



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I can't believe I'm writing my last column for the school year. Every year seems to fly by faster than the last! It's been a wonderful CONNECTED year together.

This is the time for thank you: THANK YOU to our wonderful teachers and support staff for making Bethany such a special place. THANK YOU to our wonderful parents for being so supportive and helpful and for entrusting your children to our care. THANK YOU to our stellar graduating class of 2024... you rock, too! THANK YOU to Bethany Church staff for your partnership in the Gospel (Ecc. 4:9-10). THANK YOU to Mrs. Y. and the school office crew for keeping things running so smoothly, THANK YOU to Karl for love, patience, understanding and extra time at school, and finally, THANK YOU to our Heavenly Father for blessing me with the opportunity to serve the Bethany Family.

*Have a wonderful summer,
Dr. Fink!*

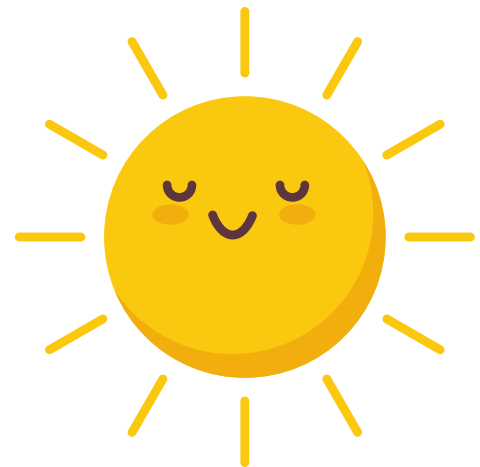
Lost and Found

Last chance to check out the MANY items on the Lost and Found Cart. We will be donating any items left over!

COMING UP

- **June 4**-Field Day
- **June 5**-Park and Pool Day
- **June 6**-Kinder graduation (10:30) and last day of school-Min. Day
- **June 7**-Choirs to Knott's
- **Aug. 21/25**-Family Classroom Visits
- **Aug. 27**-School Year Begins!

Looking for some ways to keep school skills sharp over the summer? Some families have found success with "Summer Bridge" books, a non-screen way to practice reading, math and language skills for 15 minutes a day. You can find them on Amazon: [Summer Bridge Activity Books](#)



Library Remodel

The school library is getting a facelift this summer! We are in the process of weeding out books that haven't been checked out in many years, as well as duplicate copies of books. We have a table outside the library...feel free to stop by and browse for free books for summer reading!



Another school year comes to a close, but Scrip is a year-round fundraiser. Summer is a great opportunity to continue earning a rebate - travel, eating out, entertainment, gas, sports/outdoor activities, home improvement, streaming/gaming - so many options for growing your rebate this summer! You can still stop by and purchase physical cards in the school office, but you will never miss an opportunity if you have the RaiseRight app with an online payment option in place. You can purchase eCards on the spot as you shop and they will be added to your RaiseRight wallet within seconds - ready to use instantly! Have a wonderful, safe summer!

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

Sign-up for this free event today!

SQUIBBA
diving into friendship with God

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

Other Farewells...Part 2

We are saying a fond farewell to Mrs. Shelly Donham, our Grades 3-5 aide. She and her husband are moving to Arizona...too far to commute, apparently! We will miss you, Mrs. Donham!

We are also bidding a fond farewell to Mrs. Orr (again!) as our second grade aide! Mrs. Orr has been such a huge supporter of Bethany Lutheran School, always willing to step up and step in. We wish her much joy in retirement (for real this time!)

We will be working to fill these positions over the summer...stay tuned!

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

Next Year's PTL Board Members:

President: Brandi Murdock

VP: Cory Steele

Secretary: LaSaunta Jones

Treasurer: Amber Nelson

Looking forward to a GREAT year ahead!



Some of our New Staff Members for 2024–2025

Student Success

We welcome Mrs. Kelsey Cornett to the Student Success Team! Mrs. Cornett is an experienced teacher who is passionate about helping students learn to read and spell. (She is also “Mom” to Bethany Kindergartener Violet!) She has her BA from Sonoma State and her MA from Pasadena Oaks College and will be working closely with Mrs. Kritzer. Welcome, Mrs. Cornett!

Counseling

We are thrilled to begin a partnership with Seeds Therapy for our counseling services next year. This organization works with other Lutheran schools in our area and has an excellent reputation for providing student mental health services, staff and parent training and more. They will be placing a part-time counselor here on site, as well, similar to those we have had in the past. Welcome to our partners at Seeds!

Technology

Mr. Joshua Hicks will be joining our staff as our IT Director. Mr. Hicks is an alum of our school and recently completed his degree in computer engineering. We're looking forward to utilizing his expertise to keep our network and devices running smoothly!



Congratulations to our 8th Grade Graduates!

Jianna Camille Acuna Acebo-Lakewood

Jaiden Marie Beatty-Millikan

Kingston Ulrick Benard -Los Alamitos

Sophia Cynthia Carlson -Millikan

Aaliyah Armida Corean Dickson-Millikan

Bryson Aiden Edwards-Valley Christian

Benjamin Arthur Evans-Valley Christian

Bryce Danger Gorne-St. John Bosco

Valedictorian Anika Paige Morgensen-Millikan

Hailey Erin Peralta-Valley Christian

Axel Aurelius Simon-Servite

Damarius Treshon Thornton -Browning

Trevor Anthony Torres-Valley Christian

Adam Valente Vega-Valley Christian

Lauren Precious Ann Walsh-Millikan

God bless you as you head off to high school!

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 item s 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)*