



Bethany Lutheran School  
Long Beach, CA

# BEAR FACTS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It was great to see parents at our tech event last night. If you weren't able to attend, you can still benefit from the resources available from Protect Young Eyes. You might want to start by signing up for their newsletter, found at the bottom of their [webpage](#).

Personally, when I listen to speakers like Doug Crawford from PYE I tend to take "bumper sticker"-type notes. Here are a few of mine from last night:

- Model good tech behavior.
- What digital decisions give my child the best possible chance of the most fulfilling childhood?
- Hold off as long as possible before giving your child their own smartphone.  
#delayistheway
- Post with permission...ask your kids before you post their pictures and create a digital footprint they did not curate.
- Kids and adults need to avoid the "toxic trio": Darkness, Boredom and Bedroom" when using tech.

Watch for more tech tips in future Bear Facts!

*God bless your week!*  
*Dr. Fink*

## COMING UP

- **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
- **Mar. 5**-K-2 Sparklers
- **Mar. 8**-Curiosity Fair
- **Mar. 10**-Daylight Savings Time  
K-2 sings-9:30
- **Mar. 15**-Middle School Movie
- **Mar. 19**-Battle of the Books

## Chapel this week:

Tomorrow is a special day in the church year: Ash Wednesday. On this day, we acknowledge our sinfulness and our need for the forgiveness found in Jesus. This day also marks the beginning of the season of Lent.

In our chapel service, we will have the opportunity to have ashes in the shape of a cross placed on our foreheads or backs of our hands. (We also have the option to say "no, thank you.")

You are welcome to join us for this special worship service at 9:00.



This month we are working with all the other Lutheran schools in our district to support the Comfort Dog Ministry. Our project, called "Be There With Me," will support the work of sending comfort dog teams to be present with those who are hurting after a natural disaster or national tragedy.

It costs \$300 per day for each comfort dog team which includes travel and lodging. Our district goal is to raise \$30,000 to provide 300 days of comfort!



Students may wear Valentine shirts OR chapel polos tomorrow.

Happy Valentine's Day!



### Cooks Night Out

*It's back!*

Our next event will be at Baja Sonora on February 22. Watch for a flyer next week!

### Sports

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

**Feb. 13** -V Boys and Girls  
at St. Mark's

**Feb. 14**-JV Boys home v. St. Mark's

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





# RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

New Brands and Brand updates: DSW - earnings increase from 8% to 10.5%; available in physical cards in \$25 and \$100 amounts; eCards from \$5 - \$500 / StubHub - earnings increase from 4% to 5%; available in eCards from \$25 to \$500

New Brand: TURO - largest car sharing marketplace where you can book any car you want, wherever you want it! Available in eCards; amounts from \$15 - \$500 with 5% earnings.

Reminder: last day for this rebate period is Sunday, March 31. Minimum rebate for distribution is \$25.

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## Middle School Corner

### Getting to know Mrs. Evans:

**Birthplace:** Chicago, Illinois (flew on a plane at only 8 days old to move to Phoenix, AZ)

**Middle School Memory:** My dad and I wrote faith-based lyrics to sing with the guitar to popular songs and sang with them friends during youth group. We wrote one to Green Day's song, "She," but titled it, "He," and it was all about the Trinity.

**Education:** B.A. - Concordia University Irvine, English major, Theology minor  
M.Ed. - Concordia University Irvine, Curriculum and Instruction

**Favorite Bible Verse:** "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105

**Lives:** In Long Beach near Heartwell Park

**Favorite Hobby:** Reading, watching baseball, and attending Broadway musicals

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



## 2024-2025 Tuition and Fees

Bethany Lutheran School offers two tuition schedules; one for families who are members of Bethany Lutheran Church and another for members of the community. Claiming membership in Bethany Lutheran Church means:

- a. One or both parents of the child are members and are listed on the church roll.
- b. The members are regular in their church and communion attendance, and support Bethany Lutheran Church through their financial contributions.

All families are encouraged to use our SCRIP/Gift card program and accumulate a SCRIP/Gift card rebate, which may be used to offset some of the tuition costs.

### Members of Bethany Lutheran Church

	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Paid over 10 months</u>	<u>*Full Payment/5% discount</u>
<b>1 child:</b>	\$7970	\$797 monthly	\$7,571
<b>2 children:</b>	\$14,340	\$1434 monthly	\$13,623
<b>3 children:</b>	\$17,930	\$1793 monthly	\$17,034

### Members of the Community

	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Paid over 10 months</u>	<u>*Full Payment/5% discount</u>
<b>1 child:</b>	\$8,850	\$885 monthly	\$8,408
<b>2 children:</b>	\$15,930	\$1,593 monthly	\$15,134
<b>3 children:</b>	\$19,920	\$1,992 monthly	\$18,924

Tuition payments are made via your FACTS account and are divided equally over 10 months, August to June. (March is a “no-tuition-month” so that families may pay their registration/tech fees for the next year.) Payments may be set up for the 5<sup>th</sup> or the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

\*Tuition paid in full for the year *by August 1* will receive a 5% reduction. Late payments are subject to a \$30 late fee.

Bethany Lutheran School does not refuse enrollment to returning students solely due to matters of money if there is room available. If your family is struggling to meet tuition payments, please ask about need-based financial aid.

## Fees

There is a Registration Fee of \$315 per child. This fee is due upon enrollment for new students. For returning students, registration fees are due in March. This fee pays for a playground insurance premium, a school yearbook, a package of individual school photos, textbook rental and curriculum materials.

There is also a Technology Fee of \$250 per child. This fee is due upon enrollment for new students and in March for returning students.

Registration and technology fees are non-refundable. Questions concerning the tax-deductibility of payments to Bethany Lutheran School or Bethany Lutheran Church should be referred to qualified tax counsel.



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>

