



# BEAR FACTS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### 20+C+M+B+26

If you walk around campus later this week, you will see these characters on the sidewalk outside of each Bethany's classroom. This ancient yet ever-changing symbol is actually part of a "house blessing" for the New Year, typically added on Epiphany, January 6. People have been chalking their doors in Epiphany in Europe for centuries!

The "CMB" stands "Christus Mansionen Benedictat" or "Christ bless this house." (It also happens to be the first initials of the traditional names of the wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar!)

In our home-away-from-home classrooms, we prayed this prayer to ask God to bless our 2026 together:

*"May all who come to our home-our classroom-this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen."*

This could be a wonderful Epiphany/New Year tradition for your family, too! All you need is some chalk and a prayer. :)

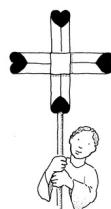
*Welcome back, Bethany Bears, and Happy Epiphany!*

Dr. Fink



## COMING UP

- **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



Leading chapel this week:

**Pastor Seth**

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

Our chapel offerings this month will go to Garuna Ministries.



Happy New Year! Whatever your goals this year, make sure your earning strategy is part of the plan. Pro tip: "Heart" your favorite brands, opt into notifications and never miss a bonus opportunity for the brands you use most often! Discover even more brands to turn every goal or resolution into funds for your tuition or a Bethany ministry.

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**"Remem-bear":**

We have lovely neighbors at the Child Study Center next door...let's make sure we leave BOTH driveways open for them during our after-school pickup. Thanks for your help!



## MONTHLY AWARDS

For December, we watched for students who demonstrate  
**Faithfulness**

December's award winners are:

**Ben Culley, Matthew Soto, Wiley Toten, Caitlin Chung, Jaxson Phillips, Stella Doyle, Ember Mangram, Riley Osborn and Ezra Anema**

We will hand out monthly award certificates at the end of chapel tomorrow, January 7.

## JOB OPENING

### **Bethany Lutheran Cypress Campus - Part Time Church Office Administrator Wanted:**

The Church Office Administrator supports the ministry and mission of Bethany Lutheran Church by managing the daily administrative operations of the church office. This position ensures effective communication, organization, and coordination among staff, volunteers, and the congregation. The ideal candidate is detail-oriented, dependable, and able to maintain a welcoming and professional environment. Job description and application information found [here](#).

