



Bethany Lutheran School
Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you, Bethany Families! We are "O-Fish-ally the BEST" thanks to your voting!

- ★ BEST Preschool
- ★ BEST Elementary School - Private
- ★ BEST Middle School - Private
- ★ BEST Christian School



And thanks to our Admissions Director, Sara Cerulle, for "getting out the vote!" :)



COMING UP

- **May 14** Middle School Game Day
- **May 16**-Sports Dress Up Day
- **May 17**-Author Day
- **May 19**-Trinity sings 9:30
- **May 24**-Spring Holiday-no school
- **May 27**-Memorial Day-No school
- **May 28**-PTL Meeting
- **May 31**-Middle School Movie Night
- **June 2**-8th Grade Graduation 4:00
- **June 3**-PTL FUN DAY!!
- **June 4**-Field Day
- **June 5**-Park and Pool Day
- **June 6**-Kinder graduation and last day of school-Min. Day
- **June 7**-Choirs to Knott's
- **Aug. 21/25**-Family Classroom Visits
- **Aug. 27**-School Year Begins!

Leading chapel this week:

2nd Grade

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



*Blessed to serve at Bethany,
Dr. Fink*

BRAND UPDATES

New Brand:

IKEA Earn 5% with eGift cards in amounts of \$25 and \$100.

And:

- McDonald's (3%) cards purchased after March 11 are now reloadable in amounts from \$5 - \$50.
- Subway - earnings increase from 4.5 to 6% / Physical cards available in \$10 & \$50 amounts / eGift cards available in amounts from \$5 to \$500 / Physical cards are reloadable
- Arby's (8%) - now available in eGift cards in amounts from \$5 to \$250 in addition to the current \$10 and \$25 reloadable cards.

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These are a few of our favorite things (8th grade edition)

- My favorite memory from Bethany was our trip to Washington D.C. and New York! It was an amazing time. We saw so many cool things!
- One of my favorite memories through the years was going to Catalina with my 7th grade class. One of the activities I remember best was going out to the dock and jumping off into the ocean. I loved that trip because we all had opportunities to lead and learn together. I loved that trip!
- During my time at Bethany, I loved the book club elective because we got little snacks and drinks from the Youth Room while we comfortably read on the couches inside there. We had wonderful conversations about the book and about life.
- I have many great memories from Bethany, but I really enjoyed playing kickball on my advisory team! My team didn't win either year, but I had a blast anyway. It helped me learn to be encouraging to everyone. I also learned how to serve others by supporting them if they didn't know how to play or were nervous. Kickball is one of my favorite sports and its even more enjoyable when everyone is having a great time.
- One of my favorite memories at Bethany is learning how to spell and write using the Superkids work book every day. Each week in Kindergarten we got to learn about a new Superkids kid and what they liked to do in their free time. I enjoyed this and remember it well all these years later.
- One of my favorite memories at Bethany was creating a poetry book in 7th grade. I liked learning about and writing different types of poetry. This project allowed us to be creative, to make a keepsake, and have fun doing it.
- One of my favorite memories from Bethany was the Catalina trip. I had so much fun on the entire trip learning about marine life, especially about the squid. Dissecting the squid was definitely one of my favorite activities. We even got to put the ink from the squid on our faces, which was kind of cool and kind of gross.
- My all-time favorite memories from my time at Bethany are the many times we laughed together. This made learning and being together fun.
- Some of my most favorite times together were in literature class. While reading and learning, we also have a good time and laugh a lot. Loving and laughing together are my favorite memories.
- Some of my favorite memories from Bethany were middle school game day, movie nights, dances, and lock-ins. These events were always very fun and filled with laughter.
- One of my favorite memories during my years at Bethany was when we all watched the United States play in the world cup during recess and lunch. I loved the opportunity to cheer for our country to be the best and win.
- My favorite memory at Bethany was at the lock in during 7th grade! We had a great time. In all my years, I learned so many awesome things but one thing I learned the most was how to serve others and God.
- My favorite memory at Bethany is when I went to lock in with a lot of my friends. I got to learn new games like cat and mouse and battery tag. Those days made me so happy and joyful.
- My favorite memory is when I won the free lunch with a friend twice from the ticket raffle and went to lunch with Pastor Kyle Blake and a friend. I learned how to share, and we had a wonderful eating and talking.
- One of my favorite memories from Bethany was in 1st and 2nd grade. We got to go to different classrooms to play GoNoodle and have some fun. We would always rock out to the best songs and have so much fun doing the dances together.

