



# Bethany Lutheran School

Long Beach, CA

## BEAR FACTS

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### From the Principal

Our goals for students are summarized in the four simple words you see above: Learn. Love. Lead. Serve.

This year we began a partnership with SEEDS to provide mental health resources on our campus during the school day. We did this because nurturing the emotional well-being of our students and helping them to fully understand themselves as uniquely-created by God equips them to learn with clarity, love with compassion, lead with integrity and serve with empathy-thus reflecting Christ to each other and the world.

We have seen how SEEDS has made a difference for students (and their families!) who have needed extra support. We're so grateful for their partnership!

SEEDS is a non-profit organization that relies on donations for most of their operating expenses and for the scholarships they offer to families who need financial assistance. Tomorrow is their "day of giving" fundraiser, an opportunity to contribute to their ministry and their biggest source of income.

This link will go live tomorrow (and we'll also text it to you!)

**<https://bit.ly/SEEDSBLS25>**

Please consider helping us support this worthy organization so they can continue to serve our students!

*Gratefully,  
Dr. Fink*

### Coming Up

- **May 17-23**-8th Grade DC/NY trip
- **May 21-22** 4th Grade Sacramento trip
- **May 26**-Memorial Day-No School
- **May 27**-Author Day
- **May 29** -Spring Concert-7 PM
- **May 30**-PTL Movie Night
- **June 1**-8th Grade Graduation-4:00
- **June 2**-Fun Day
- **June 3**-Field Day
- **June 4**-Park and Pool Day
- **June 5**-Last Day of School-K Graduation-Minimum Day
- **Aug. 20/24**- Family Classroom Visits
- **Aug. 26** First Day of School

*Leading chapel this week:*

### Sixth Grade

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

## Meet Our New Kindergarten Teacher: Mrs. Madison Ruiz



We're thrilled to welcome Madison Ruiz to Bethany Lutheran School as our new Kindergarten teacher beginning this Fall! Mrs. Ruiz brings valuable teaching experience, creativity, and a heart for young learners to this role. She is a graduate of Concordia University-Irvine and, along with her husband Austin, is a member of Bethany Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Ruiz joins us from Christ Lutheran School in Costa Mesa, where she taught Kindergarten and held leadership roles on staff. Her passion for education extends beyond the classroom—she has also served as an Under Grace–Under Eight leader and a Vacation Bible School team leader here at Bethany, sharing her faith and love of learning with children of all ages.

Mrs. Ruiz is looking forward to partnering with families and the Bethany team to help each child grow academically, socially, and spiritually. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome to our school family!

## Middle School Corner

Parents!

Looking to finish up this year's FISH hours? We updated the Middle School's Amazon wish list!

[Please take a look at the items on this Amazon wish list.](#)

[And, here's the link to log FISH hours with the school office.](#)

Thank you for your consideration and support!



### A note from our librarian, Mrs. Seaman

Grades K-5: Be sure to turn in your library books this week! That will make it easier to "close the books" on library time for the year.

# Fun Day is Coming!!!

Bethany Fun Day 2025 will be Monday, June 2nd and is an **"All Hands on Deck" volunteer event**. This year in addition to EZ Ups, coolers, and physical help we are asking for donations of food items and prizes as well (please refer to links for specific items needed). So finish up FISH hour requirements here! Sign yourself up, sign up aunties, uncles, grandparents, neighbors!! Anyone who is able, willing, and friendly is welcome, this event requires A LOT of hands.

**Sign up here!**



It's graduation season - they did it! Middle school, high school, college - graduations are happening everywhere! Show that special graduate how proud you are of them with a gift card for the latest technology, a new outfit, or furnishing their dorm room. Apple, Best Buy, Nordstrom, Target, Walmart and more!

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Please put Sunday, June 1 on your calendar. We will be wishing a fond farewell to Pastor Kyle and Mrs. Blake here at Bethany on that Sunday morning. We will miss them so much, but we know they will have a big impact on their ministries in Texas!

**We are also collecting farewell cards for the Blakes throughout the month of May.** You can send your cards to the school office and we will deliver them.

*"At Bethany He blessed them." Luke 24:50*

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