Bethany Lutheran School
Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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From the Principal

This week you will be meeting with your children's teachers to discuss their progress for this first quarter. I like to think of it as a "team meeting," because that's really what we are: a team, focused on the goal of helping your child grow to his/her potential.

It might be helpful to consider these questions in preparation for your child's conference:

- What is your child's general feeling toward school?
- What does your child enjoy the most (and the least) and why?
- How do you feel about your child's social and emotional development?
- Do you have any questions about classroom procedures or deadlines?
- How can Bethany better help you and your child?

The teachers will also share test scores and some information about your child's development as part of the conference.

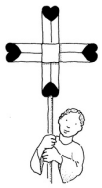
As a former classroom teacher, I can tell you that parent/teacher conferences can be some of the longest days for our teaching staff, but also the most rewarding. If you have a chance, speak a word of encouragement to your team-mate, your child's teacher.

It will make their day, I'm sure!

Blessings on your conferences,
Dr. Fink

Coming up

- **Nov. 5-**Minimum Day-P/T Conferences
- **Nov. 6-**No school for students, morning P/T conferences available.
- **Nov. 8**-K-2 sings 9:30
- **Nov. 11**-No School-Veteran's Day
- **Nov. 15**-Trinity sings 9:30
- **Nov. 17**-Cook's Night Out!
- **Nov. 18**-Operation Christmas Child
- **Nov. 20**-Grandparents Day/Minimum Day
- **Nov. 23-27**-Thanksgiving Break
- **Nov. 30-Dec.3** Christmas Store!
- **Dec. 17**-K-2 Christmas Program
- **Dec. 18-Minimum Day**
- **Dec. 21-Jan. 4** Christmas Break
- **Jan. 5**-School Resumes



Leading Chapel this week:
7th Grade
Chapel offerings this month:
Operation Christmas Child

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

Middle School Corner

Bethany Lutheran Middle School students have the opportunity to explore a variety of elective classes throughout the school year.

Electives are designed to give students unique experiences, introduce them to new interests, and help them grow in a variety of ways. It's exciting to see students discover new interests, uncover hidden talents, and develop skills they can continue to enjoy!

During our first session of electives this year, 8th-grade students participated in a series of lessons focused on substance-use prevention and healthy decision-making, 7th-grade students tackled real-life math, and 6th-grade students learned first aid and CPR skills.

Last week, students kicked off a new round of electives, with each student participating in one of the following options: sewing, 90s arts & crafts, chess, puzzles, cryptozoology, Bible-garden plants, and special effects makeup techniques.

Have a skill, hobby, or area of interest you'd love to share? We're always looking for new elective ideas and people who are willing to share their talents with our students! Electives meet once a week on Monday afternoons from 2:30-3:10 p.m., with each session lasting approximately six weeks. Past electives include card games, square dancing, official baseball scorekeeping, ping pong, finger-knitting, and life hacks. The sky's the limit!

We'd love to hear from you! If you have an idea for an elective or would like to share a skill with our middle school students, please contact Mrs. Carrie Evans at cevans@bethanylutheran.org.



Cook's Night Out

Join us at our incredible Cook's Night Out Fundraiser with Habit Burger & Grill. Come enjoy delicious food while supporting Bethany Lutheran School's 8th Grade trip. Mark your calendars and spread the word! Remember to show the flyer for it to count towards the fundraiser. You can also order via their website, app or store kiosk by entering the fundraiser code GIVEBACK! See you there!

Habit Burger & Grill
3801 Lakewood Blvd., STE 101
Long Beach, CA 90846
Tuesday, Nov 17, 2026 , 4:00PM - 9:00PM

RaiseRight

Raise Days are coming! The year's biggest to-do list calls for the year's biggest bonuses. Get ready to shop 175+ eGift cards and reloaded gift cards November 12 - 13 & 19 - 20, then get a headstart on holiday season planning and prep. On Wed, Nov. 11 get a sneak peek of all brands on bonus in the RaiseRight app.

