

Lower School
Preschool-5th Grade



Upper School
6th-12th Grade

BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

www.bethlehemchristianschool.org

2020-2021 Summer Newsletter

Mailing Address - Central Office

Bethlehem Christian School
3100 Hecktown Road
Bethlehem, PA 18020

Summer Office Hours: Both Campuses

8:00 am-1:00 pm

Regular Office Hours: Mid-August to Mid-June

7:45 am-3:30 pm

Tuition

Tuition or other financial questions should be directed to Ruth Blose.
rblose@bcspanthers.net
610-767-7574

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Orientation - September 1

Preschool / PreK Orientation

Lower School Campus
Time: Preschool 8:30-9:30 am
PreK 9:00-10:00 am

Grades K-5 Orientation

Lower School Campus Time: TBA

Grades 6-12 Orientation

Upper School Campus Time: TBA



Please make it a priority to attend the appropriate session with your child. Enrollment paperwork is due by Orientation, but sooner is appreciated.

First Day of School - September 2

BCS Dedication Service - September 17

Locations / Contact Information / School Start & End Times

LOWER SCHOOL

Preschool through 5th Grade

3100 Hecktown Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020
ebenezersecretary@bcspanthers.net
K-5 Number 610-868-6020
Preschool Number 610-865-9557
Fax 610-868-6939

School Begins: 8:20 am

If your children are being transported by car they must arrive between 8:00 am-8:20 am.

**Dismissal: 12:30 pm (1/2 Day K)
2:50 pm (Full Day K-5th Gr.)**

UPPER SCHOOL

6th through 12th Grade

5300 Green Pond Road, Easton, PA 18045
kimmisiti@bcspanthers.net
610-365-8176
Fax 610-365-8407

School Begins: 8:10 am

If your children are being transported by car they must arrive between 7:45 am-8:10 am.

Dismissal: 3:00 pm

Car Transportation

Please have your children ready to get out of the car once you've arrived at the drop off door. (ie: coats on, backpack & lunches in hand). This makes the process go smoothly.

Please hold on to your BCS number tags for next year. If you lose all of your tags, contact the office to request replacements. New families who have not yet received a set of BCS number tags should contact the office.

Bus Transportation

The school bus assignments will be mailed to you directly by your public school district before the start of school if you have requested busing. If you haven't received the bus ticket by September 1st, call the public school office. It's very important to relay your student's bus number to the BCS school office. The districts do not notify us.

Anytime your child's default mode of transportation changes, a note must be sent to the BCS office. If a note is not received, we will defer to the student's mode of transportation on file.



Extended Care

Extended Care is a service provided to all enrolled at BCS. We offer Extended Care at the Lower School Campus from 7:00-8:00 am and 2:50-5:30 pm.

If you're interested in signing your children up or would like information about the program, please contact Sharon Kritzberger at skritzberger@bcspanthers.net.

Mission Statement

Bethlehem Christian School exists to assist Christian parents in their responsibility of training their children by providing a complete educational program that is Biblically sound, Christ centered and of excellent standards. Bethlehem Christian School is committed to equip students for Christian living by instilling Biblical principles of self-discipline, individual responsibility, personal integrity and good citizenship.

What is familiar:

The BCS panther logo is...

- Highly recognizable by our current community
- It is indicative of the participation of our students in athletics, music, service projects
- It is representative of the fellowship we enjoy as members of the BCS community
- The panther reminds our students of their commitment to obtaining and displaying Christlike qualities



What is new:

The Crest logo is an updated formal representation of...

- The tradition of academic excellence in Christian Education
- Our commitment to the Lehigh Valley and the diverse communities represented
- Our desire to prepare students to be servant leaders in the communities they live in
- Our desire for Christian Education to be a beacon for Christ to all who seek to benefit

Lunch

BCS encourages parents to pack your child's lunches (no heat ups.) As a secondary option, pre-packaged lunches from Kremmer's Cafe will be available for purchase Monday through Friday. (Please see below) We will not be offering Chick-Fil-A or Frank's Pizza as options.

All meals, snacks, and beverages must be individually packaged. There will no longer be snacks to purchase in the lunchroom. Students must supply their own individual water bottles or disposable bottles. Water fountains will not be operational.



Kremmer's Cafe Information

You may purchase as often as you like, and there is no minimum order requirement. You can purchase for a month, a week, a day, and you can even purchase up to midnight the night before.

Gluten Free Options: Salads / Sandwiches have the option for gluten-free bread.

We'll email you a monthly menu calendar, however, all ordering and payments are done directly through Kremmer's on-line. In case you haven't set up an account, please follow the directions below.

