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General Announcements

- Registration is now open for Bethel Youth Basketball!
  Recreational leagues are open for boys and girls in grades 2nd-6th regardless of skill level. Rec registration ends 11/14. Metro leagues are open for boys and girls in grades 3rd-6th and will have tryouts. Metro registration ends 10/4. We are also in need of coaches! For additional information, tryout dates and to register a player or to be a coach please visit: Bethel Youth Basketball
- Below you will find information on two laws, HB 123 SAVE Act and SB 288 Erin's Law, both of which are required to be taught in Ohio schools. Please read this letter thoroughly and reach out to your student's building administrators with any questions.
- Monday, October 26 is the beginning of the 2nd quarter.

Upcoming Events

November 3 - Remote Learning Day Grades (5 - 12)

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BETHEL YOUTH BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR RECREATIONAL & METRO LEAGUES

METRO COMPETITIVE

METRO IS OPEN TO GRADES 3-6 AND WILL HAVE TRYOUTS

METRO REGISTRATION ENDS 10/4

RECREATIONAL

REC IS OPEN TO GRADES 2-6 REGARDLESS OF SKILLSET

REC REGISTRATION ENDS 11/14

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO ON REC OR METRO LEAGUES, TRYOUT DATES, & TO REGISTER A PLAYER OR TO BE A COACH PLEASE VISIT:

BETHELYOUTHBBALL.COM

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to welcome students to our new library! Our goal is to encourage a love of reading while helping students learn to responsibly care for and use library materials.

Students may check out one book at each library visit. Parents and guardians are encouraged to talk with their child about their reading choices, including the appropriateness of materials and their individual interests and preferences.

Please help your child remember that library books should:

- Be returned by the due date.
- Be treated with care and respect.
- Remain in a safe place when not being read.
- Be returned in the same condition in which they were checked out, whenever possible.

There are no late fees for overdue books. However, if a book is lost or damaged beyond reasonable repair, the student may be charged the replacement cost of the book.

This practice is consistent with **Board Policy 2520**, which states that costs for materials may be charged when materials are used in activities beyond the basic curriculum in which a student elects to participate. The policy particularly addresses activities where the resulting product becomes the property of the student. Library materials remain school property; therefore, students and families are expected to take responsibility for materials checked out to them.

Thank you for partnering with us to teach students the importance of responsibility, respect for shared resources, and a lifelong love of reading.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bethel Community,

Below you will find information on two laws, HB 123 SAVE Act and SB 288 Erin's Law, both of which are required to be taught in Ohio schools. Please read this letter thoroughly and reach out to your student's building administrators with any questions.

Ohio's 133rd General Assembly enacted **House Bill 123, the Safety and Violence Education (SAVE) Students Act**, regarding school security and youth suicide awareness education and training. The state legislation calls for a comprehensive approach to school safety involving the Ohio departments of Education, Public Safety, Mental Health and Addiction Services, and Attorney General's Office.

This law requires school districts to provide:

- 1 hour (or 1 class period) of training in Social Isolation using an evidence based program for every student in grades 6-12 every year;
- 1 hour (or 1 class period) of training in Safety Training and Violence Prevention using an evidence based program for every student in grades 6-12 every year; and
- 1 hour (or 1 class period) of training in Suicide Awareness and Prevention using an evidence based program for every student in grades 6-12 every year.

Bethel Middle School will be utilizing a research based curriculum, known as *Erika's Lighthouse*. This curriculum has been developed in order to teach age-appropriate skills and strategies for all students. For more information, you can visit www.erikaslighthouse.org

Ohio Senate Bill 288, know as Erin's Law, updates health education requirements to include instruction on child sexual abuse prevention, dating violence prevention, and sexual violence prevention.

In grades K-6: schools are required to provide developmentally appropriate instruction in child sexual abuse prevention to students.

In grades 7-12: schools are required to provide developmentally appropriate instruction in dating violence prevention education and sexual violence prevention education to students.

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Bethel Middle School will be utilizing a research based curriculum; the Monica Burr Foundation Teen Safety Matters program. From their website, https://mbfpreventioneducation.org/why-use-our-programs/mbf-teen-safety-matters/, "The program educates and empowers teens and all relevant adults with the information and strategies to prevent, recognize, and respond appropriately to bullying, cyberbullying, all types of abuse, relationship abuse, digital dangers, exploitation, and human trafficking."

If you do not want your student to participate in one or both of these lessons, please complete the Opt Out Form by **October 7, 2026**:

BMS Opt Out Form

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your building administration.

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