

WALK
TO SCHOOL DAY

WEDNESDAY
October 4, 2017

Hamagrael Elementary **is participating in Walk to School Day on** **Wednesday, October 4, 2017**

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate
the benefits of walking and bicycling.

About our event:

- Hamagrael – supported by the Bethlehem Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee - will join schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day, which emphasizes the importance of increasing physical activity, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and a healthy environment.
- Parents are encouraged to join their children on a walk or bike to school. If possible wear bright and/or reflective clothing (or Bethlehem orange spirit wear!). When walking, remember to walk on sidewalks if available, use crosswalks whenever possible, and walk on the LEFT hand side of the road facing traffic if no sidewalks are available. When biking, wear a helmet, ride on the RIGHT side of the road, and always stop and watch for traffic when entering roadway (starting at your own driveway). Parents, please ensure all bikers (including yourselves) are wearing helmets since the event is about safety awareness. Please review Roll Model safety information on opposite page.
- **Walk to School Stops on October 4th will be established at Winne Ave./Center Lane at 8:45 am, Winne Ave./Jordan Blvd. at 8:50 am and Albin Rd./Wisconsin Ave. at 8:55 am** for those who would like to join a Walking School Bus with volunteer guides. Greeters will distribute stickers/goodies for kids who walk or ride to Hamagrael on that day. Please encourage all bikers to use our bike racks at Hamagrael!
- Event contact: Maureen Cunningham, mocunningham@yahoo.com, 518-469-4748

Learn more at

walkbiketoschool.org

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by
the National Center for Safe Routes to School.





Be a Roll Model!
Take the Pledge!

The Town of Bethlehem invites residents to make a commitment to support all forms of transportation in our town. The Town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is asking students, parents and community members to take the Roll Model Pledge to help us realize our vision of a walkable and bikeable community.

Hamagrael Community: After signing this with your family members, please let us know you have by emailing us at BikePed@townofbethlehem.org

I Pledge to be a Roll Model for Safe Walking, Biking and Driving in the Town of Bethlehem.

As a pedestrian, I will:

- Always use sidewalks and marked crosswalks when available
- Look left-right-left to check for traffic before crossing the road
- Walk on the left side of the road facing traffic, if sidewalks are not available
- Be visible, by wearing bright reflective clothing and carrying appropriate lights at night
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the road, even in the crosswalk

As a bicyclist, I will:

- Always wear a helmet
- Stop and look for traffic before entering roadway from driveway or cross-streets
- Ride on the right side of the road
- Be visible, by wearing bright reflective clothing and using appropriate lights at night
- Obey all traffic laws, as motor vehicles must
- Share the road with motor vehicles

As a driver, I will:

- Yield to pedestrians in all crosswalks, even at roundabouts - it's the law
- Share the road with bicycles - they have the same rights to the road as cars
- Obey the speed limit
- Scan for pedestrians and bicycles often
- Pass slowly and allow at least 3 feet clearance to bicycles and pedestrians in the road
- Never use mobile devices while driving – it's the law

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