



Bethany Lutheran School

Long Beach, CA

# BEAR FACTS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

One of the many important life lessons we can teach our kids (and ourselves) is that we are in control of our attitudes. Barring any bodily chemical imbalances, we are in charge of how we react to life's little surprises!

Chuck Swindoll, pastor and author, said it this way:

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude to me is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, gifted ability, or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, a home.

The remarkable thing is that we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace that day. We cannot change our past, we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing that we can do is play on the one string that we have and this string is...attitude. I am convinced that life is ten percent what happens to me and ninety percent how I react to it. And so it is with you....we are in charge of our attitudes."

Kids need to know this, too, as they face hard days. Life in the classroom and on the playground can be rough sometimes, but the attitude kids choose in tough times can make all the difference in the world and the ability to make a choice empowers them!

*A good lesson for me, too.*

*Dr. Fink*

## COMING UP

- **Nov. 7**-K-2 Sparklers
- **Nov. 8**-Club 35
- **Nov. 10**-Veteran's Day observed-No School
- **Nov. 14**-Vision Screening
- **Nov. 14**-Middle School Game Day
- **Nov. 15**-Operation Christmas Child Packing  
*(no chapel this day...moved to Friday...chapel shirts not required.)*
- **Nov. 16**-Student Council Dress-up Day...wear college tshirts/sweatshirts and jeans.
- **Nov. 17**-Grandparents' Day-  
*Class begins at 8:30 for all students, wear chapel shirts, minimum day with noon dismissal.*
- **Nov. 17**-Middle School Movie Night
- **Nov. 20-24**-Thanksgiving Break
- **Nov. 28**-PTL Meeting 6:30
- **Dec. 1**-Cookie Decorating Event

*Leading chapel this week:*

**Mr. Brege**

Parents, you're welcome to join us!

## Cook's Night Out

Need a plan for dinner tomorrow? Join us at SuperMex and support our 8th graders! (Don't forget to show your digital or print flyer from the end of the newsletter.)



### 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>



## "Remem-bear!"

We have a "dress-up" day on Thursday next week! Students may wear college t-shirts and sweatshirts to show support for favorite teams/their parents' alma maters/their "dream schools". Students may also wear JEANS on Thursday.

We have Grandparents' Day on Friday next week. **Classes will begin at 8:30 for all students** and students should wear their chapel shirts and uniform bottoms (no jeans).

**Our Wednesday schedule is not changing next week**...classes begin at 8:30 for all students, but **chapel shirts are not required** since we are wearing them on 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)...sign up here: <https://bit.ly/GPDAY23>
- Christmas Store (week of Dec. 4)

Raise Days are here again! This is a two-day event of 100+ bonuses with earnings up to 22%. Bonuses apply to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards only. Participants must have an online account to participate. This a great event to stock up for all of your *shopping* needs for the holiday season! eCards are a convenient way to shop and earn! Gift cards are not just for gift giving - use them for all of your shopping needs too! If you have the RaiseRight app you can get a sneak peek of all Raise Days bonuses on Wed, Nov. 15.

Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator  
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562-420-7783 ext. 58

## Middle School Corner

Middle school students will be recognized for the first quarter's Honor Roll and Principal's List tomorrow. This Bethany tradition is one way that we recognize students who are diligent in their studies and are developing great "school habits" that will serve them well in the future.

Way to go, Bears!





## Bethany Lutheran School Honor Roll and Principal's List 1st Quarter, 2023-2024

### Honor Roll

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Samuel Salazar  
Elizabeth Albers  
Alexandru Cuizon  
Adam Marentez  
Jacob Atkinson  
Sarah Kibe  
Noah Wegman

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

James Bready

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Bryson Edwards  
Adam Vega  
Hailey Peralta  
Axel Simon  
Bryce Gorne  
Jianna Acebo

### Principal's List

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ezra Anema\*\*4.0 GPA  
Ethan Lo\*\*4.0 GPA  
Ethan Attia\*\*4.0 GPA  
Nixon Szych, Sebastian Zinger,  
Samantha Baldwin, Emilee Torres,  
Nickolas Peralta, Eric Vega

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Reenie Long\*\*4.0 GPA  
Daniella Martins, Hailey Avila,  
Jacob Murdock, Alexandria Mendoza,  
Olivia Alvarado, Lily Marentez,  
Robert DeFrance, Sofia Brown

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Anika Morgensen\*\*4.0 GPA  
Benjamin Evans\*\*4.0 GPA  
Trevor Torres, Lauren Walsh

*Honor Roll: 3.5 GPA minimum*

*Principal's List: 3.8 GPA minimum*



# Jog-a-thon Winners!!

**Way to go, Bears!**  
**Grand Total Raised: \$43,652!!!**

## Who ran the most laps?

### **Kindergarten-**

1st-Quinn Lee  
2nd-Mila Becerra  
3rd-Liam Padilla

### **1st Grade-**

1st-Micah Hidalgo  
2nd-Anton Mouissat  
3rd-Legend Wallace

### **2nd Grade-**

1st-Cristiano Minero  
2nd-Logan Jones  
3rd-John Simmons and Estevon Benard

### **3rd Grade-**

1st-Isaiah Becerra (49...most laps overall!!)  
2nd-Ivy Osborn  
3rd-Victoria Dicecca and Luke Castellanos

### **4th Grade**

1st-Mateo Brown  
2nd-Liam Colello  
3rd-Nikki DeFrance

### **5th Grade-**

1st-Thiago Vazquez  
2nd-Elias Gagne  
3rd-Naomi Duckett and Mateo Benard

### **6th Grade-**

1st-Ezra Anema  
2nd-Eric Vega  
3rd-Luke Gorne and Kieran Furuya

### **7th Grade-**

1st-Jacob Murdock and Charlize Duckett  
2nd-Robbie DeFrance and James Bready  
3rd-Julia Tec

### **8th Grade-**

1st-Bryce Gorne and Trevor Torres  
2nd-Kingston Benard  
3rd-Adam Vega

### **Most Money Raised:**

Axel Simon-\$1553.75

### **Class winners (Most \$\$ per student average)**

2nd Grade, 5th Grade, 8th Grade

### **Grand Prize Drawing Winner**

Jinora Chung





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!



## Spiritwear Fundraiser



Orders due Wednesday, 11/15!  
(Turn into teacher or school office)





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!



INSPIRING LIFE-LONG LEARNING  
THE SCHOOLS OF  
**BETHANY  
LUTHERAN**  
CULTIVATING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

**ORDER ONLINE AT:**

**[HTTPS://BIT.LY/WREATHS2324](https://bit.ly/wreaths2324)**







# Super Mex

Proudly Supports:



## Bethany Lutheran Cooks Night Out

**When:** Wed, November 08, 2023

**Where:** 5254 Faculty Avenue  
Lakewood, CA 90712

**Super Mex** is teaming up to support

## Bethany Lutheran Cooks Night Out

"Dining For Dollars" event to raise funds for new equipment and activities.

Together, with your support, Super Mex will donate 20% of sales.

1. All you have to do is dine-in or take-out on the date listed on this flyer.
2. **A physical or digital copy of this Flyer must be presented to the server/ cashier in order for funds to be allocated to the above organization.**

No other discounts will apply.

Grubhub, Postmates, Ubereats & Door Dash not included!!!!

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to participate in this event. The more dining, the bigger the donation!

**Note: Please do not distribute flyers inside or in front of the restaurant.**

5254 Faculty Ave. Lakewood, CA 90712 (562) 408-1048