



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today is not just Halloween: it's also the anniversary of the Reformation, the day Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, setting off a firestorm of change in the church and the world. Martin Luther, along with other reformers, helped point the church back to the truth of the Gospel found in SCRIPTURE alone: that we are saved by FAITH alone, by GRACE alone, because of CHRIST alone.

Martin Luther also advocated for universal education, arguing that all children, regardless of social status or gender, should have the opportunity to receive an education. He also emphasized the role of parents in the education of their children. He believed that parents had a duty to ensure that their children received a proper education, including religious instruction. In fact, he wrote a pamphlet titled "A Sermon on the Duty of Sending Children to School" in which he encouraged parents to send their children to school and be actively involved in their education.

Bethany Lutheran School is an echo of Martin Luther's reformation and education work begun over 500 years ago, and we're so blessed to partnering with you.

Happy Reformation Day (and Halloween!)
Dr. Fink



COMING UP

- **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-** Time Change....turn clocks BACK one hour!
- **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
- **Nov. 15-** Operation Christmas Child Packing
- **Nov. 16-** Student Council Dress-up Day...wear college tshirts/sweatshirts!
- **Nov. 17-** Grandparents' Day-Minimum Day
- **Nov. 20-24-** Thanksgiving Break

Leading chapel this week:

Pastor Kritzer

Parents, you're welcome to join us!



Congrats to Robbie DeFrance for taking 3rd Place in the Lutheran Schools Spelling Bee this past weekend!



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>

GO, BEARS!!

Games/Matches this week:

Wednesday: Football away vs. Loving Savior



"Remem-bear":

- Parent Teacher Conferences are this week! Sign up here:

<https://pickatime.com/bethanylutheran/Fall2023>

School dismisses at 12:00 on Thursday and Friday



For November, our offerings will support Operation Christmas Child, providing postage to mail our shoebox gifts!

FISH Hour Opportunities

Have you reported your FISH hours for this quarter? You can submit them online here:

[FISH FORM](#)

Watch this space for some upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- Operation Christmas Child packing event (Nov. 15)
- Grandparents' Day (Nov. 17)
- Christmas Store (week of Dec. 4)

New Participant eGift card Incentive

If you have been thinking about joining our Scrip Program, RaiseRight, now is the time! Anyone who enrolls between 10/23/23 and 1/31/24 and places 3 separate orders within 30 days of enrolling will receive a complimentary \$5 Amazon card directly to their wallet.

(Orders must be paid for directly via linked bank account or debit/credit card. "Pay Coordinator" orders are not eligible for this promotion.)

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Middle School Corner

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Costume Cornhole Tournament, what a great time! Congratulations to the tournament champions, Ezra and Mr. Anema! And costume contest winners, Reenie Long and Adam Vega. Who will be next year's champions?

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!

Handle with Care

Kids thrive on routine, and it helps them be successful in school. However, we know some days are harder than others. This [Handle with Care Note](#) 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.



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.



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!

Merry
Christmas!

8th Grade Christmas
Wreath Fundraiser

Support our 8th Graders trip to
Washington D.C.

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

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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THE SCHOOLS OF
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BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

See's Candies



DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS,
WE ARE EXCITED TO BEGIN OUR SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER!
WE ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR PTL, YOUR PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE, TO
HELP SUPPORT EVENTS FOR THE PRESCHOOL AND K-8!
SINCE ALL OF THE STUDENTS WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS FUNDRAISER,
WE GREATLY APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S PARTICIPATION.
THESE LOVELY WRAPPED BOXES MAKE GREAT GIFTS FOR TEACHERS,
NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS! YOU CAN EVEN ORDER ONLINE
AND HAVE THEM SHIPPED TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OUT OF STATE!



NOVEMBER 6 / FUNDRAISER STARTS
NOVEMBER 17 / FUNDRAISER ENDS
NOVEMBER 30 / ONLINE SHOP CLOSES
DECEMBER 13 / CANDY DELIVERED



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