



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Here's a great article from Scholastic about SUMMER READING!!! Studies show that students who don't continue to read over the summer are likely to lose crucial ground. Fortunately, there are plenty of ways to keep kids reading this summer.

- Prompt them: Kids look to their parents for ideas about books to read. Since there are so many choices, parents can recommend books that look interesting and make kids aware of what books are out there.
- Read along with them: It's fun to re-read all the books you liked when you were little, and you also get to read the new stuff that's been written since you grew up.
- Try a series: Summer is just the right time for a good series. There are so many really good ones. Kids like getting to know a character, seeing what's going to happen next, and revisiting the character over and over.
- Always have a book on hand: Encourage kids to take a book along wherever they're going. Headed to the beach? The after-lunch, before-you-can-swim-again break is a perfect time for a book. Or try an audio book if you're taking a road trip.
- Let them see you reading: When young people know reading is an important part of your world, they'll be encouraged to read too.
- Provide suggestions: Share what you liked to read as a kid.
- Read any time of the day. Reading isn't something that has to be done at a certain time. Some kids like to read at breakfast. Look for opportunities that fit into your day.

*Reading with you!
Dr. Fink*

P.S. Middle School Parents, watch for info from Mrs. Evans!

COMING UP

- **May 28**-PTL Meeting
- **May 31**-Middle School Movie Night
- **June 2**-8th Grade Graduation 4:00
- **June 3**-PTL FUN DAY!!
- **June 4**-Field Day
- **June 5**-Park and Pool Day
- **June 6**-Kinder graduation and last day of school-Min. Day
- **June 7**-Choirs to Knott's
- **Aug. 21/25**-Family Classroom Visits
- **Aug. 27**-School Year Begins!

Leading chapel this week:

8th Grade

Parents, you are always welcome to join us at 9:00 AM.



Monthly Awards

For **May**, we are recognizing students who are **Connected to Music** and display a creative and unique perspective toward life.

"Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:3-6

Congratulations to these students who are **Connected to Music**:

Avah Flint, Nilah Harris-El Bey, John Simmons, Brendan Alonzo, Liam Collelo, Lily Craft, Audrey Kienitz, James Bready and Sophia Carlson.

We will hand out monthly award certificates after chapel tomorrow.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

This month's offering is going to **Charity on Wheels**, a mission to help the homeless in Orange County by getting families off the street, safe and healed.



Vacation Bible School
JUNE 24-28, 2024
8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
ON BETHANY'S CAMPUS

Sign-up for this free event today!

Group

SUBRA

diving into friendship with GOD

The graphic features a vibrant underwater scene with colorful coral, sea anemones, and small fish. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner, with a white arrow pointing to it from the text 'Sign-up for this free event today!'. The word 'SUBRA' is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters on a rock formation. The text 'diving into friendship with GOD' is written in a white, curved font below the letters. The background is a bright blue gradient with light effects.

Retirement Announcement

Our beloved Kathy Tucker (Community Relations/HR) has announced her plans to retire at the end of June. Mrs. Tucker joined our staff in 2009 as Bethany's very first admissions director. She has been the first contact and friendly face for many of our school families, as well as the ultimate party planner...ready to make every Bethany event extra-special from the first day of Kindergarten until the day our 8th graders walk down the stairs for the last time. We will miss her! Please join us in thanking her for service to our school...congratulatory/thank you cards may be dropped off in the school office.

Mrs. Sara Cerfule will assume many of Mrs. Tucker's school duties. We are thankful they had some years to work together!

Other Farewells

We also bid a fond farewell to our school counselor, Brianna Ojeda, and our Spanish teacher, Mara Hernandez, who are taking positions elsewhere. We appreciate the way they have shared their time and talents with our students, and we wish them God's blessings in their new positions! You may also drop off thank-you cards for these teachers in the school office.

The Board of Schools is currently finalizing plans for filling both of these positions for the next school year.

Middle School Corner

Calling all current 5th, 6th and 7th grade students and parents!

Please check out the REQUIRED summer reading information using the link below.

[2024 Middle School Summer Reading and Enrichment](#)

Several additional recommended activities and boredom busters are provided as well.

PTL BOARD

Parents, you are all members of Bethany's PTL, and you all get to vote for the board members for next year! Please take a moment to fill out this ballot...voting closes on Friday morning!

PTL Board Ballot



We are hiring!

Middle School History/8th Grade Homeroom:

Mr. Ruiz really IS going to retire, and we are seeking candidates for the middle school history/8th grade homeroom position here at Bethany.

We are seeking a candidate who wishes to teach in a departmentalized middle school and provide a classroom environment that is Christ-centered, engaging and academically excellent. This person will also lead the annual 8th Grade trip to Washington DC. Candidates must possess excellent communication and collaboration skills, the desire to work cooperatively with team-mates and a whole-parish understanding of ministry. Teaching credential a must. A rostered Lutheran teacher is preferred.

