

Bethany Lutheran School

Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Friday at 10, we'll have our annual Christmas Caroling event in the gym, a cherished tradition! We always sing a special version of the "12 Days of Christmas" because it helps us remember the greatest gift Christmas has to offer: a Savior! Here are the lyrics...I hope your family will enjoy singing them together, too:

- On the 1st day of Christmas, my dear Lord gave to me...
 a Savior to set me free.
- On the 2nd day of Christmas....Mary and Joseph...
- On the 3rd day of Christmas...three Wise Men praying...
- On the 4th day of Christmas...four donkeys braying....
- On the 5th day of Christmas...five golden angels...
- On the 6th day of Christmas...six shepherds running...
- On the 7th day of Christmas...seven sheep baa-ing...
- On the 8th day of Christmas...Eight cows a-mooing....
- On the 9th day of Christmas....Nine no's from innkeepers...
- On the 10th day of Christmas...Ten silent minutes...
- On the 11th day of Christmas...Eleven bits of straw...
- On the 12th day of Christmas...Twelve twinkling stars....

COMING UP

- **Dec. 17-18**-Christmas Program (Grades 3-5)
- **Dec. 19**-Minimum Day
- **Dec. 22-Jan. 2**-Christmas Break
- Jan. 8-9-Talent Show Tryouts
- Jan. 16-End Quarter 2
- **Jan. 19-**No school-Martin Luther King holiday
- Jan. 23-Report cards go home
- Jan. 26-30. National Lutheran Schools Week!
- Jan. 26- In-n-Out Truck!
- Jan. 30-Talent Show!
- Feb. 2-12 MAP Testing
- Feb. 13/16 Presidents Day Holidays

and a Savior to set me free!



Merry Christmas to you and yours! Dr. Fink



"Remem-bear":

- Students may wear Christmas sweatshirts/sweaters/hats, etc. on December 19. (Jeans are ok, too!)
- The school office will be open 9-1 on the following days during Christmas break: Dec. 22, 23, 30 and 31



eGift card bonuses are on now through December 23. Many eGift cards can be sent as a gift or use them for your last minute shopping. You need an online payment method in your RaiseRight account to participate. Merry Christmas!

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Science Fair Check-in Message

Students should be actively working on their Science Fair project at this time. The months of December and January are dedicated to completing the experiment portion at home. Dates to add to the calendar:

- 12/17/25: Procedure, Materials, & Equipment due (typed)
- 12/19/25 2/3/26: Work on completing the project
- 2/4/26: Wrap up project and start results portion
- 2/11/26: Results portion due (Graph, Data Table, and Paragraph all typed)
- 2/25/25: Conclusion portion due (typed)
- 3/3/26: Early Bird turn-in date for boards for five extra credit points
- 3/4/26: Science Fair boards are due



Sweatshirt Shenanigans (Final Call!)

Cool mornings make us shiver, Warm afternoons—we melt! So sweatshirts get abandoned Wherever they're last felt.

Now Lost and Found is wobbling,
A navy mountain tall—
I'm pretty sure it's plotting
To topple on us all.

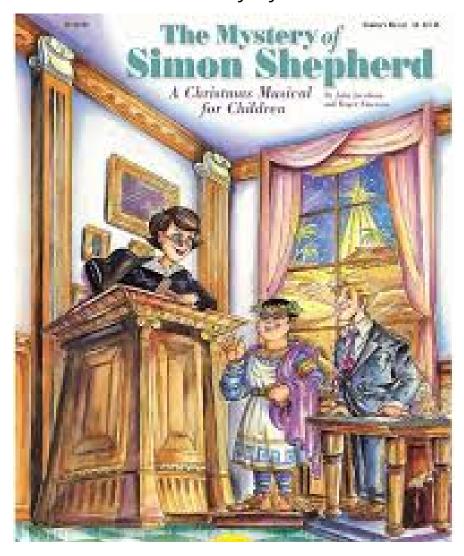
So claim your cozy hoodie
Before it's swept away—
Because any unclaimed sweatshirts
Will find new homes *one day!

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*We will be emptying the Lost and Found cart over the break and donating items to charity!

Join us! Bethany's Christmas Program presented by Grades 3-5

Wednesday, Dec. 17 2:00 Thursday, Dec. 18. 6:30 Bethany Gym



Simon Shepherd is missing! It's census time in Bethlehem and Simon is nowhere to be found. Bethlehem's best Judge Trudy Justice is the only one who can preside over such a baffling case, while lawyers Matt Hemlock and F. Lee Maybe fight it out to find out whodunit. There's a suspicious Innkeeper and Caesar Augustus himself is summoned away from his palace as a witness to solve the riddle. Clever and touching songs are woven together with entertaining dialog and a plot with some surprise twists...with a beautiful conclusion which really brings the heart of the Christmas story to the center.



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BETHANYLUTHERANSCHOOL

organization 12/17/2025

DATE

VALID AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN

LAKEWOOD

CPK LOCATION

125 LAKEWOOD MALL CENTER DRIVE

ADDRESS

Fundraiser valid only on the date(s) and at the CPK location(s) identified on this flyer. Only 501c organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in CPK's fundraiser program. CPK will donate 20% (twenty percent) of all food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gratuity, gift card and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Valid for dine-in, takeout, online, catering, curbside or delivery orders placed directly with CPK. Not valid for orders placed or fulfilled through third-party delivery. Void if flyer is distributed in or near restaurant. For more information about the 501c organization participating in the fundraiser, please contact the organization directly. Not valid at franchise locations in Guam, stadium, university, international, airport locations, or the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino.

Bethany Lutheran School's Annual

Talent Show



AUDITIONS OPEN!

January 8 - 9 at 3:40 in the Parish Lounge



WHO CAN JOIN?

Any student who can sing, rap, dance, play instruments, make people laugh, etc.

WHEN AND WHERE?

Auditions will be on January 8 to 9 from 3:40PM to 4:40PM, and will be held in the Parish Lounge.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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