

Bethany Lutheran School

Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

There's no shortage of parenting advice in the world these days. I thought this article from several years ago had some great thoughts on assessing and adjusting our parenting:

- Prioritize: Raising children well is a priority...does my parenting reflect that?
- Look into the future: What kind of teenager and/or adult do I want to see? Is my parenting leading to that goal?
- Look in the mirror: Albert Schweitzer said it best, "Adults teach children in three important ways: the first is by example, the second is by example and the third is by example."
- Think and plan: Set aside time to strategize parenting goals.
- Commit: Nothing worthwhile is ever easy...do I give parenting the conviction, effort and purpose it deserves?

I would add this to that list: "Cover the whole process with prayer, asking the Lord to guide your efforts and fill in the gaps for mistakes." We're not meant to do it alone, but with the aid of our Heavenly Father (and each other)!

If you have older children like I do, you know the job is never over...it just changes over time. I'm in the "my job is to encourage" phase, but it still requires prayer!

> Praying with you and for you, Dr. Fink

COMING UP

- Oct. 24-Last volleyball match today!
- Oct. 24-PTL Meeting 6:30
- Oct. 27-End Quarter 1
- Oct. 27-Picture Retakes
- Oct. 29-
 - Trunk-or-Treat 4-5 PM
 - MS Cornhole 4-5 PM
 - Okto-BEAR-Fest 4-7 PM
- **Nov. 1-** Jog-a-thon Awards before chapel
- Nov. 1-Football away at Loving Savior
- Nov. 2-3- Parent Teacher Conferences/Minimum Days with noon dismissal
- Nov. 3-Middle School Dance
- **Nov. 5**-Troubadour sings 8:00, Trinity sings 9:30
- Nov. 7-K-2 Sparklers
- Nov. 8-Club 35
- Nov. 10-Veteran's Day observed-No School

Leading chapel this week:

Mrs. Blake

Parents, you're welcome to join us!

Monthly Awards

For October, we are recognizing students who are **connected to the learning** by desiring to gain in knowledge and understanding: "Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long." Psalm 25:5

We will hand out monthly award certificates after chapel tomorrow.

Congratulations to these **Connected** students:

Mila Becerra, Anton Mouissat, Isabella Antonio, Victoria DiCecca, Jeffrey Craft, Nathan Haro, Nixon Szych, Alexandria Mendoza, Anika Morgensen



IT'S CHRISTMAS WREATH TIME!

Bethany's 8th Grade Class needs your help to get to Washington, D.C. next spring! You can help by adding some fresh greenery from the Pacific Northwest to your holiday by purchasing a wreath, swag, candle ring or cross. We will be selling on Sundays at church, Okto-Bear-Fest and directly with our 8th Grade students through Sunday, Nov. 12th. Thank you for your support!

https://bit.ly/wreaths2324

FISH Hours Opportunities

Want to host a trunk for Trunk-or-Treat? We still have spots available!

https://bit.ly/BLSTrunkTreat23



Games/Matches this week:

Tuesday: Volleyball home vs. Emmaus (V at 3:30, JV at 4:30)



"Remem-bear":

 Parent Teacher Conferences are next week! Sign up here:

https://pickatime.com/bethanylutheran/Fall2023



For October, our offerings will support <u>Mission</u> <u>India</u> who works to bring hope and the love of Jesus to children and adults alike.

Thandle with Care

Kids thrive on routine, and it helps them be successful in school. However, we know some days are harder than others. This <u>Handle with Care Note</u> may be helpful for parents to quickly relay a message to teachers. Sometimes it doesn't take much for students to feel "off" before school. The goal is that if your child is having one of those mornings, sending this note with them to school will allow teachers to offer even more grace, patience, support, and/or time to promote students' academic and personal well-being.



Formerly ShopWithScrip

Last weekend of Bonus Fest / Fri - Sun, Oct. 27 - 29 / Featured brand is The Container Store / 25+ more brands on bonus.