BCS receives a \$1.00 donation for every meal ordered. This is just another way we can raise funds for our school.

Setting Up an Account with Kremmer's Cafe

<https://kremmers.boonli.com>

1. Click Register New Account and type in password BL26.
2. Complete Registration Information
3. Select your delivery site from the drop down box. BCS - Ebenezer (a.k.a. Lower School) or BCS - Calvary (a.k.a Upper School.) Be sure to choose the correct location for each child.
4. Once registration is complete you can login and begin ordering.
5. Select the calendar date that you would like meals delivered and place your order.
6. Orders must be entered by 11:59 pm the night before the delivery is due.

Contact Angela Krem @ 484-866-1146 with any questions.

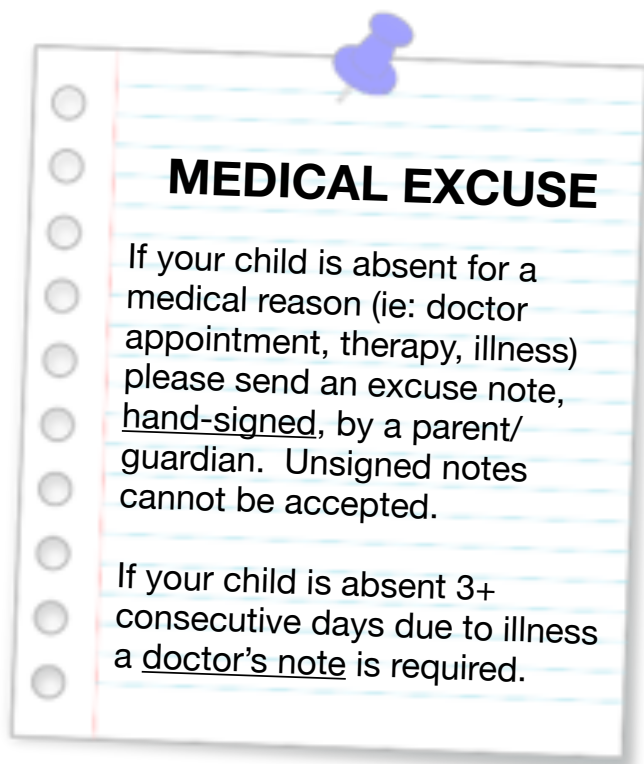
Pandemic Response

Due to the fluidity of the state and CDC guidelines, reopening planning continues. Our tentative plans for health and safety procedures are posted on the school website.

HEALTH RECORDS

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 only exemptions for immunizations are medical and religious beliefs. Parents must sign an exemption form in the school office to exempt your child. Additionally, school health law requires children entering kindergarten to have a physical and dental examination, no exceptions.



Grade Requirements:

- If your child's health status has changed, please notify the school office.
- Students entering kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 7th grade must have a dental exam.
- Students entering kindergarten, 1st, and 6th grade must have a physical exam.
- Students entering 7th grade need booster shots. Please turn in an updated immunization record.

These are due on the day of Orientation. If your child is not eligible for these exams until after September 1, please send a note to the BCS office stating the date of of the scheduled appointments.

NON-ILLNESS ABSENCE

Vacations are no longer excused absences. Please avoid non-illness absences during the week of standardized testing May 10-14, 2021.



Any child that exhibits a fever of 100+ will be held in an isolated space and parents will be notified to pick up their child to be transported home.

SCRIP

WHAT IS SCRIP?

SCRIP is fundraising while you shop! Simply purchase gift cards through SCRIP for over 750 retail stores, gas, groceries, etc. A percentage of your purchase is applied towards your tuition. For example, if you purchase a \$100 gift card at Giant, you will receive 5% back (\$5) toward your tuition. By using SCRIP for all your major purchases, this adds up quickly and is a no-sell way to raise money to meet your financial obligations. Participation in this program is optional.

To participate, you will need to set up an account with SCRIP. Please see the attached instructions. You can pay by setting up PrestoPay or you can use a credit card. You can place an order online anytime. However, the orders won't be fully processed until 10:00 am usually every other Monday. Please see the schedule below for August and September. The cards arrive by Wednesday or Thursday, and will be sent home with your child in an envelope labeled SCRIP.

You can also purchase gift cards electronically anytime via SCRIPNOW.
If you have any questions, please call the Lower School office at 610-868-6020.

Setting Up a Personal SCRIP Account

Go to the Scrip website at www.shopwithscrip.com.

