



BEAR FACTS

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From the Principal

Here at Bethany, we equip K-8 students with a tool called Thinking Maps. Here's a description from their website: "Thinking Maps are consistent visual patterns linked directly to eight specific thought processes. By visualizing our thinking, we create concrete images of abstract thoughts. These patterns help all students reach higher levels of critical and creative thinking — essential components of 21st Century education. In a school-wide implementation, Thinking Maps establish a consistent Language for Learning."

The maps are:

Circle Map-used for defining in context

Bubble Map-used for describing with adjectives

Flow Map-used for sequencing and ordering events

Brace Map-used for identifying part/whole relationships

Tree Map-used for classifying or grouping

Double Bubble Map-used for comparing and contrasting

Multi-flow Map-used for analyzing causes and effects

Bridge Map-used for illustrating analogies

Our teachers would probably tell you that they find themselves visualizing maps outside of school! Trying to remember the plot of a movie? That's a flow map.

Organizing your grocery list to the layout of the store? That's a tree map. They really are useful tools!

Maybe you've seen a thinking map come home or on display in your child's classroom. If so, ask them about it!

Blessings on your week!

Dr. Fink

Coming Up

- **Feb. 25** -PTL Meeting 6:30 PM
- **Feb. 26**-Cooks' Night Out-Wahoos
- **Mar. 5**- Ash. Wednesday
- **Mar. 7**-Fine Arts Festival/Open House
- **Mar. 9**-Daylight Savings Begins
- **March 14**-K-2 Spring Musical
- **March 21**-End Quarter 3
PTL Dance Party-2:30
- **March 24-28 SPRING BREAK**
- **April 3-4**-Minimum Days-Parent Teacher Conferences
- **April 13**-Palm Sunday-Troubadour sings 8:00, Trinity sings 8:30
- **April 18**-Good Friday-No School
- **April 20-EASTER!!**
- **April 21**-Easter Monday-No School

Leading chapel this week:

Mrs. Blake

Parents, you are welcome to join us at 9:00 in the church.



Every time you purchase Scrip, you are earning toward a Scrip rebate that you can use toward tuition! We are a month out from the end of the 2024-2025 rebate period, March 31!

A little bit of math for you: The minimum rebate you can use toward tuition is \$25. This amount is calculated based on a 60/40% "my earnings" split. (60% to you and 40% to Bethany.) The "my earnings" number you see on the RR app / website is 100%...your part of the rebate is 60% of that number and must equal \$25 or more.

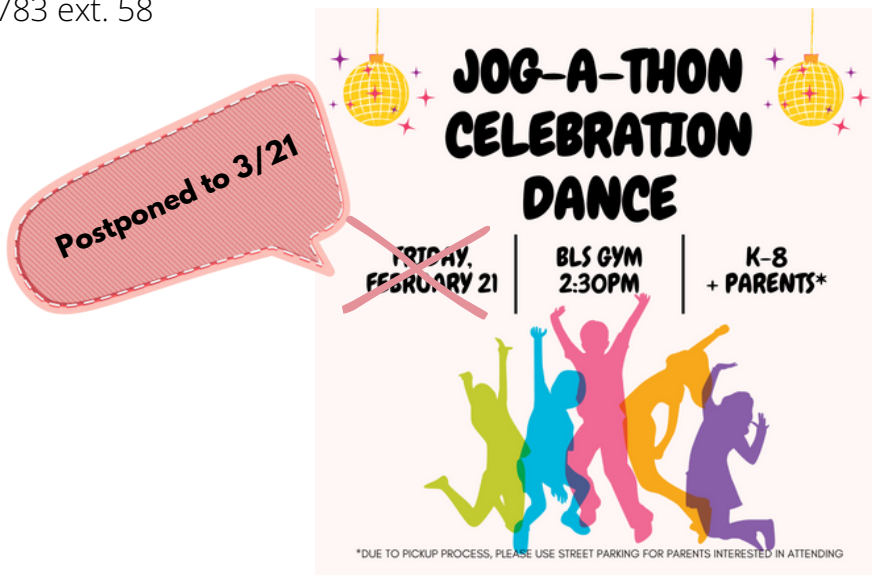
You have a whole month to boost your rebate earnings! If you need help checking your rebate, I can help you with that!
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Go Bears!

Basketball game this week:

Monday-JV home vs. St. Mark's



JOG-A-THON CELEBRATION DANCE

~~FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21~~ | **BLS GYM 2:30PM** | **K-8 + PARENTS***

Postponed to 3/21

*DUE TO PICKUP PROCESS, PLEASE USE STREET PARKING FOR PARENTS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING

Cook's Night Out

Support our 8th Graders and dine at Wahoo's Taco tomorrow night, Wednesday! (Don't forget to bring/show the flyer!)

