



## **Frequently Asked Questions about Bethany Charter School**

**Q. What is a public charter school?**

**A. A public charter school is a publicly funded independent school established by teachers, parents, or community groups under the terms of a charter with a local or national authority. Bethany Charter School is part of the Silver Falls School District but is governed by a separate Board made up of 5 individuals.**

**Q. Is there tuition to attend?**

**A. There is no tuition to attend Bethany. However, we do ask families to sign a “Fair Share” Volunteer agreement. There are various ways you can help support our school! You could sign up to volunteer in class, on field trips, or for one of our fundraisers. You could donate time or a special trade to improve the school grounds or school building. You could donate items or money towards our events!**

**Q. What are the school hours?**

**A. The school hours are as follows:**

**7:30am Doors open**

**7:45 School Starts**

**2:30 School Ends (12:30 end time on special Monday early releases)**

**Q. Do you provide lunch?**

**A. We currently do not have a regular lunch program. Students will need to come to school with a sack lunch, a snack, and a bottle of water. We do offer a hot lunch selection on certain Thursdays. The cost of hot lunch is \$3.00 and \$1.00 for a second serving. We offer milk and/or juice daily. The cost is \$.50 per milk or juice.**

**Q. What fun events do you do throughout the year?**

**A. Some of our events include a fall Carnival, an annual auction, various local field trips, science fairs, agriculture days, schoolwide Thanksgiving feast, Christmas program, Book fairs, and annual Outdoor Education Trips for 5th-8th grades.**

**Q. Do you offer sports or music?**

**A. Yes! Bethany participates in co-ed volleyball\*, girls’ basketball\*, boys’ basketball\*, PE, band, choir, drama, and elementary music. \*Fee and physicals are required for participation in sports.**

**Q. Where can I find more information about Bethany Charter School?**

**A. Information about the school and upcoming events can be found on our website at:**

**[www.http://bethanycharter.silverfallsschools.org](http://bethanycharter.silverfallsschools.org) or contact the office at**

**(503)873-4300.**

**Q. How do I enroll?**

**A. Registration forms can be found online or picked up in the Bethany office. Please contact the office for details or to schedule a tour to see the school and meet the staff.**