1. Look to the top right of the web page and click on the button that says, "Join a Program."
2. On the next screen, ENROLL, you will be asked for the enrollment code. Enter the BSC code which is: **E65L6F431514**
3. The next screen will ask you for your personal information such as address, etc. Fill all this out and choose a username and password.
4. You may pay with a credit card or with Presto Pay. Presto Pay is a service that automatically withdraws money from your bank account in order to pay for your Scrip order. For each Scrip order, there is a \$.15 service charge that will be withdrawn along with the total of your order. For example, if you order \$200 worth of cards, \$200.15 will be withdrawn from your account. When signed into your Scrip account look for Presto Pay and click on that. You should receive specific instructions on setting up your Presto Pay account.

SCRIP SCHEDULE

Orders for physical gift cards will be processed every other Monday. Please have your orders entered into the system before 10:00 am on the following dates.

August 17
August 31
September 14
September 28

During August you will be contacted to pick up your gift cards. Once school begins, cards will be sent home with your child, unless other arrangements are made.



shopwithscrip



DRESS CODE

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

Our uniform suppliers are:

Flynn & O'Hara School Uniforms

1876 Catasauqua Road Allentown, PA 18109
610-231-3788 www.flynnohara.com

The school landing page link is:

www.flynnohara.com/school/pa310

Lands' End

800-469-2222 www.landsend.com

BCS Preferred School Number is 900048356

Gym clothes MUST be purchased from

Flynn & O'Hara or Lands' End.

All other dress code pieces may be purchased from uniform suppliers or other stores as long as they are consistent with Flynn and O'Hara and Lands' End Design.

Belt, leg wear, and footwear may be purchased anywhere.

Details are listed on the next page...

Regular Dress Code

Shirts	Girls: Oxford, peter pan - white or light blue Boys: Oxford button down - white or light blue Both: Polo - white or navy Oxford shirts must be tucked in / Polo shirts may be un-tucked
Pants/Shorts	Flat front - navy or khaki Must be worn at the natural waistline Shorts may only be worn prior to October 15th and after May 1st Mend/Patch knees as needed
Jumpers/Skirts/Skortts	Jumper for grades K-5 - navy, plaid, or khaki Skirt hemlines cannot be higher than 1" above the knee when kneeling
Sweaters	Cardigan, v-neck, vest, or 1/4 zip polar fleece jacket with BCS logo in navy
Belts	Solid brown, black or navy worn with pants and shorts
Leg wear	Girls: Socks, tights - white, navy, black, or natural Tights w/out feet: Black solid leggings may be worn October 15 - May 1st Boys: Socks - white, navy, black, or natural
Footwear	Standard and/or casual shoes, sneakers NO sandals, clogs, crocs, backless shoes, or boots

Chapel All Day Attire Regular dress code
No dress down / no shorts

Gym Day All Day Attire	All items must be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara or Lands End
Shirt	BCS T-shirt, BCS sweatshirt, or 1/4 zip polar fleece jacket w/BCS logo - navy (Gray hoodie - middle school only)
Pants	BCS sweatpants Mend/Patch knees as needed
Shorts	BCS gym shorts may be worn prior to October 15 and after May 1st
Footwear	Athletic sneakers with white athletic socks

Accessories

Jewelry	Girls: Wear conservatively or not at all No body piercing, except pierced ears / limited to 2 earrings per ear Boys: No jewelry, no body piercing
Hair	Hair must be away from (not covering) eyes Hair colors other than natural shades are not permitted Boys: Hair must be cut above the collar
Tattoos	No temporary or permanent tattoos

CLASS SUPPLY LISTS

**Students will
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supplies.**

For Grades K-4th

*NIV Discoverer's Bible
Revised Edition

Zonderkidz

ISBN # 0310722357

Please be sure you purchase the NIV version and NOT the
NirV version.

KINDERGARTEN

- NIV Bible (See note above)
- 1" 3-ring binder (white) with clear view cover for paper insert
- ½" 3-ring binder (black) with clear view cover for paper insert
- Ticonderoga Tri-Write Triangular Pencils, Wood Cased #2 HB •Soft, Yellow (12 pack)
- Two sturdy, pink erasers
- One 4-pack of skinny Expo Dry Erase Markers
- One box of Crayola Crayons (24 Count)
- Four regular sized Elmer's Glue Sticks (disappearing purple)
- One art smock with sleeves that cover the arms. An old shirt works best. **-labeled**
- One spill proof water bottle no greater than 14 ounces **-labeled**
- One bottle of hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol)
- Three large containers of Clorox Wipes
- Three boxes of tissues
- Scissors
- Flashlight
- Large backpack



