



Bethany Lutheran School

Long Beach, CA

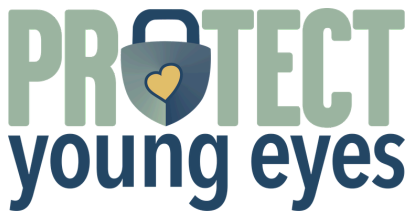
BEAR FACTS

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From the Principal

A few years ago we had the national organization Protect Young Eyes come to speak with parents and students. Their presentation was very informative and impactful. I've had many requests to have them come back, so I'm very excited to tell you that our wonderful PTL is sponsoring their return!

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE put this date on your calendar and plan to join us (we'll have childcare available.) I promise you'll be blessed by the information and will use it for many years of parenting your kids in the digital age! (Bonus: Our presenter will also be meeting with students to talk about digital citizenship the next day. :)



**Digital Discernment:
Creating a Tech-Ready Home in the AI Age
October 19, 6:30-8:00 pm**

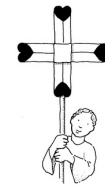
Invite your friends and neighbors with school-age children! Hope to see ALL of you there!

*Blessings on your week,
Dr. Fink*

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Coming up

- **Sept. 21-25** 7th Grade Catalina Trip
- **Sept. 22**-PTL Meeting 6:30
- **Sept. 29**-SEEDS Virtual Parent Education Night
- **Sept. 30-Oct. 2**-5th Grade to Astrocamp
- **Oct. 2**-Middle School Movie Night
- **Oct. 5-7**-6th Grade Camp
- **Oct. 12-16**-Neurodiversity Week
- **Oct. 16**-No school-Teacher Inservice Day
- **Oct. 19**-Protect Young Eyes Parent Event-6:30 PM



Leading Chapel this week:

Mr. Fink

also: The Bethany Collective

Chapel offerings this month:

Convoy of Hope

**Parents, you are always welcome to join
us for worship at 9:00 in the GYM!**

And the winner is....

Our meat-smoking/BBQ event was a smashing success! Congratulations to our Pitmaster Winners!

Judges' Results

Ribs - Colello

Tri-Tip - tie, Jainoor & Cerulle

Brisket - Henry

Pulled Pork - Spitzer



Fan-Favorite Results

Ribs - Craft

Tri-Tip - Jainoor

Brisket - Rosas

Pulled Pork - Cerulle



Middle School Corner

This week, the 7th graders are taking the classroom to the sea! The 7th-grade extracurricular trip to Catalina Island gives students a truly unique learning experience, including 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!

Some of the 8th grade students' favorite memories include:

- 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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Get ready for Bethany's RaiseRight Back-to-School Giveaway!

Starting next week on Oct. 1 you can begin participating to possibly win one of three prizes:

1st Place - \$100 gift card

2nd Place - \$50 gift card

3rd Place - \$25 gift card.

Giveaway opportunities run all month long!
See the flyer below for details!

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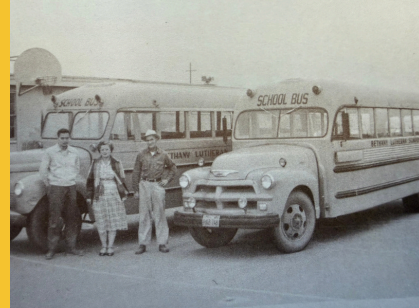
A Bear-y Long Time Ago

In honor of our 80th Year, we hope to bring you a little 'tidbit' of Bethany Lutheran School history each week, and maybe a few fun photos, as well!

This week:

Did you know that Bethany used to have a school bus? The "bus barn" is now EDC on the bottom floor and the Science lab upstairs!

Bethany's first bus was an old 1930 school bus. The first principal and pastor had to take turns towing the bus through the parking lot and popping the clutch to get it started! Later in Bethany's history there is also an oft-told story of the children convincing the bus driver to drive under the Lakewood Mall (where Target is today). He complied, but managed to get the bus stuck under the mall. :)



Supervisory Volunteers

Would you like to drive for field trips or sports, or supervise a small group of students on a field trip? Sign up to be a "supervisory volunteer" by completing the following:

- Complete a [Volunteer Application](#) (if you haven't completed one in the past.)
- Complete [Mandated Reporter training](#) for volunteers.
- Complete a [Driver Form](#).
- Provide your [DMV driving record](#).

Turn in all forms/certificates to the school office. We will notify you when you've been cleared.



VIRTUAL PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT

FALL PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT

RAISING KIDS WHO KNOW HOW TO LOVE

HOW OUR RELATIONSHIPS TEACH OUR KIDS
ABOUT LOVE, CONFLICT & CONNECTION

**THE CHILDREN IN OUR LIVES ARE LEARNING ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS
FROM THE PEOPLE THEY TRUST MOST**

The relationships children experience and observe shape what they learn about love, communication, conflict, forgiveness, and connection. But in the busy seasons of raising children, it can be easy for our own relationships to get pushed to the side.

Join us for an encouraging and practical evening with Casey and Meygan Caston, founders of Marriage365, as they share practical tips and simple tools for strengthening connection, navigating conflict, and intentionally investing in your relationships. Whether you are married, parenting on your own, or raising grandchildren, this conversation will explore how the relationships we model can help the children in our lives learn what healthy love and connection look like.

Join us on
**TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 29TH
AT 7PM**
VIRTUAL SEMINAR

SCAN TO REGISTER OR
VISIT [BIT.LY/SEEDSPARENTS](https://bit.ly/seedsparents)



OUR SPEAKERS

CASEY & MEYGAN CASTON, FOUNDERS OF MARRIAGE365

Casey & Meygan Caston are the founders of Marriage365 and have spent more than 15 years helping individuals and couples build healthier, more connected relationships. After rebuilding their own marriage from the brink of divorce, they turned their experience into a mission to provide practical, accessible tools for couples at every stage. They are Level 2 Gottman Coaches, authors, marriage coaches, and dynamic speakers known for their honest, engaging, and actionable approach to relationships.

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RAISE RIGHT BACK-TO-SCHOOL GIVEAWAY



1 Ticket

- Show that you have downloaded the RaiseRight App (app must show your name and Bethany Lutheran)
- Make a purchase online or in person during the month of October. (1 ticket per total transaction, not per gift card)



RaiseRight™

2 Tickets

- View the online presentation available on the BLS website and submit the code word to rlopez@bethanylutheran.org



5 Tickets

- Attend a presentation on:
 - Tuesday, October 13 at 8:45am in the Parish Lounge
 - Wednesday, October 14 at 2:30p in Multi Purpose Room
- This option is highly recommended, especially if you are new to RaiseRight.

Winners will be determined based on a random drawing.
Prizes will be awarded from 3rd place to 1st place.



**\$100
Gift
Card**
of your choice



**\$50
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**\$25
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PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FAIR

Thursday, October 8 - 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



ORANGE
LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL



ROSARY
ACADEMY



VALLEY
CHRISTIAN
HIGH SCHOOL



MOVIE SCREENING

"The Dyslexic Advantage"

A documentary film that explores the experiences, challenges, and remarkable strengths of individuals with dyslexia

Sunday
October 11

Bethany Lutheran School
5100 Arbor Road
Long Beach, CA 90808

6:30pm

BLS
Gymnasium

PRESENTED BY THE
STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAM



Register for this
FREE event here!

