



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respectful, Ready, Responsible, Proud

December 15, 2017



Dec 12, 2017
Parent Portal
open for
report cards

Dec 19, 2017
PTO Meeting
9:15 AM

Dec 25-Jan 1,
2018
Holiday Recess
NO SCHOOL

Jan 9, 2018
Band Concert
BMS
7:00 PM

Jan 12, 2018
NO SCHOOL
Professional
development

Jan 15, 2018
NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther
King Day

Jan 16, 2018
PTO Meeting
9:15 AM

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caretakers,

As the holiday season grows closer, I wanted to share some information regarding the selection of video games. Today, most items children ask for are video games. As children spend more time interacting with screens, parents must be sure that the games they choose for their kids are safe and fun. Video games should certainly not be your child's primary form of entertainment, but if you do allow for occasional gaming time, please keep the following points in mind. Here are the top five ways to choose family friendly games.

1. Read Reviews

One of the best ways to find a suitable game for your child is to read reviews from other parents. Just search for the titles you are interested in online and you will often find a wide range of reviews from parents just like you. One great source for video game reviews for parents is Common Sense Media.

2. Check the Rating

Be sure to check that the games you choose are rated to suit the age of your child. Games from stores are age rated using the ESRB rating classification system ranging from "EC" (Early Childhood) all the way to "AO" (Adults Only), so please be sure to choose accordingly. One of the most common mistakes parents make is to allow "M" (Mature) rated games for children and young teens. Not only do these games have inappropriate content (intense violence, sexual content, strong language) for this age range, games in the M-rated category may also be highly addictive for some children (for example, Call of Duty, and Halo Series).

3. Play the Games With Your Child

A good way of understanding the impact of a video game on your child is to play with them. Learn how the game works, if it is educational, and if it is child-friendly. If you allow your child to play video games, you must monitor and actively observe what they play.

4. Supervise and Control Game Time

Giving your child boundaries around playing video games gives them an appropriate way to enjoy the game. They look forward to their game time, and as a bonus, this helps you monitor their gaming intake. Gaming should never come before responsibilities around the home, schoolwork, family time, or formal extracurricular activities. Never allow a computer or gaming system in a child's room. 5. Pick a Variety of Games Pick a variety of games so that your child can enjoy both educational games, and games that are purely for fun. This gives them a chance to indulge their gaming passion while learning.

Very truly yours,

Alison Salerno

Principal

Important Reminder!

 **SNOWFLAKES ARE FLYING!** 

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



Miren los eventos que vienen pronto a nuestra escuela!

[CLICK HERE](#)

veem os próximos eventos na nossa escola!

[CLICK HERE](#)



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 Connecticut Weather Website – www.ctweather.com



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PTO CORNER

THANK YOU!

Kathy Miller, Val Gauthier and Kris Heyel for helping with the Toys for Tots drive!
Basia Lagravinese and Gigi Greenstein for our fantastic PBIS breakfast this week!

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

2nd ANNUAL BHS BASKETBALL PEP RALLY



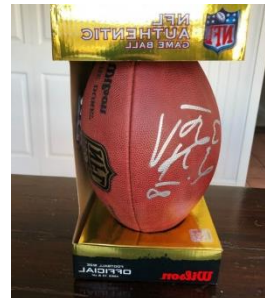
Where: Bethel High School Cafeteria & Gym

When: RESCHEDULED Saturday Dec 23rd . 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?



Bethel High School & Bethel Middle School Cheer
presents

Holiday Bazaar

DECEMBER 16, 2017

NEW
DATE

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

at The Bethel High School Cafeteria
300 Whittlesey Drive
Bethel, Connecticut 06801

**BAKE SALE
WRAPPING TABLE
RAFFLE ITEMS**

FREE ADMISSION FOR SHOPPERS!

It's not too late to be a vendor! Contact cheer.coach.larissa@gmail.com



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**