services on Wednesdays. Calvary's (Grades 5-8) chapel begins at 8:30 am on Wednesdays. Ebenezer's (Grades PreK-4) chapel begins at 9:30 am.

Party/Craft/Supply Fee: We are asking for a \$10.00 party/craft/supply fee this year. Room mothers will be calling you to volunteer as opposed to asking for food donations.

Please bring \$10 to orientation or on the first day of school.

Lunch Program

<u>Students in Kindergarten</u> will either be served a light snack each day provided by the school or parents can send in a snack each day.

Students in Full-day Kindergarten through 8th grade will need to bring their lunch daily (no heat ups) unless purchasing hot lunch. Students who forget their lunch will receive cereal or pretzels and a drink, not hot lunch. Milk/Juices are available for purchase at 30¢/drink.

Hot Lunch: We will offer hot lunch through Chick-fil-A on Monday and Rocco's Tuesday through Friday. Menus will go home one month prior to ordering. All orders and payment are due in the school office by the deadline on the menu, usually around the 15th of the month. For your convienence, lunch orders can be paid through your current FACTS agreement.

Birthdays: Birthdays may be observed by sending in a treat at lunch time. We require all birthday treats to be store bought. It is very helpful to send in treats that are already in individual servings. Another way to celebrate your child's birthday is to donate a book to our library. If you have any questions about what books to purchase, please contact your campus librarian.



Physical Education Program

One day a week is set aside for Physical Education classes at Ebenezer (Monday) and Calvary (Tuesday).

A standard gym uniform is required for pupils in all grades, Kindergarten through Eighth Grade and can be purchased at Flynn & O'hara or Lands End

Please refer to the BCS Dress Code included with this letter. Students should wear their gym uniforms to school on gym days.

Practice for sports events in grades 6 through 8 will be held on various days after school during the school year. Announcements about these activities (dates, locations) will be sent home.



Health Program

Parents of Kindergarten Students:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires certain immunizations for entry into school. Proof of immunizations must be presented to the office, prior to the child starting school the first day. The only exemption to the school law for immunizations are medical and religious beliefs. Parents must sign an exemption card in the school office, if your child is exempt from the required immunizations. The school health law requires children entering Kindergarten to have a physical and dental examination. All medical/dental forms are due in the office by the first day of school.

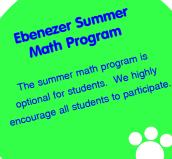
Parents of Students in Grade 1-8:

- 1. If your child's health status has changed, please notify the school nurse (through the school office) in September. If your child has received any immunizations over the summer, please send proof of the immunizations to the school office.
- 2. If your child brought a student health update form home in June, please remember to return it to the school office the first week of school. These are important in order for us to keep your child's health records up-to-date, as well as to assist the staff in caring for your child if he/she becomes ill.
- 3. Students attending 7th grade in 2014/2015 need the following: 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) (if 5 years has elapsed since last tetanus immunization) 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
- 4. All students attending 3rd and 7th grade must have a dental exam.

ALL PARENTS:

Student information/medical authorization forms must be updated/filled out, signed and returned to school by the first week of school.

If your child has a medical, physical, or emotional condition, please communicate this information to the school office and your child's teacher.



BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM CODE FOR BOYS

OR

Uniforms are worn so that students can express their individual strengths and Christian character through their own gifts and abilities rather than by how they are dressed.

Our uniform suppliers are Flynn & O'Hara School Uniforms

1876 Catasauqua Road, Allentown, PA 18109

610-231-3788

www.fando.net

Lands End

Local Sears Store 800-469-2222

www.landsend.com

(BCS Preferred School Number 900048356)

Pants, shirts, sweaters and gym clothes MUST be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara or Lands End (No substitutes):

Belt, socks, shoes, navy tie may be purchased elsewhere.

Daily attire:

Pants: Flat front pants (navy or khaki color).

Shirts: Oxford button down shirt in white or light blue.

Polo in white, light blue, navy or hunter green.

Sweaters: Cardigan, v-neck, or vest in navy.

Shorts: May be worn prior to October 15th and after May 1st (navy and khaki). **Belt:** Solid color brown, black or navy worn with pant/slack and shorts.

Legwear: Socks, in colors white, navy, black or natural.

Footwear: Standard and/or casual shoes, sneakers (No sandals, clogs, crocs or boots.)

Chapel Day (All Day Attire)

Boys: Grades K-4 White or light blue oxford shirt with solid navy or BCS plaid tie and uniform pants.

Top collar button to be buttoned and tie worn at collar band. Belt must be worn.

Sweaters are optional.

Grades 5-8 Regular dress code; no dress down.

Gym Day: All items, except sneakers and socks, must be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara or Lands End

Shirt: BCS T-shirt, BCS sweatshirt. (gray hoodies-middle school and adults only.)

Pants: BCS sweatpants.

Shorts: BCS gym shorts may be worn prior to October 15th and after May 1st.

