



Bethany Lutheran School

Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Woo hoo! Thank you so much for voting for us!

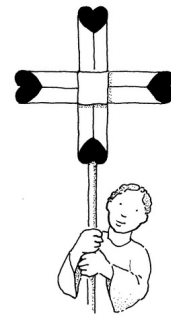
The school year is quickly coming to a close with lots of special events in the days ahead. Here's a schedule:

Friday, 5/29 3 PM	8 th Grade "last walk downstairs"
Friday, 5/29 7 PM	Spring Music Concert
Sunday, 5/31 4 PM	8 th Grade Graduation
Monday, 6/1 10-2	Fun Day
Tuesday, 6/2 9 AM	Field Day
Wednesday, 6/3	Park and Pool
Thursday, 6/4	Chapel 9:00
	Kindergarten Graduation 10:30
	Last Day-Noon Dismissal

Blessed to be at Bethany!
Dr. Fink

COMING UP

- **May 26**-PTL Meeting 6:30 PM
- **May 29**-Spring Concert 7:00 PM
- **May 31**-8th Grade Graduation 4:00
- **June 1**-Fun Day!
- **June 2**-Field Day!
- **June 3**-Park and Pool Day!
- **June 4**-Last Day of School
Kinder Graduation 10:30
Minimum Day
- **June 22-26**-Vacation Bible School
- **Aug. 26/30**-Family Classroom Visits



Leading chapel this week:
8th Grade

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

Our chapel offerings this month will go
to the [Long Beach Rescue Mission](#)



What are your plans for the summer? Earn a rebate while having fun!

We have lots of different options for summer travel or even a Staycation!

- Getting away? Choose from several options for hotels, airlines and cruise lines.
- Staying close to home this summer? Gas cards, restaurants, movie tickets, entertainment, streaming/gaming, sporting goods, book stores, and more!
- Taking on a home improvement project? We've got Home Depot, Lowes and Ace Hardware.
- Getting outdoorsy? Try Dick's Sporting Goods, Columbia, REI, Bass Pro Shops, Big 5 and more!

Lots of ways to earn all summer long and keep that rebate growing!

Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator
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Middle School Corner

Calling all current 5th, 6th and 7th grade students and parents!

Please check out the REQUIRED summer reading information using the link below.

[Link to document](#)

Some additional recommended activities are also provided.

Monthly Awards

For May, we are recognizing students who demonstrate **PEACE:**

*"In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, Make me dwell in safety."
Psalm 4:8*

We will hand out monthly award certificates after chapel tomorrow.

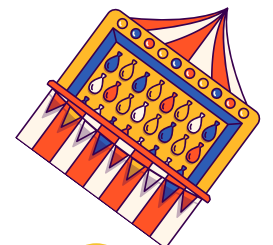
Congratulations to these PEACEFUL students:

**Cal Ochoa, Raylin Spenik, Henry Brink, Jane DeVreese, Jaxson Gardner, Lizzy Randall,
Mateo Brown, Elias Gagne and Lukaz Fernandez**

Fun Day Coming Soon!

Our annual PTL Fun Day Carnival is scheduled for Monday, June 1! Watch this space for volunteer/FISH Hour opportunities!

- We could use more EZ-Ups! [Click here to sign up!](#)
- We will also need LOTS of parent volunteers at the carnival itself. Here's the link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/FunDay2026PTL>
- Here's when students will go to the carnival:
 - Preschool 10:00-11:00
 - K-2: 11:00-12:00
 - 3-5: 12:00-1:00
 - 6-8: 1:00-2:00



We are hiring!

Mrs. O'Conner, our math interventionist, is moving out of state and our 4th Grade teacher, Miss Root, is starting a new professional chapter. We wish both of these team-members God's richest blessings in their next adventures! Their departure means we have two positions to fill here at Bethany:

4th Grade:

Bethany Lutheran School is seeking a creative, passionate, Christ-centered 4th grade teacher who loves helping children grow academically, spiritually, and socially.

The ideal candidate demonstrates strong instructional practices, creates a structured and caring classroom environment, and partners effectively with families to support student success. Candidates should also demonstrate strong communication, organization, and technology skills, a collaborative spirit, and a commitment to Lutheran Christian education and the mission of Bethany Lutheran Church and School.