Interested candidates should submit resumes to Dr. Fink: mfink@bethanylutheran.org

Physical Education

Mrs. Brege, our current PE teacher, will be working full time on the church side of Bethany's ministry, so we are seeking a part-time PE teacher for next year. This person would teach PE two days per week, Grades K-8. A credentialed PE teacher is preferred.

Interested candidates should submit resumes to Dr. Fink: mfink@bethanylutheran.org

Celebrate Dad with a Root Beer Float!



**Join us on Father's Day – June 16, 2024
After both the 8:00 & 9:30 Worship Services
at Bethany Lutheran in Friendship Square!
There will also be a photo opportunity available.**

Bethany Lutheran School 2024-2025 School Calendar

August 21 and 25	Family Classroom Visits
August 27 (Tuesday)	Opening Day, Minimum Day
September 2	Labor Day (No School, No EDC)
September 16-20	7 th Grade to Catalina camp
September 27 (Friday)	1st Quarter Progress Reports
September 23-October 4	MAP Testing
September 25-27	5 th Grade to Astrocamp
October 11	Minimum Day; Faculty In-service
October 16-18	6 th Grade Camp
October 25 (Friday)	End of 1st Quarter (43 days)
Nov. 7-8 (Thursday and Friday).....	Minimum Days/PT Conferences (EDC available)
November 11 (Monday)	Veterans Day Holiday (No School, No EDC)
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Vacation (No School, No EDC)
December 6 (Friday)	2nd Quarter Progress Reports
December 20 (Friday)	Final Day of 2024-Minimum Day
December 23-Jan. 3	Christmas Break (No school, No EDC)
January 6 (Monday)	1st school day in 2025
January 20 (Monday)	MLK Jr. Day (No School, No EDC)
January 17 (Friday)	End of 2nd Quarter (44 days)
January 24 (Friday)	2 nd Quarter Report Cards go home
February 3-14.....	MAP Testing
February 14 (Friday).....	Minimum Day; Teacher In-service
February 17 (Monday)	Presidents' Day (No School, No EDC)
February 21 (Friday).....	3 rd Quarter Progress Reports
March 21.....	End of 3 rd Quarter (43 days)
March 24-28.....	Spring Break (No School, EDC available)
April 3-4 (Thursday-Friday)	Minimum Days/PT Conferences (EDC available)
April 18	Good Friday (No School, No EDC)
April 21	Easter Monday (No School, No EDC)
TBD.....	8 th Grade DC Trip
May 2 (Friday).....	4 th Quarter Progress Reports
May 2 (Friday).....	Minimum Day, Faculty Inservice
TBD.....	4 th Grade Sacramento Trip
May 5-16	MAP Testing
May 26 Monday)	Memorial Day (No School, No EDC)
June 1 (Sunday).....	8 th Grade Graduation, 4:00 p.m.
June 5 (Thursday).....	Closing Day
June 5 (Thursday).....	End of 4th Quarter (46 days)

Note:

- This is a change from Bethany's normal spring schedule, due to Easter's late date this year.
- School is dismissed at noon on minimum days and EDC is available.

176 school days

Bethany Lutheran School
2024-2025 Supplies List

Kindergarten

(Please bring all items to your classroom visit in August)

- 2 packs of sharpened #2 pencils *(no foil pencils)*
 - 1 box of colored pencils
 - 1 pack of fun stickers
 - 1 bottle Elmer's glue *(white)*
 - 2 large packages of glue sticks
 - 1 box Crayons – 24 count
 - Crayola washable Markers – 8 or 10 count
 - Playdough (3-4 oz.) 4-pack or more
 - Backpack
 - Scissors (Fiskar pointed, please label)
 - A change of clothes *(pants or shorts, underwear, socks & shirt) in a plastic bag and labeled.*
 - A blanket, twin size fitted sheet for rest *(these items need to fit in a box 10x5x7)*
 - 1 pencil box *(not labeled)*
 - 1 container of baby wipes
 - 1 container Clorox wipes
 - ZipLoc bags assorted sizes
 - 1 large box of tissues
 - 1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.
- Only label scissors, gallon bag with clothes and rest items.*

Grade One

- 1 container baby wipes
- 1 container Clorox wipes
- 1 large box tissues
- 2 lower pocket folders *(different colors/ not plastic)*
- 1 scissors-Fiskars only
- 24 sharpened #2 pencils (NO foil pencils)
- 1 bottle Elmer's glue (not gel)
- 12 glue sticks
- 1 pink pearl eraser
- 1 plastic, not metal, pencil box (8x5x2-1/2")
- Crayola colored pencils (12 pack) *(labeled with initials)*
- Crayola classic markers (8 fat) *(labeled with initials)*
- Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 1 standard fabric bookcover
- Art shirt (large t-shirt to wear over clothes)
- 1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.
- Small water bottle with a hook to hang from desk, 8" or less.