Footwear: Athletic sneakers with white athletic socks.

Further information

Jewelry: No jewelry, including earrings and body piercing jewelry, allowed. **Hair:** Hair must be cut above the collar and must be away from the eyes.

Hair colors other than natural shades are not permitted.

Pants: Must be worn at the natural waistline.

Shirts: Grades K-4: All shirts must be tucked in.

Grades 5-8: Polo shirts may be worn un-tucked.

Woven oxford shirts must be tucked in.

Mend/Patch Knees: Repair as needed.

Tattoos: Temporary or permanent tattoos are not permitted.

BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM CODE FOR GIRLS

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Jumpers, skirts, skorts, pants, shirts, sweaters and gym clothes MUST be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara or Lands End (No substitutes).

Belt, socks, shoes may be purchased elsewhere.

Daily attire:

Jumper/Skirt/Skort: (plaid or navy) Grades K-4

Skirt /Skort: (plaid or navy) Grades K-8 **Pants:** Flat front (navy or khaki color).

Shirts: Oxford or peter pan (white or light blue).

Polos in white, light blue, navy, hunter green.

Sweaters: Cardigan, v-neck, or vest in navy.

Shorts: May be worn prior to October 15th and after May 1st (navy and khaki).

Belt: Solid color brown, black or navy worn with slacks and shorts.

Legwear: Socks, tights in colors white, navy, black or natural.

Footwear: Standard and/or casual shoes, sneakers. (No sandals, clogs, crocs, backless shoes or boots.)

Chapel Day (All Day Attire):

Girls: Grades K-4: Jumpers/Skirts/Skorts with white or light blue oxford or peter pan shirt.

Grades 5-8: Regular dress code; no dress down.

Gym Day: All items, except sneakers and socks, must be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara or Lands End

Shirt: BCS T-shirt or BCS sweatshirt. (gray hoodies- middle school and adults only.)

Pants: BCS sweatpants.

Shorts: BCS Gym shorts may be worn prior to October 15th and after May 1st.

Footwear: Athletic sneakers with white athletic socks.

Further information:

Jewelry: Wear conservatively or not at all since it is a distraction. Body piercing jewelry is not allowed. Girls may have pierced

ears and are limited to 2 earrings per ear.

Hair: Hair must be away from (not covering) eyes.

Hair colors other than natural shades are not permitted.

Skirt Hemlines: Not higher than 1" above the knee when kneeling.

Pants: Must be worn at the natural waistline.

Shirts: Grades K-4 - All shirts must be tucked in.

Grades 5-8 - Polo shirts may be worn un-tucked. Woven oxford shirts must be tucked in.

Mend/Patch Knees: Repair as needed.

Tattoos: Temporary or permanent tattoos are not permitted.

Tights without feet: Footless leggings or similar tights are not permitted.

Bethlehem Christian School Supply List for 2014/2015 Classes

Grade K

- •Bible NIV *See below
- •Hard Pencil case approx. -no longer than 5"x8½" -with flip up lid- NO zippered cases
- Sturdy eraser
- •A box of 24 thin <u>Crayola</u> crayons in a small <u>ziploc baggie</u> with student's name (for use after Christmas)
- •A box of Crayola colored pencils in a ziploc baggie with student's name
- •4 <u>LARGE</u> glue sticks (approx. 0.77oz size) in <u>ziploc baggie</u> with student's name
- •A labeled smock (with sleeves that cover the arms, an old shirt works best)
- •One labeled box of tissues
- •Plastic, sturdy 12 x 9 pocket folder with horizontal pockets (such as the Mead Five Star folder)
- •A backpack or a book bag at least 12x9
- Clorox Wipes
- •\$10 party/craft fee (Due on the first day of school)

Grade 1

- •Bible NIV *See below
- •Pencil case no larger than 6x8
- Sturdy eraser
- •Two PLAIN, sturdy 12x9 pocket folders
- •2 dozen of #2 yellow pencils
- Scissors
- •3 large glue sticks (approx. 0.77oz size)
- •Box of thin Crayola crayons (max. 24 count)- labeled
- •Box of colored pencils (12 count)- labeled
- •Box of thin Crayola markers (classic colors 8 count)- labeled
- •Red felt-tip pen (Flair)
- •A <u>labeled</u> smock (with sleeves that cover the arms, an old shirt works the best)
- •Two boxes of tissues
- •Take home folder must be purchased at school-\$1.00
- •Watercolor paints labeled
- •Hard bound black & white composition book
- •2 skinny dry erase markers any color
- •1 writing journal (must be purchased at school, \$1.25)
- Clorox Wipes
- •1 box of quart size OR gallon size ziplock bags
- •\$10 party/craft fee (Due on the first day of school)

