



From the Principal

Today's column is adapted from a letter sent by our district executive director, Rachel Klitzing (a Bethany alum!)

Lutheran Schools Week is being celebrated by Lutheran schools this coming week under the theme "Endure" based on Hebrews 12:1-3. What a great week ahead!

What a blessing that there are approximately 160,000 students attending 1,855 Lutheran schools around the country taught by over 21,000 educators, all joining together along with YOU to praise and thank God for the training and preparation received in our Lutheran schools! National Lutheran Schools Week provides us the opportunity to unite to celebrate one of God's greatest gifts to His Church, Lutheran schools. From its beginning, the LCMS, founded in 1847 with 12 congregations and 14 schools, has built schools. Education has always been a priority for Lutheran congregations. Schools have never been an after-thought for us.

What a joy and blessing it has been to see how our Lutheran schools keep excellent education on-going for their students, but more importantly, they continue to assure students that even though the world around us may change, our God and His love NEVER CHANGES! THANK YOU for your continued commitment to your students and families who need you now more than ever!

Together, we celebrate our rich heritage of Lutheran education, our Connectedness in Christ, and our freedom to share the precious Gospel of Jesus' saving love in this country and in our communities!

God's grace and peace in Christ Jesus, the Master Teacher!

Rachel Klitzing, Executive Director

Coming Up

- **Jan. 26-31**-National Lutheran Schools Week
- **Jan. 28**-PTL Meeting 6:30 PM
- **Jan. 31**-Talent Show! 6:30 PM
- **Feb. 3-14**-MAP Testing
- **Feb. 11**-SEEDS Parent Education Night
- **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:

Mrs. Brege

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

Monthly Award Winners

This year we are recognizing students who demonstrate growth in Bethany Lutheran's Student Goals to **Learn, Love, Lead, Serve.**

This month's award winners are:

Ella Rosas
Milo Sheby
Caleb Clagett
Bowie Brady
Charlie Brink
Dylan Bermudez
Liam Quitariano
Eric Vega
Alice Kienitz



Basketball games this week:

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

Varsity/JV-Thursday vs. Hope,
Glendora-home-3:30 and 4:30

Middle School Corner

To add to the celebrations during National Lutheran Schools Week this week, the middle school continued the long-running tradition of going ice skating together.

For many students this was a new experience. Research supports that new experiences are one of the best ways to learn, so we commend those students who tried something new. Some of them did not enjoy the experience and some loved it, and both responses equally support the student in growing into the person God created them to be.


Joe Namath said it best- "There are some things you only learn through experience." Like ice skating!

(A big THANK YOU to our parent drivers!!)

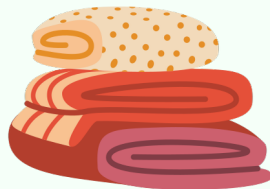


WINTER WARMTH DRIVE

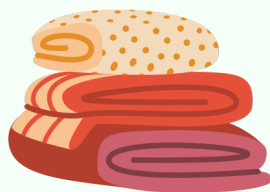
**Benefitting COA Homeless Assistance
Christian Outreach in Action, Long Beach**



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



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



**Drop-Off Locations:
Outside School Office
Preschool Hallway**





Bethany Lutheran School Honor Roll and Principal's List 2nd Quarter, 2024-2025

Honor Roll

6th Grade

Aaron Castellanos
Riley Osborn
Mia Gorne
Elias Gagne
Justin Armstrong

Jake Jainoor

7th Grade

Samuel Salazar
Jacob Atkinson
Sarah Kibe
Adam Marentez

8th Grade

Alexandria Mendoza
Analia Arellano
Robert DeFrance
James Bready
Alice Kienitz
Julia Tec
Gavin Bermudez
Sophia Uliano-Erdman

Principal's List

6th Grade

Nathan Haro4.0 GPA**
Henry Cerulle, Lily Craft,
Liam Qutoriano

7th Grade

Ethan Lo4.0 GPA**
Ezra Anema4.0 GPA**
Eric Vega4.0 GPA**
Emilee Torres4.0 GPA**
Alex Cuizon, Elizabeth Albers,
Samantha Baldwin

8th Grade

Irene Long4.0 GPA**
Olivia Alvarado4.0 GPA**
Jacob Murdock, Lily Marentez,
Hailey Avila

Honor Roll: 3.5 GPA minimum

Principal's List: 3.8 GPA minimum



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!)

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.



Parent Education Night

Helping Your Child Work Through Big Feelings

Join us as LCSW, Keira Merkovsky discusses the purpose and function of emotions and feelings. Some topics we will review are, what is happening in the child's body when big feelings are present, common mistakes parents make when addressing those feelings, what the child needs from the parent in those moments and tools parents can use to help their child.

Guest Speaker:

Keira Merkovsky, LCSW

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and a Parent Educator. Passionate about helping parents and individuals in developing coping skills and self-awareness. Keira has a private practice in Southern California, where she provides individual therapy, and conscious parenting support.

Hosted by

**Bethany
Lutheran School**

Tuesday

February 11, 2025

6:30pm

About Us

SEEDS Christian Counseling offers a variety of mental health services to students in K-12 Christian schools.