Please label all items except pencils and glue sticks.

Please no rolling backpacks...they are difficult to hang on our closet hooks. Thank You!

Grade Two

- 1 bottle white Elmer's glue & 8 glue sticks
- 1 large box tissues
- 1 each green/red ballpoint pen
- 1 box Crayons (limit 24)
- 2 Yellow highlighters
- #2 pencils - 2 boxes of 24 (sharpened) Ticonderoga brand preferred.
- 1 pink pearl eraser
- 1 pair sharp scissors
- Plastic pencil box
- 1 in. 3-ring view binder w/pockets
- 12 pack colored pencils *(labeled with initials)*
- 10 count thin markers *(labeled with initials)*
- In a container: 4 quarters, 5 dimes, 5 nickels, 5 pennies
- 2 folders with lower pockets, three-hole punched
- 1 standard fabric book cover
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- 1 container of baby wipes
- 1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.

Please label all items (except pencils)

Grade Three

- 2 pink pearl erasers/ 10 pencil top erasers
- 1 bottle Elmer's all glue
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 large boxes tissues
- 1 box crayons, 24 count
- 1 box colored pencils (#12 or #24)
- 2 pens (blue & red ink)
- #2 pencils, 2 boxes of 24 count, sharpened *(no foil pencils)*
- 2 laminated lower pocket folders, 3 holes
- 1 pair sharp scissors
- 3 wide-ruled composition notebooks
- 1 sturdy inch/centimeter ruler
- 2 sets washable markers, Thin & Thick (not permanent)
- 3 highlighters (different colors)
- 1 set of headphones *with a straight jack, not angled.*
- 1 pack of 3 x 3 post-its
- 1" view binder
- 1 – 3 ring pencil pouch w/zipper
- 1 pencil box (small)
- 8 plastic bold pocket dividers w/write tabs
- 1 container of baby wipes
- 2 packs 3 x 5 Index Cards
- 3 dry erase markers
- 1 dry erase eraser
- 1 container Clorox wipes
- 1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.

Please label all items except pencils.

Grade Four

3x5 index cards
Sturdy inch/centimeter ruler
24 sharpened #2 pencils
3 ballpoint pens (blue, red & black)
3 glue sticks
1 box crayons – 16 or 24 ct. (*Not fluorescent*)
2 sets markers-8-12 ct. – Thin & Thick (*Not fluorescent*)
1 box colored pencils - 12 to 24 count
4 highlighters – Different Colors (pink, yellow, blue, green preferred)
2 pink pearl erasers
Notebook paper – wide rule only - no spiral
Small sharp scissors - Fiskars type
1" view binder
8 plastic pocket dividers w/write on tabs
Headphones *with a straight jack, not angled.*
3 wide rule spiral notebooks – Plain or colored cover
2 wide ruled composition notebook – plain or colored
1 boxes tissues
2 pocket folders
1 pencil box
1 pack of 3x3 Post-its
6 Expo dry-erase markers, fine tip, black
1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.

Please label items.

Grade Five

1 bottle glue (no blue glue)
2 glue sticks
1 box crayons, 24 count (not fluorescent)
1 highlighter
Pencils, #2(mechanical OK)
Pink Eraser
2 ballpoint pens, red or green
1 pair sharp scissors
1 packages colored pencils, 24 count
1 package colored markers, 12 count
Pencil box (8-1/2"x5")
Wide Rule notebook paper
8 plastic pocket dividers with tabs
1 – 1-1/2" 3 ring notebook with front pocket inside
1 large box of tissues
Headphones or ear buds
1 large container of Clorox wipes
Faith Alive Bible (*Received in Grade 1, 3 or 4. New students will receive one at school.*)
1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.

Please label all items.

Middle School Supplies (Grades 6-8)

2 or 2.5 inch 3-ring binder
3 jumbo bookcovers
1-subject spiral notebook (math)
8-tab plastic divider set (with pockets recommended)
3 composition notebooks (1 science, 1 history, 1 English)
1 large boxes of tissues
1 container disinfectant wipes
Plenty of #2 pencils w/erasers
Ballpoint pens (black, blue, red)
Colored pencils & markers
Notebook filler paper – **College Rule**
Ruler (*inches and metric markings*)
4 glue sticks
Scissors
1 100-pack of 3x5 index cards
Zipper pouch(es) for storage (*no pencil boxes*)
Ear Buds
Computer mouse (Bluetooth or wired, highly recommended)
P.E. Uniform (*available from Vicki Marsha website...3 PE classes per week*)
1 school logo shirt (*available from Vicki Marsha website*)

Grade 6 and new students: plastic shoe box
Grades 7/8: Scientific calculator

*No permanent markers, Sharpies or liquid paper.
Backpack needs to fit in classroom cubby (13" wide by 23" deep)*