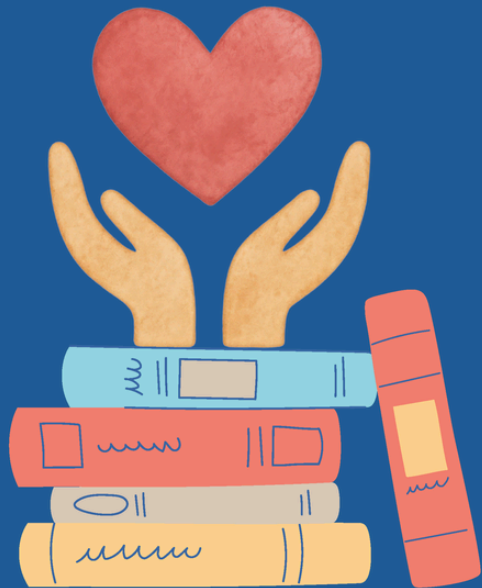
A teaching credential is a must. An LCMS-rostered teacher is preferred. Interested or know someone who might be? Please contact: mfink@bethanylutheran.org Bethany Lutheran School is seeking candidates for the position of Math Interventionist. This is a part-time, non-benefitted position, 25 hours per week.

Math Intervention:

We are seeking candidates with a love for Jesus, a love for math and the skills to communicate math concepts to K-8 students who struggle.

Candidates must possess excellent communication and collaboration skills. A teaching credential and teaching experience are a plus. Interested candidates should submit resumes to mfink@bethanylutheran.org.





TEACHER

Appreciation MONTH

MAY 2026

Celebration Schedule

Gracias Teachers!

Tues. 5/5



Taco Bar Lunch for Staff!
Give your teacher a
handmade card or sweet
note!

In Full Bloom Because of You

Tues. 5/12



Staff, enjoy a Garden Party
themed lunch!
Bring your teacher their
favorite flower!

Thanks a Latte!

Tues. 5/19



Coffee cart and continental
breakfast for staff!
Students, bring your teachers
their favorite snacks!

Mahalo for all you do!

Tues. 5/26



A luau lunch for staff!
Students, bring your
teachers their favorite
sweet treats!

*Thank you Teachers and Support Staff for all that you
do for our children and families!
Love, Bethany Lutheran PTL and Parents*

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

VACATION

bible school



scan me to register!



scan me to volunteer!



scan me for the Amazon wishlist!



JUNE 22 - 26
8:30 AM - 12 PM

AT OUR LONG BEACH CAMPUS

Questions? Please contact

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Bethany Lutheran School
2026-2027 Supplies List

Kindergarten

(Please bring all items to your classroom visit in August)

- 2 packs of sharpened #2 pencils (*no foil pencils*)
- 1 box of colored pencils 12 or 24 count
- 1 pack of small stickers (flat sheet, no books or rolls)
- 1 six pack of glue sticks
- 1 box Crayons – 24 count
- 2 boxes Crayola Washable Markers, broadline, 8 or 10 count
- 1 adult size t-shirt (to protect clothing) for arts & crafts
- Backpack
- A change of clothes (*uniform pants or shorts, underwear, socks & uniform shirt*) labeled, in a plastic bag.
- A small blanket, twin size fitted sheet for rest (*these items need to fit in a box 14Lx11Wx6.25, box is provided*)
- 1 simple, plastic pencil box (*not labeled*)
- 1 container of baby wipes
- 1 container Clorox wipes
- 1 pair blunt tip 5in scissors
- 1 large box of tissues
- 1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.



Kindergarten List

Only label gallon bag with clothes and rest items.

Grade One

- 1 container baby wipes
- 1 container Clorox wipes
- 1 large box tissues
- 2 lower pocket folders (*different colors/ not plastic*)
- 1 scissors-Fiskars only
- 24 sharpened #2 pencils (NO foil pencils)
- 1 bottle Elmer's glue (not gel)
- 12 glue sticks
- 1 pink pearl eraser
- 1 plastic, not metal, pencil box (8x5x2-1/2")
- Crayola colored pencils (24 pack) (*labeled with initials*)
- Crayola classic markers (8 fat) (*labeled with initials*)
- Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 1 standard fabric bookcover
- 1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.
- Water bottle with a hook/handle approx. 8-10 in to hang from desk.

Please label all items except pencils and glue sticks.

Please no rolling backpacks... they are difficult to hang on our closet books. Thank You!

Grade Two

- 1 bottle white Elmer's glue & 5 glue sticks
- 1 large box tissues
- 1 each green/red ballpoint pen
- 1 box Crayons (limit 24)
- 2 Yellow highlighters
- #2 pencils - 2 boxes of 24 (sharpened) Ticonderoga brand preferred.
- 1 pink pearl eraser
- 1 pair sharp scissors
- Plastic pencil box
- 1 in. 3-ring view binder w/pockets
- 12 pack colored pencils (*labeled with initials*)
- 10 count thin markers (*labeled with initials*)
- 2 folders with lower pockets, three-hole punched (paper, not plastic)
- 1 standard fabric book cover
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- 1 container of baby wipes
- 1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.