Middle School Corner

This week in Advisory, the students are meeting one-on-one with their advisory teacher and looking at their recent MAP testing scores, discussing how they felt about the tests, and making goals for taking the test again in a few months. This opportunity provides the students with an important chance to see their results and be part of the MAP test discussions. The students are encouraged to see themselves as life-long learners, striving to do their best while understanding that they haven't learned it all...yet!

"The expert at anything was once a beginner." —Helen Hayes

Monthly Award Winners

This year we are recognizing students who demonstrate growth in Bethany Lutheran's Student Goals to
Learn, Love, Lead, Serve.

This month's award winners are:
**Hazel Bubica, Mila Duckett, Gia Vazquez, Derrick Aych,
Sebastian Guzman, Holly Peck, Elias Gagne,
Madison Lott, Lily Marentez**

BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

3 STEP

Re-Registration

2025-2026

1

FEBRUARY

Confirm and update
all family information
in Gradelink



2

MARCH

Registration Fee
charged - no tuition
this month!

3

ANYTIME!

Refer a new family and
get your Registration
Fee credited back on
December's tuition bill*

*one-time amount of \$315 only, max once per year



2025-2026 Tuition and Fees

Bethany Lutheran School offers two tuition schedules; one for families who are members of Bethany Lutheran Church and another for members of the community. Claiming membership in Bethany Lutheran Church means:

- a. One or both parents of the child are members and are listed on the church roll.
- b. The members are regular in their church and communion attendance, and support Bethany Lutheran Church through their financial contributions.

All families are encouraged to use our SCRIP/Gift card program and accumulate a SCRIP/Gift card rebate, which may be used to offset some of the tuition costs.

Members of Bethany Lutheran Church

	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Paid over 10 months</u>	<u>*Full Payment/5% discount</u>
1 child:	\$8370	\$837 monthly	\$7952
2 children:	\$15,000	\$1500 monthly	\$14,250
3 children:	\$18,850	\$1885 monthly	\$17,908

Members of the Community

	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Paid over 10 months</u>	<u>*Full Payment/5% discount</u>
1 child:	\$9300	\$930 monthly	\$8835
2 children:	\$16,740	\$1,674 monthly	\$15,903
3 children:	\$20,920	\$2,092 monthly	\$19,874

Tuition payments are made via your FACTS account and are divided equally over 10 months, August to June. (March is a “no-tuition-month so that families may pay their registration/tech fees for the next year.) Payments may be set up for the 5th or the 20th of the month.

*Tuition paid in full for the year *by August 1* will receive a 5% reduction. Late payments are subject to a \$30 late fee.

Bethany Lutheran School does not refuse enrollment to returning students solely due to matters of money if there is room available. If your family is struggling to meet tuition payments, please ask about need-based financial aid.

Fees

There is a Registration Fee of \$315 per child. This fee is due upon enrollment for new students. For returning students, registration fees are due in March. This fee pays for a playground insurance premium, a school yearbook, a school theme shirt, a package of individual school photos, textbook rental and curriculum materials.

There is also a Technology Fee of \$250 per child. This fee is due upon enrollment for new students and in March for returning students.

Registration and technology fees are non-refundable. Questions concerning the tax-deductibility of payments to Bethany Lutheran School or Bethany Lutheran Church should be referred to qualified tax counsel.

FEBRUARY 17-28, 2025

Bethany Lutheran School

Coin Wars

This month our school is partnering with Unknown Nations, this year's Pacific Southwest District Hearts for Jesus Project. Unknown Nations helps to bring God's Word to unreached groups of people in some of the most remote and spiritually dark places in the world through Solar Powered Audio Bibles (also known as "Treasures").

Check out UnknownNations.com for more information.

WE ARE HAVING A FRIENDLY CLASS COMPETITION!

AT START OF EACH SCHOOL DAY, STUDENTS CAN PUT U.S. COINS IN THEIR OWN CLASS JAR IN FREEDOM SQUARE.

ADDITIONALLY, THEY CAN PUT U.S. DOLLAR BILLS INTO OTHER CLASS JARS TO SUBTRACT FROM THAT CLASS' TOTAL.

WE WILL DETERMINE THE WINNING CLASS BY ADDING UP THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE COINS & SUBTRACTING THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR BILLS. THEN, WE WILL DIVIDE THE CASH VALUE REMAINING BY THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THAT CLASS.

THE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A CLASS PARTY!

ALL FUNDS RAISED IN THIS ACTIVITY WILL GO TO UNKNOWN NATIONS!



Please bring or show this flyer at the register to support
Bethany Lutheran Church and School
Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Valid for dine in and take out orders. 11 am - 8 pm



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SPRING OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY,
MARCH 7

6:30-
8:00pm

Attend our upcoming spring
open house and fine arts
fair showcasing choirs,
handbells, instrumentalists,
art displays and more in our
preschool - 8th grade
classrooms.

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