



# THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respectful, Ready, Responsible, Proud

December 8, 2017



**Dec 12, 2017**  
**Parent Portal**  
**open for**  
**report cards**  
**(see attached**  
**documents to**  
**print)**

**Dec 19, 2017**  
**PTO Meeting**  
**9:15 AM**

**Dec 25-Jan 1,**  
**2018**  
**Holiday Recess**  
**NO SCHOOL**

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caretakers,

As the hustle and bustle of the holiday season approaches, it is important that we work together to maintain our children's routines. As research supports, students thrive on consistency and routine. It is only through consistency and routine that learners grow to understand our expectations, act responsibly, and meet their goals. If we are to teach our children responsibility, we must allow them to experience the natural consequences of not being responsible. For example, if a student forgets his/her instrument or homework, and we "save them" by dropping it off at school, we have not embraced an important teachable moment. Actions have consequences and it is only through trial and error that children learn, grow, and become mature, responsible adults. Of course it is understandable that our natural inclination as parents is to jump in and rescue them.

I offer this to you for consideration, "What are we teaching our children if we take the responsibility for their actions for them? Aren't we sending a clear message that they cannot do it, so we must do it for them?" Setting up children for success includes proactively planning. Some examples of successful strategies include:

- Creating a checklist with your son/daughter that is kept in a visible location that he/she checks before leaving for school. In this way, you will be providing support while allowing him/her to take ownership for their belongings. This will yield a sense of empowerment and pride.
- If forgetting homework is an issue, consider reminding your child to check off the homework in their agenda book from the night before, and having them place it in their backpack.
- If you find that your child is running around in the morning looking for backpacks, boots, instruments, or other school related items, setting up a specific location and placing those items there from the night before will help out with the hustle and bustle of getting everyone out and on time in the morning.

Finally, know that children will make mistakes and it is our job to teach them how to take responsibility and be accountable for their actions. Let's work together to empower our children. If you would like any specific advice or have further questions, our guidance counselor, Mr. Melo would be happy to help. He can be contacted at [meloj@bethel.k12.ct.us](mailto:meloj@bethel.k12.ct.us).

Very truly yours,  
Alison Salerno  
Principal

# Important Reminder!

Snowflakes will soon be  
flying!

**As the days grow shorter and the weather gets colder, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. We do continue to go outside for recess (and fresh air! 😊)**

**Is your child in need of a winter coat? If so, please contact Kate Coffey at [coffeyk@bethel.k12.ct.us](mailto:coffeyk@bethel.k12.ct.us)**



**Miren los eventos que vienen pronto a nuestra escuela!**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

**veem os próximos eventos na nossa escola!**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**



## SAVE THE DATE!

The Plumtrees school will hold its annual holiday **OPEN HOUSE** and **SING-A-LONG** on Saturday December 9, 2017 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Music, refreshments, and a visit from **\*\*SANTA\*\***