Be sure to check out your potential earnings first thing Friday morning!

KOHL'S earnings increase - from 4% to 7% and are now available in eGift cards in variable amounts from \$5 to \$500. Physical cards are still available in \$25 and \$100 amounts.

Michaels earnings increase - from 4% to 6% / Available in \$25 physical cards only.

Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator rlopez@bethanylutheran.org 562-420-7783 ext. 58

Middle School Corner

The middle school students will be experiencing a new round of electives this week! Electives are designed for students to enjoy unique experiences that educate them as a unique child of God. We never know which student will discover a new skill or hobby they want to pursue!

During this round of electives, the students will experience the ball game (a fast-paced game on the field), 1000 dot-to-dot, intricate coloring, logic puzzles, domino toppling, dance styles, and learning how to run the church's technology equipment.

Got skills? We're always looking for new elective courses to offer! Elective courses happen once a week on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30-3:10pm. Each session is usually 5-6 weeks in length. Some elective courses offered in the past include: board games and card games, square dancing, official baseball scorekeeping, yoga, finger-knitting, lawn games and life-hacks. The sky's the limit for possible electives!

We'd love to hear from you! For more information, or with questions, please contact Mrs. Carrie Evans at cevans@bethanylutheran.org.



Bethany Lutheran School looks forward to continuing the tradition of thanking veterans for their service this November and appreciates your help in advance! We hope to thank as many veterans as possible for their service by sending a package of student-created thank you cards to them by mail. The goal is for the package of thank you cards to arrive just before the Veterans Day holiday.

Please use this link to help us gather as many addresses as possible. Please submit a separate form for every veteran, and please feel free to share the link with anyone interested. **Submissions due no later than Friday, October 27th, 2023**. Thank you!

Please note that in order to keep the mailing list as accurate as possible, we are collecting names annually. Letters will only be mailed to those on the 2023 list. Thank you!

Submission link: https://forms.gle/ghGcmLHjidV1bVLv5



Shoebox Season is coming, which means we once again have the privilege to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ with millions of boys and girls around the world.

Our Bethany students will be packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes on Wednesday, November 15. Would you consider providing school supplies, hygiene items, or toys for this packing party? We could use pens, pencils, small calculators, one-subject notebooks (Dollar Tree has a 100-pg, 8.75x5.75-inch size that fits nicely in a shoebox), washcloths, and WOW toys such as magnatiles, building block sets, art or craft sets, dolls, multi-pack hot wheels, quality yo-yo's or harmonicas, a baseball with a hat, a new clothing item or shoes. (5 & Below has several of these items for \$5.)

Excess packaging will be removed to fit shoeboxes. Items can be placed in the OCC box in the school office. If you'd like to volunteer to help with the packing event, please contact Ruth Lopez or Kahana Smith (310-387-0728) Thank you!



Shoes for Athletes

Athletic Shoe Drive

Where kids help kids

We're collecting lightly-used or new shoes to benefit those in our community who cannot afford them. This drive is organized by Bethany alum Riley Brick, senior at McBride High School.

> Collecting through November 8. Donation box outside the school office.

TRUNK treat

Please join us for this Bethany Lutheran Schools PTL event!

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Wear your costumes and come get treats! One small bag of candy and one canned good is all it takes to enter!

TRUNK OR TREAT 400P-500P BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH OKTO-BEAR-FEST 400P-700P

Looking to host a trunk? Scan the QR Code to do it!





SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023 4:00 - 5:00 PM BETHANY LUTHERAN'S PARKING LOT

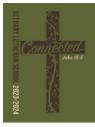
PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES AND WINNING TEAM

EVERY TEAM MUST
INCLUDE ONE
BETHANY LUTHERAN
MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT
OR TEACHER

BETHANY LUTHER CONTROLLED John 16:5

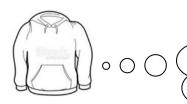
2022-2023 Theme T-shirt/Sweatshirt Order





T-shirts (\$16)
Indicate quantity: Youth X-Sm.(4)Youth Sm.(6/8)Youth Med. (10/12)Youth Lg. (14/16) Adult SmAdult MedAdult LgAdult X-Lg. Adult 2X (+\$3)Adult 3X (+3)Adult 4X (+\$3)Adult 5X (+\$3)
Total cost for t-shirts:
Not available in youth sizes. Sorry! *Long Sleeve T-shirts (\$21) Indicate quantity:
Adult SmAdult MedAdult LgAdult X-LgAdult 2X (+\$3)Adult 3X (+3)Adult 4X (+\$3)Adult 5X (+\$3)
Total cost for long-sleeve t-shirts:
These are ladies' cutif in doubt, order a size larger than you normally wear.
*Ladies' V-neck T-shirts (\$19) Indicate quantity: Adult SmAdult MedAdult LgAdult X-Lg. Adult 2X (+\$3)Adult 3X (+3)Adult 4X (+\$3) Total cost for V-neck t-shirts:
Not available in youth sizes. Sorry! **Crew-neck sweatshirts (\$26)
Indicate quantity: Adult SmAdult MedAdult LgAdult X-LgAdult 2X (+\$3)Adult 3X (+3)Adult 4X (+\$3)Adult 5X (+\$3)
Total cost for crew-neck sweatshirts:

More on the back.....



These are available for youth. Please note that they are solid military green, not heathered like the t-shirts.)

**Hooded pullover sweatshirts (\$30)

Indicate quantity:

(For youth sizes, order one size up from youth t-shirt size)

_____Youth Sm. ____Youth Med. _____Youth Lg. ____Adult Sm. ____Adult Med. ____Adult Lg. ____Adult X-Lg. ____Adult 2X (+\$3) ____Adult 3X (+3) ____Adult 4X (+\$3) ____Adult 5X (+\$3) ____Adult 5X (+\$3)



Not available in youth sizes. Sorry!

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**Full-zip-front hooded sweatshirts (\$33)

Indicate quantity:

_____Adult Sm. ____Adult Med. ____Adult Lg. ____Adult X-Lg. ____Adult 2X (+\$3) ____Adult 3X (+3) ____Adult 4X (+\$3) ____Adult 5X (+\$3) *Total cost for full-zip-front sweatshirts:* _____

,	Totals:
	T-shirts-\$
	Long-sleeve t-shirts-\$
\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	V-neck t-shirts-\$
	Crew sweatshirts-\$
Orders are due	Hooded sweatshirts-\$
October 27!	Zip-front sweatshirts-\$
	GRAND TOTAL-\$
Bei	thany parents, we will charge your FACTS account for your order.
Stude	ent Name (printed):
Parei	nt Name (printed):

*K-8 students may wear school theme t-shirts and long-sleeve t-shirts on Fridays.

**K-8 students may wear sweatshirts on both uniform and uniform-free days.



BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S 8TH GRADE CLASS OF 2024 PRESENTS ALPINE FARM'S

Holiday Wreaths



Rustic Cedar & Noble Fir Wreath

22" \$41.75 26" \$50.25



28" Deluxe Door Swag \$35.50

28" Deluxe Cross Wreath

\$47.00



Deluxe Noble Fir Wreath

20" \$40.50 22" \$41.75 26" \$48.75



20" Advent Wreath \$43.75

15 ft. Cedar Garland

\$34.50



12" Candle Ring \$29.75

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SUSTAINABLY HARVESTED, FRESH FROM PORT ORCHARD, WA
DELIVERY FIRST WEEK IN DECEMBER
QUESTIONS/HELP: JENNIFER, 562.244.6228

Wreath sales directly support our trip to Washington, DC.
Thank you for your support & love!





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ORDER ONLINE AT:

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