FIRST GRADE

- NIV Bible (See note above)
- Pencil case (no larger than 6"x8")
- Sturdy eraser
- One two-pocket folder with brads inside (not plastic)
- Two dozen #2 yellow pencils
- Scissors
- Two large glue sticks (approx. 0.77 oz size)
- One box of thin Crayola Crayons (max 24 count) **-labeled**
- One box of colored pencils (12 count) **-labeled**
- One box of thin Crayola Markers (classic colors, 8 count) **-labeled**
- One red tip felt pen (flair)
- One art smock with sleeves that cover the arms. An old shirt works best. **-Labeled**
- Two boxes of tissues
- 1" Binder
- One pack of (3) tab binder dividers
- Watercolor paints **-labeled**
- Two skinny Expo Dry Erase Markers, any color
- One large container of Clorox Wipes
- One box of ziplock bags (sandwich OR quart size)

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SECOND GRADE

- NIV Bible (See note above)
- Hard, sturdy pencil case
- Two sturdy erasers
- Two sturdy 12"x9" pocket folders (not plastic)
- One two-pocket folder with brads inside (not plastic)
- One large box of yellow #2 pencils (preferably sharpened)
- Scissors
- Two highlighters
- Two 4-packs of skinny Expo Dry Erase Markers (any color)
- Two large Elmer's Glue Sticks (approx. .77oz)
- One box of Crayola Crayons (max 24 count) - **labeled**
(You may want to get two boxes, as many students need a new box mid-year.)
- One box of colored pencils (12 count) - **labeled**
- One box of thin Crayola Washable Markers (8 count, classic colors) - **labeled**
- One art smock with sleeves that cover the arms. An old shirt works best. -**labeled**
- 1" binder
- Two boxes of tissues
- One large container of Clorox Wipes



THIRD GRADE

- NIV Bible (See note above)
- Large zippered pencil case
- One pack of pencil tip erasers -**label the package**
- Two large glue sticks (approx. .77 oz.)
- Large box yellow #2 pencils -**sharpened/labeled** (No mechanical pencils please.)
- Two plain, sturdy pocket folders
- One box of colored pencils (12 count) -**labeled**
- One art smock with sleeves that cover the arms. An old shirt works best. -**labeled**
- Two boxes of tissues
- One 4-pack skinny Expo Dry Erase Markers (any color)
- One large container of Clorox Wipes
- Four highlighters
- One box of thin Crayola Markers (10 count)
- Two packs of 3"x5" index cards
- Three packs of wide ruled loose leaf paper
- 1.5" 3-ring binder (black)
- 1.5" 3-ring binder (white)
- One pack of colored felt tip pens (flair)
- Flash drive 16GB
- 1 college ruled 3-subject spiral notebook
- One pack of (5) tab binder dividers

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FOURTH GRADE

- NIV Bible (See note above)
- Hard, sturdy pencil box
- Two sturdy erasers
- One large box of yellow #2 pencils **-sharpened** (No mechanical pencils please.)
- Box of colored pencils (12 count)
- Four highlighters (any color)
- One large Elmer's Glue Stick (approx. .77 oz.)
- 1.5" 3-ring binder (blue)
- 1.5" 3-ring binder (white)
- 1.5" 3-ring binder (black)
- Flash Drive 16GB
- Three packs of wide ruled loose leaf paper (3-ring)
- One 3 subject notebook
- Scissors
- One art smock with sleeves that cover the arms. An old shirt works best. **-Labeled**
- Two sturdy folders for privacy (not plastic)
- One two-pocket folder with brads inside (not plastic)
- Three boxes of tissues **-labeled**
- One pack of (5) tab binder dividers
- One 4-pack of skinny Expo Dry Erase Markers (any color)
- Two containers of Clorox Wipes



FIFTH GRADE

- NIV Bible **-Not a children's Bible, please**
- Two privacy pocket folders (not plastic)
- One two-pocket folder with brads inside (not plastic)
- Two boxes of yellow #2 pencils **-Sharpened** (No mechanical pencils please)
- Large zippered pencil bag
- Sturdy eraser
- Supply of blue ballpoint pens
- Four packs of wide ruled loose leaf paper (3-ring) - sufficient to last all year
- Box of colored pencils (24 count)
- Two highlighters
- Two large Elmer's Glue Sticks (approx. 77 oz.)
- Scissors
- Three 1.5" 3-ring binders in blue, black, and white
- Two packs of tab dividers for subjects
- Flash drive 16GB
- One art smock with sleeves that cover the arms. An old shirt works best. **-labeled**
- Minimum of 4 skinny Expo Dry Erase Markers (any color)

Middle School and High School supply lists will be sent to you at a later date.