

Bethany Lutheran School

Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week our 8th graders are in Washington DC, Gettysburg and New York City. Next week Miss Root will be taking our 4th Graders to Sacramento.

I love student travel for SO many reasons:

- There's a huge difference between reading about history and seeing/touching it.
- Some of our students have never flown on a plane.
- Traveling with a group, moving through the airport and, for the 8th Graders, rooming together at the hotel is an education in manners, social graces and coping abilities. ("Who's showering tonight and who's showering in the morning??")
- Can you say "budget"? Kids learn not to spend all their money in one place.
- For our 8th Graders, learning to pack a suitcase (that you can carry) and keeping track of your stuff is a learning experience, too.
- Freedom is not free, and hopefully our 8th Graders will get that message loud and clear at the war memorials and Arlington Cemetery.
- Finally, I'm looking forward to watching our students represent their school well and shine their Gospel lights for all to see!

Please keep our travelers in your prayers! Dr. Fink

COMING UP

- May 3-Minimum Day
- May 5-K-2 sings 9:30
- May 5-Kindergarten Signing Day!
- May 7-K-2 Sparklers
- May 8-Club 35
- 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
- May 16-Sports Dress Up Day
- May 17-Author Day
- **May 19**-Trinity sings 8:00, Troubadour sings 9:30
- May 24-Spring Holiday-no school
- May 27-Memorial Day-No school

Leading chapel this week:

7th Grade

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





RaiseDays are happening this week... May 2 & 3 with a sneak peek on May 1 in the RaiseRight app. Two days of bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. An online account is necessary to participate.

Mother's Day Giveaway Two winners will be randomly selected to win their choice of one of the following: \$500 ULTA or \$500 1-800-Flowers gift cards. Enter by ordering at least \$25 of any gift card type from ULTA Beauty or 1-800-Flowers now through May 3. (Both are currently on bonus) Each \$25 order equals one entry to win. Limit one entry per participant per day.

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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

Last week, many students in grades 5-8 participated in this year's track meets and did a great job!

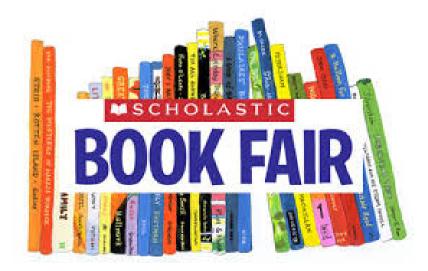
That's a wrap on Bethany's sports for the year. Thank you to all the students, coaches, and our athletic director for using your God-given gifts and talents on the courts/fields this year. **Way to go Bethany Bears!**

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." Hebrews 12:1-2





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



It's the Scholastic Book Fair next week, too! Watch for information coming home this week!



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