



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I read this the other day, and it really struck a chord with me. See if it does the same for you:

"Years ago I learned something from Brene' Brown that I still use every single day: When you get home to your spouse/kids/dog, etc.....

Before you open the door, put a smile on your face!

It doesn't matter how your day went. Or what you're doing next. Or if you're starving. For 30 seconds, at least pretend that you're elated to see them. Make them feel like you were looking forward to getting back home. After all, they're your favorite people in the whole world, I hope.

Now, I know what you're thinking: 'That seems like a cheesy, tiny thing, man. Hardly an earth-shattering revelation.' But your attitude sets the tone for the rest of the evening within 15 second of walking in the door. So really, it's not tiny at all. It's a huge deal. Because you come home every day. And the things do every day grind on you.

Taking your family to Disneyland is insignificant. Your kid's expensive birthday party will be forgotten within weeks.

Coming home? That's your whole life. Fix it. Start today."

-Benjamin Holmgren

I don't know about you, but I feel convicted. :) And this is probably good advice for me each morning at school, too.

"A cheerful heart is good medicine..." Proverbs 17:22a

*Have a wonderful week,
Dr. Fink*

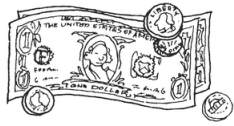
COMING UP

- **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
- **Feb. 16**- Minimum Day-Noon Dismissal
- **Feb. 19**-Presidents' Day-No School
- **Feb. 27**-PTL Meeting

Leading chapel this week:

Mr. Fink

*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/>

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

PROTECT
young eyes



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

- 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!



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!

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Jan. 30-Varsity at home vs. Shield of Faith

Jan. 31-JV away at Shield of Faith

Feb. 1-Varsity Boys at home vs. Loving Savior

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



The perfect match: Valentine's gifts and rebate earnings! Celebrate this Valentine's Day by using gift cards that spread love in more ways than one. Shop brands for supplies and gifts they'll love while you earn toward your fundraising goals. Plus, earn extra with many brands on bonus now through February 9.

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Middle School Corner

During the month of February, the middle school students will be participating in a Change for Charity Contest. It's time to dig between the cushions on the couch and under the seats in the car to scrounge up all the loose change that can be found. (Bills are accepted too!) This is a class contest to see which grade level can raise the most and there will be prizes to celebrate.

The February offering and the money collected during this contest will be going to support Lutheran Church Charities Mission (LCC). Please use the link below to view a brief intro to LCC's ministry. Spoiler alert, last year we had a visit from Salome, one of their amazing comfort dogs!

<https://vimeo.com/863198609>



Monthly Awards

For January, we are recognizing students who are **connected to the serving** by willingly and graciously helping others. "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interest, but also to the interests of others." Phil. 2:3-4

We will hand out monthly award certificates after chapel tomorrow.

Congratulations to these students who **SERVE**:

Anna Huynh, Frankie Collelo, Blake Lee, Sienna Sheby, Nicholas Padilla, Nika Marshall, Samuel Salazar, Reenie Long, and Trevor Torres



MORNING HAPPY HOUR

ALL PARENTS WELCOME TO JOIN THE CHURCH STAFF FOR COFFEE, MUFFINS AND CONVERSATIONS.

JANUARY 31

AFTER CHAPEL IN FRIENDSHIP SQUARE



A NIGHT OF MAGIC FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Saturday Feb 10, 2024
\$40/pp
<http://tinyurl.com/SSPMagic>



Private Long Beach Residence

STROLLING MAGICIAN

Two evening showings 4pm & 7pm

benefiting the Student Success Program at Bethany Lutheran School



Bethany Lutheran School Honor Roll and Principal's List 2nd Quarter, 2023-2024

Principal's List: 3.8 GPA minimum

Honor Roll

6th Grade

Madison Lott
Noah Wegman
Samuel Salazar
Jacob Atkinson
Nickolas Peralta

7th Grade

Olivia Alvarado
Sofia Brown

8th Grade

Axel Simon
Lauren Walsh
Hailey Peralta
Bryson Edwards
Jianna Acebo
Adam Vega

Principal's List

6th Grade

Ezra Anema4.0 GPA**

Ethan Lo4.0 GPA**

Eric Vega, Alex Cuizon, Samantha Baldwin,
Nixon Szych, Ethan Attia, Emilee Torres

7th Grade

Reenie Long4.0 GPA**

Daniella Martins4.0 GPA**

Jacob Murdock, Hailey Avila,
Robert DeFrance, Alexandria Mendoza,
Lily Marentez

8th Grade

Anika Morgensen4.0 GPA**

Ben Evans, Trevor Torres

Honor Roll: 3.5 GPA minimum

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

BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

3 STEP

Re-Registration

2024-2025

1

FEBRUARY

Confirm and update
all family information
in Gradelink

2

MARCH

Registration Fee
charged - no tuition
this month!

3

ANYTIME!

Refer a new family and
get your Registration
Fee credited back on
December's tuition bill*

*one-time amount of \$315 only, max once per year

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>

