



BEAR FACTS

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From the Principal

Looking WAY ahead to March, we hope you'll put this date on your calendar:

Friday, March 7
Bethany Lutheran School Fine Arts Fair

This very special Open House will be a time to glorify God by recognizing and celebrating our students' God-given gifts and talents in the area of Fine Arts. This will include all categories of creative expression, including visual, performing and literary arts. We will have classroom projects on display as well as opportunities for performances by musical groups on campus. Stay tuned for more details in the weeks ahead!

Also, it's not too late to submit the name/address of a firefighter so our students can send a thank-you letter. We hope to mail these letters by the end of the week!

<https://bit.ly/FirefighterThanks25>

We were pleased to help our district purchase \$17,000 in VISA gift cards for families affected by the fires. This is an ongoing project, so if you feel led to participate you can donate here:



In the meantime, there are also folks in need right here in Long Beach, especially in this cold weather! We're collecting blankets and jackets for Christian Outreach in Action. Check out the flyer in this newsletter!

*Blessings on your week,
Dr. Fink*

Basketball games this week:

Varsity-Tuesday vs. St. Mark's-home-3:30

JV-Wednesday vs. Emmaus-home-3:30

Varsity-Thursday vs. Shield of Faith-home-3:30



Coming Up

- **Jan. 24**-Report cards sent home
- **Jan. 26-31**-National Lutheran Schools Week
- **Jan. 26**-Troubadour sings 8:00, Trinity sings 9:30 AM
- **Jan. 28**-PTL Meeting 6:30 PM
- **Jan. 31**-Talent Show! 6:30 PM
- **Feb. 3-14**-MAP Testing
- **Feb. 14**-Minimum Day-noon dismissal
- **Feb. 17**-No school-Presidents' Day
- **Feb. 21**-Third Quarter Progress Reports
- **Feb. 25** -PTL Meeting 6:30 PM
- **Mar. 5**-Ash. Wednesday
- **Mar. 7**-Fine Arts Festival/Open House

Leading chapel this week:

Miss Root

Parents, you are welcome to join us at 9:00 in the church.

Sometimes you may need to place an order for something I don't keep on hand. It may help you to know when I am ordering. The ordering schedule for February:

- February 3 (order arrives Feb. 5 / last chance to order something special for Valentine's Day!),
- Feb. 18 (order arrives Feb. 20). Typically I order every other Monday. This month has a change due to the holiday. Monday orders come in on Wednesday.

Product Updates:

New Brand: Oura Ring - Shop the first-of-its-kind smart ring to unlock personalized health and wellness insights. Available in eGift cards from \$25 - \$1000 amounts with 10% earnings.

Update: IKEA - Now available in \$25, \$100 and \$250 physical cards with 5% earnings, in addition to the current offering of \$25 and \$100 eGift cards.

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Middle School Corner

In Advisory this week, the students will spend some time reflecting on the second quarter by pondering questions like these:

- What went well academically or socially during the second quarter?
- What didn't go well or could have gone better academically or socially?
- Why do you think it didn't go well or could have gone better?
- What changes can you make (to something you can control) to make the third quarter go well?

Parents, here are some great self-reflection questions for adolescents:

- What was something you already knew that was reinforced?
- What did you accomplish today?
- What was the most important thing you learned today?
- What did you appreciate the most today?
- What do you need to learn more about?
- What emotions do you need to be aware of next time?
- What are you most interested in learning about next?


"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:2

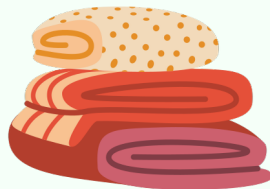


WINTER WARMTH DRIVE

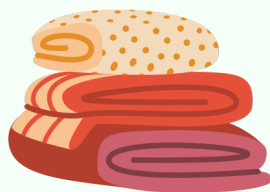
**Benefitting COA Homeless Assistance
Christian Outreach in Action, Long Beach**



**Help those in need with new or
used blankets and jackets.**



**Donation Deadline:
Friday, January 31, 2025**



**Drop Of Locations:
Outside School Office
Preschool Hallway**





BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

TALENT SHOW

JANUARY 31 6:30 PM

WANT TO TRY OUT? SIGN UP IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE!

We know we have lots of talented students! Come and show us what you've got! (Remember: try to keep your act to about 2 minutes....no lip-syncing...we want to hear YOU!)

READERS CHOICE AWARDS

VOTE FOR US!



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Bethany Lutheran

JUMP WITH JESUS (& FRIENDS)

Sky Zone Trampoline Park, Cerritos

Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.
We will be doing a Freestyle Jump together
(and with others in our community).
Cost: \$35, per child jumping, at the door.
If you have a pass, you can use it!
If the cost is a deterrent, please reach out by 1/22.
Meet in the lobby for a little devotion time at 2:00.
Parents, please plan to accompany or child or
have another adult with your child for this event.

Questions or concerns... contact to Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK 2025

DRESS UP DAYS

GRADES K-8

JANUARY

27

MONDAY

NEON DAY

COME TO SCHOOL IN YOUR BRIGHTEST OUTFIT. SHIRTS, PANTS, SOCKS - THE BRIGHTER THE BETTER!

JANUARY

28

TUESDAY

WESTERN DAY

EMBRACE THE RUGGED, OUTDOORSY STYLE OF THE WILD WEST. BREAK OUT YOUR JEANS, COWBOY HATS, AND BOOTS.

JANUARY

29

WEDNESDAY

DRESS TO IMPRESS

WOW YOUR CLASSMATES AND TEACHERS BY WEARING YOUR SUNDAY BEST.

JANUARY

30

THURSDAY

WACKY TACKY DAY

FORGO ALL FASHION RULES! BRING ON THE MISMATCHED CLOTHES.

JANUARY

31

FRIDAY

SPORTS DAY

WHICH TEAM DO YOU ROOT FOR? WEAR A SPORTS JERSEY OR SPORTS APPAREL.

DRESS UP DAYS ARE OPTIONAL. IF YOU CHOOSE TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN A THEME DRESS UP DAY, YOU MUST WEAR THE SCHOOL UNIFORM. ALL CLOTHING MUST FOLLOW DRESS CODE.