



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At our New Parent Orientation each year, I talk about the “three-legged stool” of school and how students will be most successful when all three legs are doing their part: the school, the student and the parents. When one leg is not, things tend to be a little wobbly.

Parent-teacher conferences are a great way to strengthen the bond between these three “legs.” This week you’ll have the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and check in. This is the perfect time to celebrate what’s going well as well as share any concerns or questions. Please be sure you’ve signed up for your conference time:
<https://pickatime.com/bethanylutheran/Spring2024>

We have minimum days on Wednesday and Thursday this week. School is closed this Friday and next week. God bless your journey through Holy Week to the empty tomb!

Dr. Fink

Bethany Lutheran’s middle school students will be leading a special chapel service tomorrow, April 27th. **“The Way of the Cross”** follows Jesus through Holy Week and his journey to the cross for us.

Guests/parents are welcome to join the 9:00 AM group which starts at the lunch tables and takes a guided walk around campus while visiting stations from Palm Sunday through Christ’s victorious resurrection.

“It’s hard to believe isn’t it? First a hero in a parade and in a few short days a man hated by all and punished unjustly...for you and me.
Let’s take a walk down the way Jesus took for us...THE WAY OF THE CROSS.”

COMING UP

- **Mar. 26**-PTL Meeting
- **Mar. 27-28** Minimum Days-Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Mar. 29**-Good Friday-No School
- **Mar. 31-HE IS RISEN!**
- **Apr. 1-5**- Easter Break-School Office is closed.
- **Apr. 14**-Family Ministry Skating Event
- **Apr. 19**-Spring Musical
- **Apr. 28**-8th Grade DC/NY trip begins
- **May 3**-Minimum Day
- **May 5**-K-2 sings 9:30
- **May 6-10** Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 7**-K-2 Sparklers
- **May 8-9**-Fourth Grade Sacramento Trip



Looking for somewhere to worship during Holy Week? Join your Bethany family here!

Maundy Thursday – March 28

6:30PM at Bethany Lutheran

Good Friday – March 29

12:00PM at Holy Cross-Cypress

6:30PM at Bethany Lutheran

Easter Sunday – March 31

8:00 & 9:30AM at Bethany Lutheran

11:00AM at Holy Cross-Cypress

Tech Tip

Sometimes it helps to have a tool in hand to talk about family topics like technology use. You might find these tech planners helpful for your family! There are three versions: Ages 2-8, 9-12 and 13+. And can we suggest adding this question at the end?

“How are we honoring God and serving our neighbor with our technology?”

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/family-tech-planners>



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Last chance to add to your rebate for this year is March 31. The minimum rebate earned must be \$25 after the 40/60% split. Choices for where your rebate can be applied: last tuition payment in May for the current school year; first payment for next school year in August; bank your rebate for the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip (beginning in 5th grade). If you don't want to personally use your rebate it can go to tuition assistance, SSP, or general church ministry (currently designated for updating the church kitchen). If you have not made your choice known, please let me know!

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Middle School Corner

The middle school is excited to continue our March Madness traditions!

Last week, the middle school students and teachers had the opportunity to complete an NCAA March Madness basketball tournament bracket. This exercise allowed the students to gain an understanding of how elimination brackets work while participating in a wonderful multi-grade activity. (And the middle school loves to celebrate so there are prizes for those whose brackets do well.)

Let the games begin!

More brackets:

- In English, the 8th grade students finished their poetry brackets with The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost barely winning over O Captain! My Captain! by Walt Whitman.
- In science, the 7th and 8th grade students participated in the popular Mammal March Madness brackets...which predator will reign supreme?
- Lastly, the school-wide ST Math (Jiji) bracket will finish up this week!