

### **Bethany Lutheran School**

Long Beach, CA

# **BEAR FACTS**

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# From the Principal

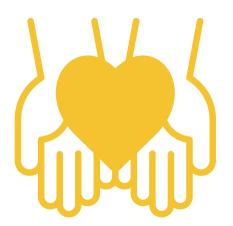
Do you remember when your kids were *really* small and you were teaching them how to share? (Maybe you're still doing that!) Sharing is an important life skill, and one that we want to instill in our Bethany students, as well.

One of the ways we help students learn to share is through our chapel offerings. Our offerings are a way for us to say "thank you" to God and to share a part of our blessings with others. I'm so proud of the generosity of our kids and families! Here's what we've done with our chapel offerings so far this year:

September-SEEDS-\$440.51
October-Hurricane victims-\$965.26
November-Operation Christmas Child-\$1206.68
December-Lutheran Social Services-\$810.35
lanuary-Church Plant in Nigeria-\$353.09

You can read more about our February project and our "coin war" elsewhere in the newsletter. :)

Grateful for your generosity, Dr. Fink



## **Coming Up**

- Feb. 21-Progress Reports
- **Feb. 25** -PTL Meeting 6:30 PM
- Feb. 26-Cooks' Night Out-Wahoos
- Mar. 5- Ash. Wednesday
- Mar. 7-Fine Arts Festival/Open House
- Mar. 9-Daylight Savings Begins
- March 14-K-2 Spring Musical
- March 21-End Quarter 3
  PTL Dance Party-2:30
- March 24-28 SPRING BREAK
- **April 3-4-**Minimum Days-Parent Teacher Conferences
- April 13-Palm Sunday-Troubadour sings 8:00, Trinity sings 8:30
- April 18-Good Friday-No School
- April 20-EASTER!!
- April 21-Easter Monday-No School

Leading chapel this week:

#### Mr. Fink

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



Refer a Friend Giveaway:

Now through February 28, participants can enter to win one of five \$100 gift cards by sharing their invite link with friends and family. Those who receive an invite can enroll and help earn for your organization. Participants will score an additional entry for every person who signs up through their link—the more they refer, the better their chances of winning!

This is a great way to increase your tuition rebate - get other people to earn on your behalf!

Your personal invite link can be found at the top right of the home page when you open your app. It is the person-shaped icon. There will be a choice to send as either a text message or an email. Note: Please do not share the link on public websites or social media pages. Doing so may expose our Scrip program to fraudulent activity.



Basketball game this week:

**Tuesday-**Varsity away vs.
St. Mark's **Wednesday-**JV away at
Christ-Covina





### Remem-bear

We've had NASTY bouts with colds, flu, noro-virus and now even pneumonia on our campus these past weeks...yikes!!! You can help us combat the spread by:

- Making sure your kids are getting lots of rest and vitamins
- Encouraging frequent hand-washing
- NOT sending your child to school sick...if they aren't feeling well or have had a fever in the last 24 hours, please keep them home!

Thanks!!

# **Chapel Offerings**

This month we will combine our offerings with all the Lutheran schools in our district to support our annual Hearts for Jesus project. This year's project will purchase "audio treasures" for people in Kenya, Myanmar, Indonesia and India. "Audio Treasures" are solar-powered devices with recordings of the Bible in the native tongues of the people. We hope to support 1000 "treasures" in our joint project! You can learn more about Unknown Nations and this project <a href="here.">here.</a>

## Middle School Corner

Middle School Parents.

**Welcome to March Madness!** 

Nope, we're not referring to the fantastic entertainment of college basketball. Middle School March Madness is the season that is upon us. Yes, even though it's still February!

Please read the information provided here.

And please watch this wonderful video!

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

I Thessalonians 5:11



Congrats to Mrs. Lange and Miss Einspahr who recently completed the <u>Educator Leadership Academy</u> at Concordia University-Irvine! Thanks for investing your time on behalf of our school!

**BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL** 

# 3 STEP Re-Registration 2025-2026

1

#### **FEBRUARY**

Confirm and update all family information in Gradelink

2

#### **MARCH**

Registration Fee charged - no tuition this month!

3

#### **ANYTIME!**

Refer a new family and get your Registration Fee credited back on December's tuition bill\*

\*one-time amount of \$315 only, max once per year



#### 2025-2026 Tuition and Fees

Bethany Lutheran School offers two tuition schedules; one for families who are members of Bethany Lutheran Church and another for members of the community. Claiming membership in Bethany Lutheran Church means:

- a. One or both parents of the child are members and are listed on the church roll.
- b. The members are regular in their church and communion attendance, and support Bethany Lutheran Church through their financial contributions.

All families are encouraged to use our SCRIP/Gift card program and accumulate a SCRIP/Gift card rebate, which may be used to offset some of the tuition costs.

#### Members of Bethany Lutheran Church

|             | <u>Annual</u> | Paid over 10 months | *Full Payment/5% discount |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 child:    | \$8370        | \$837 monthly       | \$7952                    |
| 2 children: | \$15,000      | \$1500 monthly      | \$14,250                  |
| 3 children: | \$18,850      | \$1885 monthly      | \$17,908                  |

#### Members of the Community

|             | <u>Annual</u> | Paid over 10 months | *Full Payment/5% discount |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 child:    | \$9300        | \$930 monthly       | \$8835                    |
| 2 children: | \$16,740      | \$1,674 monthly     | \$15,903                  |
| 3 children: | \$20,920      | \$2,092 monthly     | \$19,874                  |

Tuition payments are made via your FACTS account and are divided equally over 10 months, August to June. (March is a "notuition-month so that families may pay their registration/tech fees for the next year.) Payments may be set up for the 5th or the 20th of the month.

\*Tuition paid in full for the year by August 1 will receive a 5% reduction. Late payments are subject to a \$30 late fee.

Bethany Lutheran School does not refuse enrollment to returning students solely due to matters of money if there is room available. If your family is struggling to meet tuition payments, please ask about need-based financial aid.

#### **Fees**

There is a Registration Fee of \$315 per child. This fee is due upon enrollment for new students. For returning students, registration fees are due in March. This fee pays for a playground insurance premium, a school yearbook, a school theme shirt, a package of individual school photos, textbook rental and curriculum materials.

There is also a Technology Fee of \$250 per child. This fee is due upon enrollment for new students and in March for returning students.

Registration and technology fees are non-refundable. Questions concerning the tax-deductibility of payments to Bethany Lutheran School or Bethany Lutheran Church should be referred to qualified tax counsel.

#### FEBRUARY 17-28, 2025

### **Bethany Lutheran School**

# **Coin Wars**

This month our school is partnering with Unknown Nations, this year's Pacific Southwest District Hearts for Jesus Project. Unknown Nations helps to bring God's Word to unreached groups of people in some of the most remote and spiritually dark places in the world through Solar

Powered Audio Bibles (also known as "Treasures").

Check out UnknownNations.com for more information.

## WE ARE HAVING A FRIENDLY CLASS COMPETITION!

AT START OF EACH SCHOOL DAY, STUDENTS CAN PUT U.S. COINS IN THEIR OWN CLASS JAR IN FREEDOM SQUARE.

ADDITIONALLY, THEY CAN PUT U.S. DOLLAR BILLS INTO OTHER CLASS JARS TO SUBTRACT FROM THAT CLASS' TOTAL.

WE WILL DETERMINE THE WINNING CLASS
BY ADDING UP THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE
COINS & SUBTRACTING THE VALUE OF THE
DOLLAR BILLS. THEN, WE WILL DIVIDE THE
CASH VALUE REMAINING BY THE NUMBER OF
STUDENTS IN THAT CLASS.

THE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A CLASS PARTY!



