



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

One more New Year thought for you: someone shared this prayer with me. I hope you love it as much as I do!

*Another year is dawning,
dear Father let it be.
In working or in waiting,
another year with Thee.
Another year of progress,
another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.
Another year of mercies,
of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness,
the glory of Thy face.
Another year of leaning upon
Thy loving breast,
Another year of trusting,
of quiet happy rest.
Another year of service,
of witness for Thy love,
Another of training
for holier work above.
Another year is dawning,
dear Father let it be.
On earth, or else in heaven,
another year for Thee.

Blessings on your week,
Dr. Fink

**By Frances Harvergal*

COMING UP

- **Jan. 17**-Dog Training for Parents (not for kids or dogs...just parents)
- **Jan. 19**-End Quarter 2
- **Jan. 21**-Trinity sings 8:00, Troubadour sings 9:30
Family Ministry Skating event
- **Jan. 21-26**-National Lutheran Schools Week
- **Jan. 23**-PTL Meeting-6:30 PM
- **Jan. 26**-Talent Show-6:30 PM
Middle School Lock-in
- **Jan. 28**-Music Academy Recital

Parents, put this on your calendar!

- **Feb. 12-Digital Safety workshop for parents-6:30 PM**

Leading chapel this week: Student Council

*Parents, you are welcome to
join us at 9:00 AM in the
sanctuary.*



CHAPEL OFFERING

This month's offering is going to

The Military Project.

to support chaplains and other military personnel in theaters of war and their families with prayers, encouragement, and items of support for both their body and, most especially, their life in Christ.

<https://www.ctsfw.edu/military-project/>

Sports

It's basketball season! JV (5th/6th grade boys) and Varsity (7th-8th grade boys and girls.)

Here's the *game schedule for the week...come and cheer on the Bears!

1/16: V boys only at home vs. St. Mark's

1/17: JV at home vs. Loving Savior

1/18: V girls and boys away at Emmaus

**Boys at 3:30, Girls at 4:30*



**Parents, plan to join us on
February 12 for this
important parent workshop!**



How to Create a Tech-Ready Home: Embracing the Tension between Careful, Countercultural, and Confident

Although it's not possible to create an internet-safe home, it is possible to create one that is internet SAFER. After well over a thousand presentations to parents, grandparents, and caregivers just like you, and countless conversations, we've observed what it takes to have kids learn to use technology well. And we call it the PYE Core Values. This parent presentation breaks down these 5 foundational ideas. Do you know what's better than any parental control? Do you know why your router is the most important digital device in your home? Do you understand the toxic trio? Do you know why TikTok is so intoxicating to young brains? Get ready for a ton of practical tips, solutions, and ideas, then walk away with:

- A deep understanding of why multiple layers of protection are necessary and how they work together.
- Awareness of the hardware and software tools that support your digital goals.
- How to use practical solutions so that your family is prepared, balanced, and protected online.

Watch for registration information next week!

Help our Scrip program win free shipping for 2024! Every order you place now through January 26 qualifies as an entry. Five organizations will be selected to win free shipping for the remainder of 2024. Help Bethany be one of those organizations! All brands and card types are eligible. FYI: Shipping costs for the physical cards I keep on hand are \$17 per order which I place every other week.

Ongoing promotion for New RaiseRight users New Participant eGift Card Incentive: If you enroll and place 3 separate orders by January 31, 2024 you will receive a \$5 Amazon gift card in your RaiseRight wallet. Cards must be purchased online with a linked bank account or credit/debit card. Enrollment code - call or stop by the school office.

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Middle School Corner

*"Reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else's shoes for a while."
- Malorie Blackman*

Bethany's middle school literature classes focus on reading rich, meaningful works across several genres. The students participate in relevant and significant conversations, analyze the literary elements, and make personal connections to the plot and themes.

Happening now!

- 8th- The Diary of Anne Frank play by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett
- 7th- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S.Lewis
- 6th- The Giver by Lois Lowry

Younger students, we look forward to reading these with you in middle school!



