



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

The author of this week's column is adapted from a letter by Rachel Klitzing, Executive Director of School Ministries for our district (and a Bethany alum!)

Happy National Lutheran School's Week! What a blessing that there are approximately **160,000** students attending **1,855** Lutheran schools around the country, taught by over **21,000** educators, and they are all joining together along with YOU to praise and thank our gracious Lord for the training and preparation received in Lutheran schools! National Lutheran Schools Week provides us the opportunity to come together to celebrate one of God's greatest gifts to His church: Lutheran schools. From its beginning, the LCMS, founded in 1847 with 12 congregations and 14 schools, has built schools. Education has always been a priority for Lutheran congregations. Schools have never been an after-thought for us.

The Pacific Southwest District is one of 35 districts in the LCMS. The PSD is blessed to have **89 preschools, 46 elementary schools, and 9 high schools in Arizona, Southern California, and Southern Nevada**, plus our institution of higher learning, **Concordia University Irvine**. According to our 2023-24 statistics, we have over 20,000 students enrolled, infants through high school.

We celebrate together our rich heritage of Lutheran education, our **Connectedness** in Christ, and our freedom to share the precious Gospel of Jesus' saving love in this country and especially in our communities!

Happy National Lutheran Schools Week!



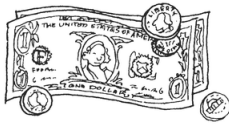
COMING UP

- **Jan. 21-26**-National Lutheran Schools Week
- **Jan. 23**-PTL Meeting-6:30 PM
- **Jan. 26**-Report cards go home
Talent Show-6:30 PM
Middle School Lock-in
- **Jan. 28**-Music Academy Recital
- **Jan. 30**-Middle School Spotlight 6:30
- **Feb. 5-16**-Grades 2-8 MAP testing
- **Feb. 6**-K-2 Sparklers
- **Feb. 7**-Kindergarten Info Night
- **Feb. 9**-Middle School Dance
- **Feb. 11**-Trinity and Troubadour sing
- **Feb. 12**-Protect Young Eyes
Digital Safety workshop for parents-6:30 PM
- **Feb. 13**-Orange Lutheran ArtFest
- **Feb. 14**-Valentine's Day
Ash Wednesday

Leading chapel this week:

Pastor Kyle

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!

1/23: V at home vs. Hope

1/25: V boys away at Christ-Covina
V girls away at St. Mark's

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



Bethany Music Academy

Our Winter Recital will take place in the church sanctuary on Sunday, January 28 at 1:30 PM. Please join us for an hour filled with the sounds of Academy students praising God with His gifts of music. All are invited!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Psalm 98:4-6

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



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.

Register here!

<https://bit.ly/BLSTechReady>



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7. Watch your rebate grow for what matters to you whether it be a tuition rebate or a contribution to Bethany's general ministry project (kitchen facelift)

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Middle School Corner

To add to the celebrations during National Lutheran Schools Week this week, the middle school continued the long-running tradition of going ice skating together.

For many students this was a new experience. Research supports that new experiences are one of the best ways to learn so we commend those students who tried something new. Some of them did not enjoy the experience and some loved it, and both responses equally support the student in growing into the person God created them to be.

Joe Namath said it best- "There are some things you only learn through experience."
Like ice skating!

**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 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



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

PROTECT young eyes

HOW TO CREATE A TECH-READY HOME FREE PARENT WORKSHOP



- Understand how children's brains are affected by today's technology.
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- Discover ways to ensure your family is prepared, balanced and protected online.

Monday, Feb. 12
6:30-8:00 PMT

Bethany Lutheran School
5100 E. Arbor Rd.
Long Beach

We're providing childcare with an RSVP!
Sign up for the event and childcare here:
<https://bit.ly/BLSTechReady>





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!

Bethany Lutheran Church Presents

THE
Brianna Esswein

MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024 || 8:00 AM

THE NAVY GOLF COURSE

NEW VENUE!

EARLIER TIME!



<https://bit.ly/BLCGolf2024>





New year, new delicious beginnings!

NEVER MAKE LUNCH AGAIN

(or at least take a well deserved break)

Choicelunch is perfect for you and your family if ...

- ✓ your child is unique (*choosy eater, adventurous eater, vegetarian, gluten-free, only eats noodles, etc.*)
- ✓ winter break recently ended, and you still need more time off
- ✓ you and your kids prefer hot lunches, especially when it's chilly outside
- ✓ you stress about making school lunch
- ✓ you wish you didn't have to make school lunch - every day until June
- ✓ you never tried Choicelunch, but thought about it

Our recipe is simple - deliver honest foods parents feel good about and kids love. To see what we're about and our 20-year school lunch journey, visit www.choicelunch.com/our-values

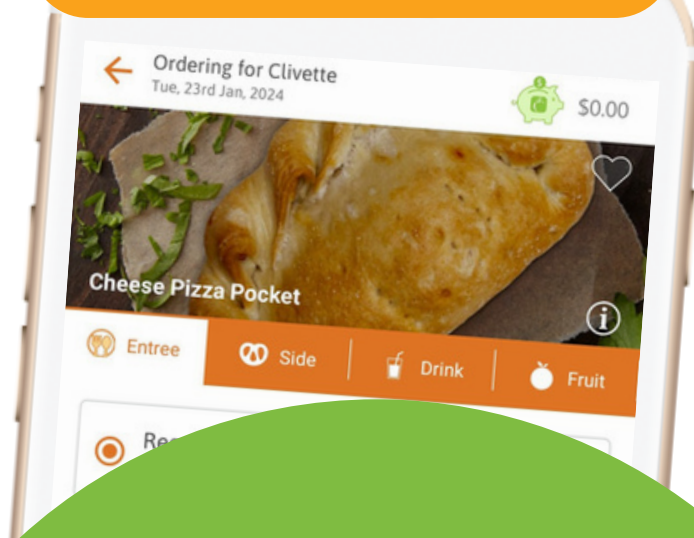
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