PTL BOARD

Next month we will be holding elections for the following PTL Board positions:

- **President:** Organizes the monthly agenda, runs monthly meeting, signs expenditure forms/checks and keeps the PTL focused.
- **VP:** Attends monthly meetings, takes over for the president to run meetings if needed.
- **Secretary:** Takes notes at each meeting and submits them to the president following the meeting.

If you would like to run for any of these positions, please submit your name using this form: <https://forms.gle/zEpwECz9M7Qse1ZX8>

If you have questions, about any of these positions, please contact Dr. Fink: mfink@bethanylutheran.org.

We are hiring!

Middle School History/8th Grade Homeroom:

Mr. Ruiz really IS going to retire, and we are seeking candidates for the middle school history/8th grade homeroom position here at Bethany.

We are seeking a candidate who wishes to teach in a departmentalized middle school and provide a classroom environment that is Christ-centered, engaging and academically excellent. This person will also lead the annual 8th Grade trip to Washington DC. Candidates must possess excellent communication and collaboration skills, the desire to work cooperatively with team-mates and a whole-parish understanding of ministry. Teaching credential a must. A rostered Lutheran teacher is preferred.

Interested candidates should submit resumes to Dr. Fink: mfink@bethanylutheran.org

Physical Education

Mrs. Brege, our current PE teacher, will be working full time on the church side of Bethany's ministry, so we are seeking a part-time PE teacher for next year. This person would teach PE two days per week, Grades K-8. A credentialed PE teacher is preferred.

Interested candidates should submit resumes to Dr. Fink: mfink@bethanylutheran.org



BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

**SPORTS
SPIRIT DAY**

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH

*LACE UP YOUR SNEAKERS AND SHOW
OFF YOUR ATHLETIC FLAIR WITH THE
ATTIRE OF YOUR FAVORITE TEAM (NO
SWIMSUITS, LEOTARDS, BLUE JEANS
NOR SHORT SHORTS.)*

Bethany Lutheran School 2024-2025 School Calendar

August 21 and 25	Family Classroom Visits
August 27 (Tuesday)	Opening Day, Minimum Day
September 2	Labor Day (No School, No EDC)
September 16-20	7 th Grade to Catalina camp
September 27 (Friday)	1st Quarter Progress Reports
September 23-October 4	MAP Testing
September 25-27	5 th Grade to Astrocamp
October 11	Minimum Day; Faculty In-service
October 16-18	6 th Grade Camp
October 25 (Friday)	End of 1st Quarter (43 days)
Nov. 7-8 (Thursday and Friday).....	Minimum Days/PT Conferences (EDC available)
November 11 (Monday)	Veterans Day Holiday (No School, No EDC)
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Vacation (No School, No EDC)
December 6 (Friday)	2nd Quarter Progress Reports
December 20 (Friday)	Final Day of 2024-Minimum Day
December 23-Jan. 3	Christmas Break (No school, No EDC)
January 6 (Monday)	1st school day in 2025
January 20 (Monday)	MLK Jr. Day (No School, No EDC)
January 17 (Friday)	End of 2nd Quarter (44 days)
January 24 (Friday)	2 nd Quarter Report Cards go home
February 3-14.....	MAP Testing
February 14 (Friday).....	Minimum Day; Teacher In-service
February 17 (Monday)	Presidents' Day (No School, No EDC)
February 21 (Friday).....	3 rd Quarter Progress Reports
March 21.....	End of 3 rd Quarter (43 days)
March 24-28.....	Spring Break (No School, EDC available)
April 3-4 (Thursday-Friday)	Minimum Days/PT Conferences (EDC available)
April 18	Good Friday (No School, No EDC)
April 21	Easter Monday (No School, No EDC)
TBD.....	8 th Grade DC Trip
May 2 (Friday).....	4 th Quarter Progress Reports
May 2 (Friday).....	Minimum Day, Faculty Inservice
TBD.....	4 th Grade Sacramento Trip
May 5-16	MAP Testing
May 26 Monday)	Memorial Day (No School, No EDC)
June 1 (Sunday).....	8 th Grade Graduation, 4:00 p.m.
June 5 (Thursday).....	Closing Day
June 5 (Thursday).....	End of 4th Quarter (46 days)

Note:

- This is a change from Bethany's normal spring schedule, due to Easter's late date this year.
- School is dismissed at noon on minimum days and EDC is available.

176 school days