Please label all items (except pencils)

Grade Three

- 2 pink pearl erasers/ 40 pencil top erasers
- 1 bottle Elmer's all glue
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 large OR 2 small boxes tissues
- 1 box crayons, 24 count
- 1 box colored pencils, 12 or 24 count
- 2 pens (blue & red ink)
- #2 pencils, 3 boxes of 24 count, sharpened (*no foil pencils*)
- 1 pair sharp scissors
- 3 wide-ruled composition notebooks (100 pgs)
- 1 sturdy inch/centimeter ruler
- 2 sets washable markers, Thin & Thick (not permanent)
- 4 yellow highlighters
- 1 set of headphones *with a straight jack, not angled.*
- 1 pack of 3 x 3 post-its
- 1 1/2 in " view binder (sturdy, durable)
- 1 – 3 ring pencil pouch w/zipper
- 1 pencil box (small)
- 8 plastic bold pocket dividers w/write tabs
- 1 container of baby wipes
- 2 packs 3 x 5 Index Cards
- 6 dry erase markers
- 1 dry erase eraser
- 1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.
- 2 pocket plastic folder – for Spanish
- 1 spiral notebook – for Spanish

Please label markers, colored pencils, glue, comp notebooks, headphones, ruler

Grade Four

3x5 index cards
Sturdy inch/centimeter ruler
24 sharpened #2 pencils (*no foil pencils*)
3 ballpoint pens (blue, red & black)
3 glue sticks
1 box crayons – 16 or 24 ct. (*Not fluorescent*)
2 sets markers-8-12 ct. – Thin & Thick (*Not fluorescent*)
1 box colored pencils - 12 to 24 count
4 highlighters – Different Colors (pink, yellow, blue, green preferred)
2 pink pearl erasers
Notebook paper – wide rule only - no spiral
Small sharp scissors - Fiskars type
1” view binder
8 plastic pocket dividers w/write on tabs
Headphones *with a straight jack, not angled.*
3 wide rule spiral notebooks – Plain or colored cover
2 wide ruled composition notebook – plain or colored
1 boxes tissues
2 pocket folders
1 pencil box
6 Expo dry-erase markers, fine tip, black
1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.
1 box of tissue
1 container Clorox wipes
2 pocket plastic folder – for Spanish
1 spiral notebook – for Spanish

Please label items.

Grade Five

2 glue sticks
1 box crayons, 24 count (not fluorescent)
2 highlighters
Pencils, #2(mechanical OK)
Pink Eraser
4 ballpoint pens, red or green
1 pair sharp scissors
1 packages colored pencils, 24 count
1 package colored markers, 12 count
Pencil box (8-1/2”x5”)
2 packages Wide Rule notebook paper
8 plastic pocket dividers with tabs
1 – 1-1/2” 3 ring notebook with front pocket inside
3 large boxes of tissues
Headphones or ear buds
3 large containers of Clorox wipes
Faith Alive Bible (*Received in Grade 1, 3 or 4. New students will receive one at school.*)
1 school logo shirt, available from Vicki Marsha.
2 pocket plastic folder – for Spanish
1 spiral notebook – for Spanish

Please label all items.

Middle School Supplies (Grades 6-8)

2 or 2.5 inch 3-ring binder
3 jumbo bookcovers
1-subject spiral notebook (math)
12-tab plastic divider set (with pockets)
2 composition notebooks (1 science, 1 English)
1 large boxes of tissues
1 container disinfectant wipes
Plenty of #2 pencils w/erasers
Ballpoint pens (black, blue, red)
Colored pencils & markers
Notebook filler paper – **College Rule**
Ruler (*inches and metric markings*)
4 glue sticks
Scissors
1 100-pack of 3x5 index cards
Zipper pouch(es) for storage (**no pencil boxes**)
Ear Buds (required)
Computer mouse (Bluetooth or wired) (required)
P.E. Uniform (*available from Vicki Marsha website...3 PE classes per week*)
1 school logo shirt (*available from Vicki Marsha website*)

Grade 6 and new students: plastic shoe box

Grades 7/8: Scientific calculator

No permanent markers, Sharpies or liquid paper.

Backpack needs to fit in classroom cubby (13” wide by 23” deep)