

Bethany Lutheran School

Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It was a privilege to speak with students yesterday about Mrs. Moorman. I say "a privilege" because even though my heart is heavy, it was an opportunity to talk with them about what Christian grief looks and feels like: we are so happy for Mrs. Moorman because we know she is perfectly healed and in heaven with Jesus, but we are also so sad, because we miss having her here. It was an opportunity to remind students that we are a family, so we want to extend grace and understanding as we all experience grief differently (and that's true for students AND staff.) And it was an opportunity to speak peace into the troubled hearts of students who worked directly with Mrs. Moorman in our Student Success program.

We will miss our wonderful teacher, colleague and friend, but we know this is not a "forever goodbye," thanks to the hope of the resurrection found in Jesus.

Mourning with you,

Dr. Fink

"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."

I Thessalonians 4:13-14

COMING UP

- Feb. 27-PTL Meeting
- Mar. 1-Book Character Day
- Mar. 5-K-2 Sparklers
- Mar. 8-Curiosity Fair 6:30-8:00
- Mar. 9-Concordia Handbell Festival
- Mar. 10-Daylight Savings Time
 K-2 sings-9:30
- Mar. 12-Middle School Games
- Mar. 15-Middle School Movie
- Mar. 19-Battle of the Books
- Mar. 22-End Quarter 3
 Bethany Golf Tourney
- Mar. 24-Palm Sunday
 Trinity-8:00, Troubadour-9:30

Leading chapel this week:

Mrs. Leicht

Parents, you are always welcome to join us at 9:00 AM.





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!



Sports

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

Feb. 27-V Boys home v. Mt. Calvary



Tech Tip

Did you see today's disturbing headline about the misuse of AI at a Beverly Hill High School? Want to learn how to protect and empower your family? Check out this article from our friends at PYE:

https://protectyoungeyes.com/ultimate-guide-to-ai-and-deepfakes-for-caregivers/



Monthly Awards

For February, we are recognizing students who are **connected to Christ** by faithfully seeking and praising Jesus.

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20.

We will hand out monthly award certificates after chapel tomorrow.

Congratulations to these students who are **Connected to Christ**:

Lexi Brege, Deacon Mangram, Tristan Leyve, Luke Castellanos, Olivia Sanchez, Logan Noble, Ezra Anema, Sophia Erdman and Ben Evans.

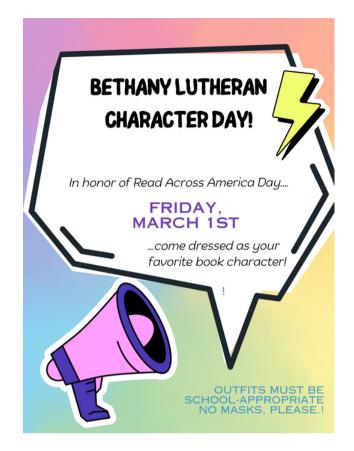


Formerly ShopWithScrip

REMINDER: The rebate period is coming to a close on March 31. The earning period is from April to March with rebates being distributed in May. Some things to think about: How do you want your rebate applied? Choices are last payment in May, first payment for next school year or bank for 8th grade Washington DC trip (beginning in 5th grade).

Also, don't forget that the minimum rebate is \$25. This is how much you need to earn after the 60/40% split. If your earnings are under the \$25 limit your rebate is absorbed back into the program. So check your earnings if you think you might not be at your minimum. I am also happy to help you check. Just let me know!

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Middle School Corner

Middle School Parents.

Please check your email today for a message sent from Gradelink titled, "Middle School March Madness."

The email has nothing to do with the sport of basketball and EVERYTHING to do with your student's current experiences.

Thank you in advance for reading the email and for your partnership in Christ.

BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

3 STEP Re-Registration

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





HOP INTO SPRING WITH US! ORDER DELICIOUS TREATS THAT EVERYONE WILL ENJOY!

Dear Parents and Friends:

We are excited to begin our See's Candies Spring Service!

Let us help you bring Easter blessings to friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers. By ordering through our students you help out our program here at Bethany Lutheran in our Preschool and K-8th grade classes!

All in person orders are due March 12th Please no exceptions!

Online shopping will close at midnight on March 15th

