

Bethany Lutheran School

Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On most school mornings, you'll find me greeting students as they arrive for the day. Sometimes students are doing some last-minute studying and memorizing terms/ideas for a test as they get out of the car...that's what I saw this morning, in fact. Sometimes they are saying their Bible memory verse one more time before they say it/write it for their teacher. (Always warms my heart!)

It might seem like memorization is an archaic skill, given the fact that we're all carrying computers around in our pockets, but let's be honest: as adults, we wouldn't function very well if we had to pull out our phones for every tiny piece of our jobs and our conversations. And some careers involve *extensive* memorization. So helping students to strengthen and exercise their brains, their God-given computers in their heads, is essential.

Memorization helps students grow in discipline, concentration, and mental organization: crucial for tackling complex subjects. It also builds confidence, empowering students to actively engage in discussions and complete assignments efficiently.

We know that memory-type studying involves work on your part, too, Bethany parents. Thank you....and keep it up! It's worth it!

Blessings on your week, Dr. Fink

COMING UP

- **TODAY:** You're invited to lend a hand installing our PA system speakers...3:30-6:00.
- **Apr. 23-**PTL Meeting 6:30 PM
- Apr. 24-Track Meet (half day)
- **Apr. 26-**Track Meet (full day)
- Apr. 28-8th Grade DC/NY trip begins
- May 3-Minimum Day
- May 5-K-2 sings 9:30
- May 5-Kindergarten Signing Day!
- May 7-K-2 Sparklers
- May 8-9-Fourth Grade Sacramento Trip
- May 8-17 MAP Testing
- May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6-10 Scholastic Book Fair
- May 10 Middle School Dance
- May 14 Middle School Game Day

Leading chapel this week:

Dr. Fink

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





Formerly ShopWithScrip

Raise Days are coming soon! May 2 - 3 Get ready for two days of big bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. Stock up for summer and get a great head start on next year's rebate or earning for Bethany ministries. Things to know:

- Limited time bonuses, May 2 & 3 only
- Bonuses apply exclusively to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards
- An online account is necessary to participate
- Plan ahead with a sneak peek of all brands on bonus only in the RaiseRight mobile app on May 1.

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entering Grades K-5. We have a limited number of spots and registration closes on April 24. Sign up today!

https://bit.ly/BLSSummer2024





This month's offering is going to the <u>Garuna</u> ministry. Garuna's mission is to spread the word of God to Asia. The word "Garuna" means grace, mercy and compassion. The Garuna Ministry helps churches grow by teaching pastors and teachers AND providing Christian schools in Thailand, Cambodia and surrounding countries.

Middle School Corner

A glimpse at the middle school curriculum...

8th Grade

History: The Civil War

English: Creative Writing - Writing a children's book

Math: Quadratic Expression and Equations; Transformations

Science: Chemistry of living things - How the molecules around us interact to create

compounds like amino acids, including a Lysine connection to Jurassic Park.

Literature: The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne Spanish: Listening, writing, and reading comprehension

Spiritual Formation: The story of Naaman being healed of Leprosy

7th Grade

History: The Americas

English: A Great Mistake - Research and Persuasive Writing Project

Math: Geometry - Learning to love drawing 3D shapes, and making connections between

angle measurements and skateboarding. Solving Equations

Science: Circulatory System - The way your body breathes, how your heart moves blood, and

the place where Jesus lives!

Literature: Holes by Louis Sachar

Spanish: Listening, writing, and reading comprehension.

Spiritual Formation: The story of Moses

6th Grade

History: Ancient Rome English: Research Writing

Math: Geometry: Area, Surface Area, & Volume; Functions

Science: Oceans - How currents work, how the Terminator is a clue to current names, and

why some oceans are more salty than others.

Literature: Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Spanish: Listening, writing, and reading comprehension.

Spiritual Formation: 10 Commandments



For **April**, we are recognizing students who are **Connected to Creativity** and display a creative and unique perspective toward life.

"He has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge and with all craftsmanship." Exodus 35:31

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

Anna Huynh, Stella Doyle, Anastasia Kienitz, Ure Ndubizu, Holly Peck, Mateo Benard, Samantha Baldwin, Olivia Alvarado, and Kingston Benard.

We will hand out monthly award certificates after chapel tomorrow.



Want to lend a hand for this special week? Sign up here: https://signup.com/go/BYykCoK





REVAMPED PROGRAM:

- Daily Devotions
 STEM Activities
- Academic Enrichment
 Walking Field Trips
 Water Days
- Camp T-Shirt
- Weekly Chapel
 Art, Music & Cooking

 - Water Days

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