Bethany Lutheran School Service Project

Hygiene Kit Collection

(Partnering with Lutheran Social Services of Long Beach)

January 8th - February 9th 2024

Items can be sent to your child's classroom or brought to the Youth Center.

Kindergarten

Hand
Sanitizer

First Grade

Soap

Second Grade

Toothbrushes

Third Grade

Wash cloths

Fourth Grade

Shampoo
(travel size)

Fifth Grade

Toothpaste
(travel size)

Sixth Grade

Combs

Seventh Grade

Hand
Sanitizer

Eighth Grade

Gallon Sized
Ziplock Bags

Questions? Contact ask a member of Student Council
or Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org



Spring Semester Enrollment: Bethany Music Academy

Twelve weekly private lessons will be offered beginning the week of January 29. Students may select from the following instruments: piano (2nd grade and up), clarinet (4th and older), trumpet (4th and up), and voice (6th and older).

- Lessons are held on our campus after school, between the hours of 3:15 and 6:00 p.m.
- Tuition: \$300 plus \$25 annual registration fee.
- Information sheets and enrollment forms can be picked up in the school or church offices; or go online to [download the enrollment form](#).
- Enrollment forms are due no later than Friday, January 19 to secure your child's spot.
- Questions? Contact Academy Administrator, Mara Widmann at (562) 421-4711 ext. 55, or mwidmann@bethanylutheran.org

**NATIONAL
LUTHERAN
SCHOOLS
WEEK**

2024

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**MON.
JAN. 22**

DRESS UP THEME: EXPLORATION DAY

If you could go anywhere, where would you explore? Space?
The Wild West? A tropical Island? The sky's the limit.

**K-2 WHEELS DAY (ALL RECESSES)
MIDDLE SCHOOL ICE SKATING 11:45-1:15**

DRESS UP THEME: WILD ABOUT ANIMALS DAY

Dress like your favorite animal.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**TUES.
JAN. 23**

**WED.
JAN. 24**

DRESS UP THEME: SILLY SOCK DAY

Rock your craziest socks with your normal
Wednesday uniform.

3-5 BOWLING 10:00-11:30

DRESS UP THEME: HERO DAY

Who is super to you? Dress like
someone you admire.

**THURS.
JAN. 25**

**FRI.
JAN. 26**

DRESS UP THEME: NEON DAY

Come to school in your brightest outfit.

TALENT SHOW 6:30 PM

Dress up days are optional. If you do not wish to participate, please wear your normal uniform.



BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

TALENT SHOW

JANUARY 26 6:30 PM

SIGN UP TO TRY OUT!

<https://bitly.com/BLSTalent2024>

We know we have lots of talented students! Come and show us what you've got! (Remember: try to keep your act to about 2 minutes....no lip-syncing...we want to hear YOU!)

READERS CHOICE AWARDS

VOTE FOR US!



INSPIRING LIFE-LONG LEARNING

THE SCHOOLS OF
**BETHANY
LUTHERAN**

CULTIVATING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER



It's time again to
choose the **BEST!**
We've made it easy for you!

Go online and vote January 5 through February 4

LBVotes.com

PRESS-TELEGRAM
Local. News. Matters.

GRUNION  GAZETTE
www.gazettes.com



A NIGHT OF MAGIC FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Saturday Feb 10,
2024 \$40/pp



Private Long Beach
Residence

STROLLING MAGICIAN

Two evening
showings 4pm & 7pm

benefiting the Student Success Program at Bethany Lutheran School

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE
24-28, 2024



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S FREE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

DOG TRAINING FOR PARENTS

LEARN HOW TO:

KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE & PREVENT BITES

**LEARN HOW TO IDENTIFY THE SUBTLE SIGNS
OF STRESS & AGGRESSION. HELP KEEP
YOUR DOG HAPPY & YOUR CHILDREN SAFE**



Alex Macias
DOG TRAINING



WHEN:

**JANUARY 17, 2024
6:00 PM**

WHERE:

**BETHANY LUTHERAN
SCHOOL**

WWW.ALEXMACIASDOGTRAINING.COM