**Don't forget to show your Johnson PRIDE by wearing spirit wear or school colors every Friday!!!!**



**Johnson  
Parent  
Network**

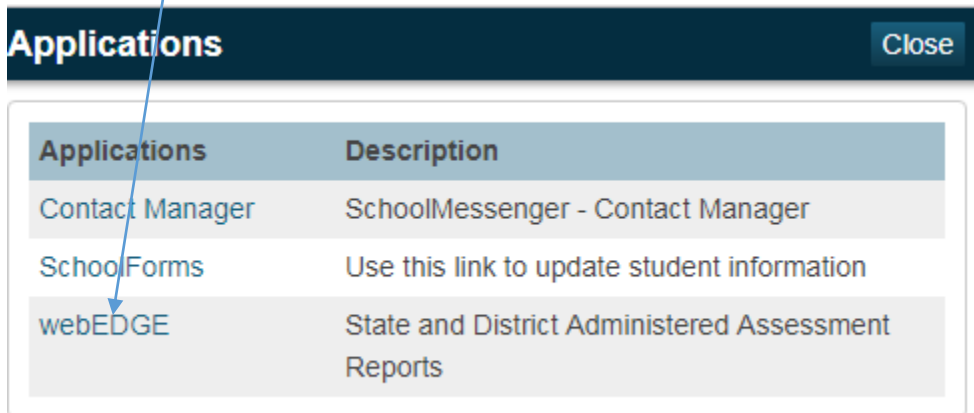
School delay notices are published on radio, television, Twitter, and the Bethel Public Schools website. Follow the Superintendent, Dr. Carver, at @BethelCTSuper to be the first to know when school is delayed or canceled in bad weather. Channel 3, 6, and 8 also offer you the ability register to be notified via text for school delays and closings when reported. Please note as a reminder: When it is necessary to delay or close school due to inclement weather or have an unscheduled early dismissal due to forecasted inclement weather for the afternoon, the "School Delayed" "Schools Closed" or "Early Dismissal" announcement will be made over the following radio and television stations and websites in the morning: WLAD AM Danbury 800 on the dial WINE AM Brookfield 940 on the dial WICC AM Bridgeport 600 on the dial WEBE FM Bridgeport 108 on the dial WEZN FM Bridgeport 100 on the dial TV Channel 3, TV Channel 8, & TV Channel 6. Bethel Public Schools Website – [www.bethel.k12.ct.us](http://www.bethel.k12.ct.us) Connecticut Weather Website – [www.ctweather.com](http://www.ctweather.com)

## Accessing webEDGE on the Parent Portal

1. After you login to the Parent Portal, go to the upper right hand corner and choose



Then they choose,



This will open to this window:

The screenshot shows a website header with a dark green background. On the left is the Bethel Public Schools logo, a circular seal with a schoolhouse and the text 'BETHEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS Bethel, Connecticut'. To the right of the logo, the text 'IMA SAMPLE'S STUDENT PORTFOLIO' is displayed in green and white, with a small green apple icon. Below this is a navigation bar with three links: 'Home', 'High School Report Card', and 'NWEA'. A blue asterisk icon and the text 'Select An Assessment' with a curved arrow are positioned above the 'High School Report Card' link. Below the navigation bar is a large white rectangular area with a green pencil icon in the top left corner. Below this is a white banner with the text 'DON'T HAVE ADOBE ACROBAT READER?' in red. Underneath the banner are two buttons: 'DOWNLOAD' with a red Adobe Acrobat logo and 'GET ADOBE ACROBAT', and 'POWERED BY: EDGE Document Solutions, LLC'.

Parents/Guardian's will click here for the High School Report Card.

For Elementary K-8, this will say Standards Report Cards.

You can then view and print the reports.

Click here and you will see the NWEA report for each session (Fall, Winter and Spring). You can then view and print the reports.

This the Bethel Public Schools District Message.



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**RESPECT • READY • RESPONSIBLE • PROUD**



## **PTO CORNER**

### **THANK YOU!**

To our generous families who donated to our Coat Drive and Toys for Tots  
and to our wonderful volunteers who make events like this possible!

Special thanks to our fantastic event chairs:

Elizabeth Fisher and Amy Doyle for chairing the Toys for Tots drive  
Jessica Cassio and Toni Ann Petruzzellis for chairing our Coat Drive and Holiday Shop

**School Store** is open every Thursday morning. 😊

### **Fundraisers:**

Don't forget to consider Smile and Box Tops during your holiday shopping and cooking!