A note about Stater Bros.... For a long period of time Stater Bros. cards were unavailable for order on RaiseRight. So, I started ordering them straight from Stater Bros. I continue to do so as they give me 5% and RR 4%. So, if you order Stater Bros. cards online, don't order the ones that say "Stater Bros. Markets". Look for "Stater Bros. $100" or "Stater Bros. $25" - easy to find in the app if you search for Stater Bros.

We love our volunteers!

We want to give a huge round of applause to all our Jog-a-thon volunteers and especially our fearless leader, Hope Osborne! What a wonderful event!

Don't forget to turn in your FISH hours for credit! You can do that from the school website, from Gradelink or by filling out a slip in the office.

We have more opportunities to volunteer in November!

- Help with setup for Operation Christmas Child on Nov. 17, 3:00-6:00 in the gym.
- Lend a hand with Grandparents Day on November 20: Sign up here!

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!

Here are some examples of expenses from the earliest budgets of our school:

- Teacher: $155 per month for 10 months
- Rent for teacher home: $780 for the year
- Insurance: $350 for the year
- Building Upkeep: $575 for the year

The annual budget in those early years was $22,445....my how times have changed! Bethany Lutheran School's budget this year: $1,600,000!

Sports Schedule

Wednesday, 11/4
Football -Away

GO BEARS!

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.

1ST **$100 Gift Card** of your choice

2ND **$50 Gift Card** of your choice

3RD **$25 Gift Card** of your choice

Bethany Lutheran School

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recurring events

Sparklers | First Tuesdays @ 3:10 PM

Confirmation & Commontable | First Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

Mom Co. | Second Tuesdays @ 12:30 PM (off-site)

Club 35 | Third Tuesdays @ 3:10 PM

new events!

Family Ministry & MSG Bonfire+ Movie Night | Tuesday, Nov 10 @ 6 PM

Confirmation Retreat in Big Bear | Friday, Nov 13 - Sunday, Nov 15

2nd Grade Stepping Stones | Tuesday, Nov 17 @ 5:30 PM

All Things Pumpkin | Wednesday, Nov 18 @ 5:30 PM

Pies on the Patio | Wednesday, Nov 25 @ 5:30 PM

Mission Alaska Leader Meeting | Sunday, Nov 29 @ 5:30 PM

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Taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

That is what Samaritan's Purse wants to do. It is why shoebox gifts are packed and why they are sent to far off places: to bring the hope of the Gospel to children all over the world. Operation Christmas Child wants to introduce children and families to the Greatest Gift ever given - the story of Jesus. **Shoebox Season is HERE**, giving us the opportunity to touch the lives of children all over the world with a shoebox gift prayerfully packed full of practical and fun gifts, together with the story of the Gospel. Last year, shoebox gifts from our region were shipped to Mongolia, Thailand, the Philippines and to the Pacific Island of Vanuatu. Boxes packed online were shipped to some of the hardest-to-reach places - whether deep jungles, city slums or one of more than 1,000 remote Pacific islands where some have never heard the name of Jesus Christ.

Bethany Students pack on:

Wednesday, November 18

Want to donate? Items can be placed in the OCC box outside the church office.

We could use:

- hair brushes
- nail clippers
- color markers
- small calculators
- fun adhesive bandages
- quality toys like Hot Wheels, Magnatiles, dolls, and harmonicas

Or you can donate funds to cover the $10 shipping cost of each box. Please drop off cash or checks (payable to Bethany Lutheran Church with OCC written in the memo line) to Andria Rosas in the finance office.



OCC SHOEBOXES: IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!



JOIN HABIT BURGER & GRILL IN SUPPORT OF

BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL 8TH GRADE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | 4-9PM

Enter code **GIVEBACK** when placing your order at the in-restaurant kiosk, the Habit Burger & Grill Mobile app, or habitburger.com.

Or, simply present this printed flyer or show this offer on your smart phone to the cashier upon ordering. Habit Burger & Grill will donate **20% OF NET SALES** from this event to benefit your organization.

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*For Habit Team Member only

Net sales do not include sales tax, gift card purchases, or tips. Orders placed on third party websites or apps are not eligible for this Fundraiser. In order to receive a donation, your organization must reach the minimum sales amount of $150. If this amount is not reached, your organization will not receive a donation for the fundraiser.