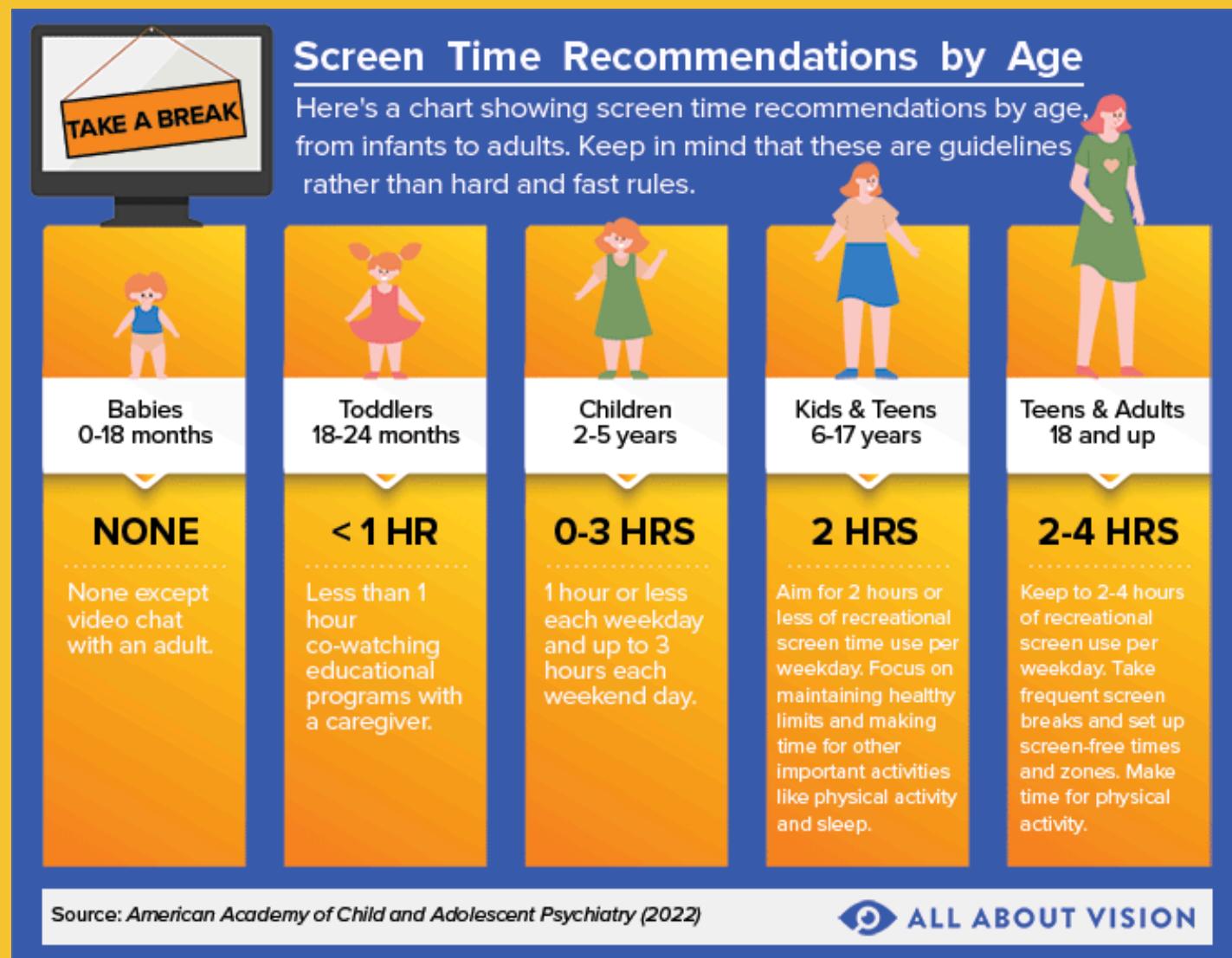
# Middle School Corner

## New Year, New Devices?

Bethany desires to partner with parents as we navigate the technological advancements in our current society. Did Santa add any new devices under the tree this year? As we begin to fill the pages of 2026, how can technology act as a blessing in your household while keeping your children safe?

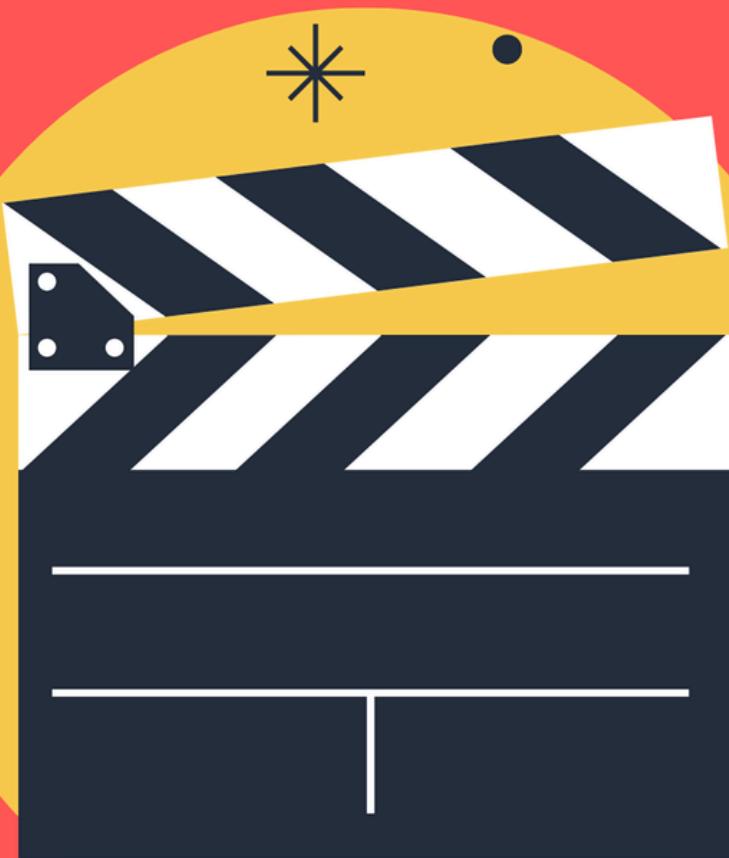
Here are some resources for parents to consider:

- [Parental Controls for Every Digital Device](#)
- [Everything Parents Need to Know about iOS 26](#)
- [What's the Right Amount of Screen Time for My Kid?](#)
- [Complete Guide to YouTube](#)
- [101 Screen-Free Activities](#)



Bethany Lutheran School's  
Annual

# Talent Show



**AUDITIONS OPEN!**

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



# The In-n-Out Truck is coming!!

# Monday, January 26

# for National Lutheran Schools Week!

*This is also a fundraiser for our 8th graders, so we're trying to sell 300 meals!*

*Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings  
are invited to join us for lunch that day!*

- \* Place your orders for
- \* burger/cheeseburger meals by visiting
- \* <https://bit.ly/BLSInNOutOrder2026>

**Orders are due by Friday, January 16!**