- Box Tops – We've earned over \$700 this year so far! Keep clipping and saving!
- Amazon Smile – Set up your Amazon smile to support Ralph M T Johnson PTO. 😊

### **PTO Meetings:**

- 12/19 @ 9:15 am
- 1/16 @ 9:15 am
- 2/27 @ 9:15 am
- 3/20 @ 9:15 am
- 4/24 @ 9:15 am
- 5/15 @ 9:15 am

Have questions, ideas or want to be involved?  
The PTO is a very family-friendly organization and all are welcome!  
Contact us at [rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com](mailto:rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com)



# Parents' Night Out

*Need to get your holiday shopping without the kids around???*

*Want a relaxing evening out with friends and loved ones???*

## **LET US HELP!!!!**

Bethel High School Future Business Leaders of America are hosting a Parents' Night Out Event for children **4 years old – 12 year olds**. We will have a variety of activities to keep your children busy! Please give them dinner prior to dropping them off. We will provide a snack and water.

The cost is \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. All proceeds will help subsidize the cost of sending our FBLA students to the statewide competition this spring.

Please reserve your spot(s) soon by emailing Jennipher Israelite at [israelitej@bethel.k12.ct.us](mailto:israelitej@bethel.k12.ct.us). You can pay in advance by cash or check at Bethel High School or you can pay in cash or check the night of the event.

### **When?**

**Friday, December 15, 2017 from 5:30pm – 9:00 pm**  
**(RSVP by 12/13)**

### **Where?**

Bethel High School Cafeteria

Please email Jennipher Israelite with any questions ([israelitej@bethel.k12.ct.us](mailto:israelitej@bethel.k12.ct.us) )!

Lots  
of  
Vendors

# HOLIDAY BAZAAR!

Presented by

**Bethel High School & Bethel Middle School  
CHEERLEADERS**

at The **BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL Cafeteria**  
300 Whittlesey Drive  
Bethel, CT 06801

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH**

**10AM - 2PM**

**Free Admission for Shoppers!**

There are a few vendor tables left for \$25.  
Contact Coach Larissa to reserve your spot today!

[Cheer.coach.larissa@gmail.com](mailto:Cheer.coach.larissa@gmail.com)

\*Bake Sale \*Wrapping Table \*Raffle Items

## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL BHS BASKETBALL PEP RALLY



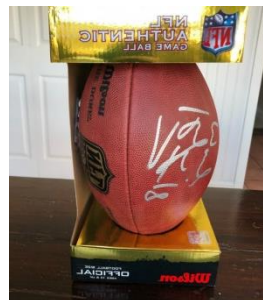
**Where: Bethel High School Cafeteria & Gym**

**When: THIS Saturday Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. Pasta Dinner 5-6pm, Pep Rally 6-8pm**

**Tickets: \$5 adults, \$2 students.**

**Tickets Will Be Sold At The Door**

- Pasta/Salad/Bread and Drinks
- DJ Music, Player Skills Competition and Team Scrimmage
- Bethel High Cheerleaders
- Raffle Prizes - Spirit Wear, Super Fan Shirts, D&D gift baskets, Gift cards (gas, food, restaurants and etc.) and more.....
- Silent Auction
  - Peyton Manning autographed football
  - 4 - Nets/Knicks tickets – December 14, 2017 – Section 17, Row 9
  - Yankees/Mets tickets – great seats, game options
  - 2 - Rangers tickets – great seats, game options, Section 112, Row 12, behind goal
- Half-Court Shot Contest
- The BHS “Bean Bag Toss”
- Team Bake Sale
- Possible Special Appearance.....by?





# CAUSE AN EFFECT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Bethel High School Future Business Leaders Of America. Come in to the Chipotle at **7 Backus Ave Ste H100** in Danbury on **Sunday, December 10th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Bethel High School Future Business Leaders Of America.



MEXICAN GRILL

Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.



The Early Childhood Program  
of the  
Bethel, CT Public Schools

# OPEN HOUSE

January 10, 2018 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
in the  
Berry School Media Center

Come join the preschool staff to obtain information about the program for the 2018-2019 school year. Brochures will be available at Berry, Johnson and Rockwell Schools. Applications will be available at the open house and the main office of Berry School after January 10th.

Snow date January 17, 2018  
The Open House is an adult only event

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL 203-794-8677**