Grade 2

- •Bible NIV *See below
- •Large zippered pencil bag
- Sturdy eraser
- •Two sturdy 12x9 pocket folders (not plastic)
- •A large box of Staples yellow #2 pencils, sharpened
- Scissors
- •2 Large glue sticks (approx. 0.77oz size) labeled
- •Box of Crayola crayons (max. 24 count) labeled
- •Box of colored pencils (12 count) labeled
- •Box of Thin Crayola washable markers (classic colors 8 count) labeled
- •Composition notebook marbleized
- •A <u>labeled</u> smock (with sleeves that cover the arms, an old shirt works best)
- Two boxes of tissues
- •Take home folders must be purchased at school-\$1.00
- •2 Highlighters labeled
- Watercolor paints labeled
- •Small bottle of Elmer's glue labeled
- Clorox Wipes
- •\$10 party/craft fee (Due on the first day of school)

Grade 3

- •Bible NIV *See below
- ·Large zippered pencil case
- Sturdy eraser
- •Large glue stick (approx. 0.77oz size)
- •Large box #2 sharpened pencils not labeled
- •Two **plain**, **sturdy** pocket folders (for privacy)
- •Two folders with pockets and fasteners (1 blue, 1 green)
- •Box of 24-count Crayola crayons labeled
- •Box of colored pencils (24 count) labeled
- Two boxes of tissues
- •A labeled smock (with sleeves that cover the arms, an old shirt works best)
- •2oz. bottle of hand sanitizer
- •Take home folder must be purchased at school-\$1.00
- •1 Composition notebook marbleized (not college ruled)
- •3 black dry erase markers not labeled
- •1 package of **Staples** "Stickies" (125 page flags, 1 3/4" x 1/2")
- •1 package of **Staples** "post-it-notes" (100 count, yellow, size 3x3)
- Clorox Wipes
- •\$10 party/craft fee (Due on the first day of school)

Grade 4

- •Bible NIV
- •Large zippered pencil bag (Crayola brand works well)
- Sturdy eraser
- •Supply of #2 pencils (no mechanical), sharpened
- •Box of colored pencils (12 count)
- •Box of Crayola markers (classic colors 8 count)
- •Two red felt-tip pens labeled (Flair)
- •1 highlighter any color
- 2 Large glue sticks (approx. 0.77oz size)
- Scissors
- Hard bound black & white composition book
- Loose leaf paper (3-ring)
- •5 STURDY <u>3 PRONG</u> folders <u>with pockets</u> (different colors)
- •2 STURDY folders for privacy (fun colors & pictures)
- $\bullet \mathsf{Two} \ \underline{\textbf{labeled}} \ \mathsf{boxes} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{tissues}$
- •A <u>labeled</u> smock (with sleeves that cover the arms, an old shirt works best)
- •Take home folder must be purchased at school-\$1.00
- Clorox Wipes
- •\$10 party/craft fee (Due on the first day of school)

*NIV Discoverer's Bible, Revised Edition Zonderkidz ISBN # 0-310-722357

*NOTE: Please be sure you purchase the NIV version and NOT the NIrV version

Bethlehem Christian School Supply List for 2014/2015 Classes

Grade 5 -8

NIV Bible-not a children's Bible, please

2 Privacy Folders (5th grade only)

Year's Supply of #2 pencils ***No Mechanical pencils, please***

Zippered pencil bag

Sturdy eraser

Supply of red ballpoint pens

Supply of Blue or Black ballpoint pens

Loose Leaf paper (3-ring) - sufficient to last all year

(1 pack to be brought to school for classroom use)

Spiral bound 3" X 5" white index cards (5th grade needs 4 sets)

Box of colored pencils (24 count)

Protractor

Ruler with inches and centimeters

Highlighters

Glue sticks

Scissors

One labeled box of tissues

2" 3-ring binder (for incoming 5th graders or new students) for Spanish class

Take home folder - purchased at school for \$1.00

Calculator - TI30 series

Media storage device-memory stick (Not necessary for 5th grade)

1 pack graph paper

Spanish-English dictionary

Stapler - to be kept at home

- 1 container anti-bacterial wipes
- 1 pack graph paper (1cmx1cm) for math (Not necessary for 5th grade) 1 bound composition book (with graph paper) for science lab (Not necessary for 5th grade)
- Each child should have a book bag which serves as a protection for the textbooks and homework. Please avoid backpacks with wheels. They do not fit in the

\$10 party/craft fee (Due on the first day of school)

Please choose from the following options for organization:

- Option 1: Separate colored folders AND individual spiral bound notebooks for each subject
- Option 2: Separate colored folders AND a binder with dividers for each subject
- Option 3: A plastic accordian folder with dividers for each subject AND either individual spiral notebooks or a binder with dividers for each subject

Ebenezer and Calvary Students

Each child should have a book bag which serves as a protection for the textbooks and homework. Each child should have a lunch kit with a securely fitted top on the thermos. (Exception - AM Kindergarten)

Each book (consumable and nonconsumable) must be covered within the first week of school. CLEAR (not colored) contact paper is a required covering for consumable books. It is suggested that you purchase this now. Please DO NOT cover nonconsumable books with contact paper.