



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Here at Bethany, we want to evaluate our school from multiple perspectives in an effort to make this an even better place for your child and your family.

Because the parent perspective is so important to us, we partner with ParentPulse, a company that specializes in collecting feedback for schools. You can learn more by watching a 60-second video at [Parent Pulse](#).

Here's how it works: each parent in our school will receive an invitation every few months to respond to a short (really short!) survey. These surveys will be staggered – parents will receive the invitations via e-mail or text at different times.

We simply ask that you take five minutes to complete the survey. Many schools only send one (longer) survey each year, but we want to capture your thoughts and feelings in shorter surveys – and at multiple points over the year – so we can understand how things are evolving and how we can best adapt!

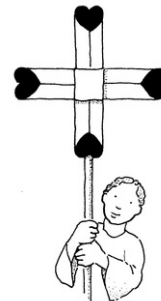
So, please be on the lookout for an e-mail or text from ParentPulse. The subject line will clearly identify Bethany Lutheran School. The information you provide is collected solely for our analysis, and your personal contact information will not be used or shared by ParentPulse.

Thank you for partnering with us!
Dr. Mary Fink

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COMING UP

- **Sept. 15-19**-7th Grade to Catalina
- **Sept. 17**- Football away at Mt. Calvary
- **Sept. 23**-School Photo Day!
PTL Meeting-6:30 PM
- **Sept. 24-26**
5th grade to Astrocamp
- **Sept. 29**-MAP testing begins
- **Sept. 30**-Staff vs. Students Volleyball game!
- **Oct. 1**-Football away at St. Mark's
- **Oct. 2**-Volleyball away vs. Loving Savior
- **Oct. 2**-Private High School Fair- 6:30 PM
- **Oct. 6**-SEEDS Virtual Parent Night



Leading chapel this week:

Mr. Freeman

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



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School Photos



School pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 23. Please avoid out-of-school appointments that day. We do have a make-up day for absent students, but they will not be in the class photo.

Your picture package is pre-paid with your registration fee. You may also order additional prints.

Students should be in uniform dress for photos.

Sports Schedule

Wednesday 9/17-

Football away vs. Mt. Calvary



GO BEARS!

JOG-A-THON

It's time to start getting sponsors for our biggest fundraiser of the year! The Jog-a-thon supports student camp fees, transportation, PTL events, campus improvements, teacher discretionary funds, and SO MUCH MORE! Our goal this year is \$100 per student!

We use Pledgestar as our online donation page...that makes it easy for far-flung friends and relatives to send their support! You can set up your child's Pledgestar page by visiting: <https://pledgestar.com/bethany>



Middle School Corner

This week the 7th graders are taking the classroom to the sea! The 7th grade extra-curricular trip to Catalina Island provides the students with a truly unique learning experience that includes marine biology classes, kayaking, hiking and snorkeling. They always return with amazing stories to share and new knowledge gained. Plus, no white-noise sound machines needed: they will fall asleep to the sound of the Pacific Ocean just outside their cabins! We pray that the Lord blesses their trip! This year's 8th graders shared the following as some of the highlights from their trip last year:

- Eating algae
- Making plant prints
- The octopus!
- The squid dissection
- An amazing starfish and giant sea slug
- Night snorkeling
- The campfire and skits were unforgettable
- Bonding with each other
- Life changing and one-of-a-kind experiences all week long

We can't wait to welcome back this year's 7th graders and hear their stories!

"Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;
to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;
to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;
to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 136:3-6



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OCTOBER 3, 2025 @ 7PM



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AND CHEER ON YOUR BETHANY VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS
AS THEY TAKE CENTER COURT FOR THE
NATIONAL ANTHEM!**

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JOIN US
OCTOBER 26TH
AT BETHANY LUTHERAN

MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY: LADYHOSEN

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MUSIC

FOOD

FAMILY FUN

ORDER OF **EVENTS**

**TRUNK
OR TREAT**

4 - 5 PM

JOIN US IN THE PARKING LOT FOR OUR ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT! ADMISSION IS 1 BAG OF CANDY + 1 CANNED FOOD ITEM.

**FOOD IS
SERVED**

4:30 - 6:30 PM

MEET US ON THE FIELD FOR A TRADITIONAL GERMAN FEAST WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS. USE THE QR CODE TO ORDER FOOD & DRINKS!

**OKTO-
FEST**

4 - 7 PM

THE FUN CONTINUES UNDER THE TENT WITH OKTO-BEAR-FEST: LIVE MUSIC, GOOD FOOD, AND PLENTY OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

**SCAN TO REGISTER
AND ORDER FOOD +
DRINKS BY **OCT. 21****



PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FAIR

Thursday, October 2 - 6:30PM - Bethany Lutheran School
5100 Arbor Rd., Long Beach, CA 90808 562.420.7783

A community event to connect middle school
families with Admissions representatives from
LA and OC private high schools



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Parent Education Night

GUIDING KIDS TOWARD A HEALTHY IDENTITY



Join us for a powerful Virtual Parent Night with **Dr. Nancy Nguyen** from Concordia University Irvine's Townsend Institute. In a world pulling kids in every direction, Dr. Nguyen will guide parents through the crucial journey of identity formation—equipping you to nurture your child's self-worth, values, and faith from a biblically grounded perspective. Don't miss this opportunity to anchor your parenting in truth and grace.

**JOIN US AT 7PM ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

Guest Speaker

Nancy Hiêu Nguyễn, PhD., LMFT is an assistant professor in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling department at Concordia University Irvine. She researches and teaches about counseling youth and their families. She is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and has a virtual private practice in Orange County California, that focuses on providing culturally responsive treatment to youth, couples and families.



VIRTUAL EVENT



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