



BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Here's a song we sing each year at our Bethany Bears Christmas Caroling event, held on our last day before leaving for the break...ask your kids to sing it with you and remember: "the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing *loud for all to hear!"

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...
and a Savior to set me free!

I pray you have a wonderful and safe vacation with family and friends.

Merry Christmas!
Dr. Fink

COMING UP

- **Dec. 22**-Minimum Day, Noon Dismissal
- **Jan. 8**-School resumes
- **Jan. 12**-Middle School Movie Night
- **Jan. 15**-No school in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **Jan. 19**-End Quarter 2
- **Jan. 21**-Trinity sings 8:00, Troubadour sings 9:30
Family Skating event
- **Jan. 21-26**-National Lutheran Schools Week
- **Jan. 23**-PTL Meeting-6:30 PM
- **Jan. 26**-Talent Show-6:30 PM

Parents, put this on your calendar!

- **Feb. 12**-Digital Safety workshop for parents-6:30 PM





This month's offering is going to Free Wheelchair Mission, a God motivated mission which gives people the opportunity to move around on their own. They have distributed wheelchairs to almost 100 countries around the world.

Cook's Night Out
Buying donuts for a birthday or office party? Support our 8th Graders' Krispy Kreme fundraiser!

"Remem-bear":

- Missing a jacket/sweatshirt/lunch bag/water bottle? Check the cart by EDC by Dec. 22. We will be donating the leftover items over Christmas break!
- Students may wear Christmas sweatshirts/sweaters/hats, etc. on December 22. (Jeans are ok, too!)
- The school office will be closed Dec. 25-Jan. 3 and open Jan. 3-5 from 9:00-2:00.



KRISPY KREME DOZENS TO SUPPORT

Bethany Lutheran - Washington DC Fundraiser
Enjoy some sweet donuts and let's help our 8th Graders!



\$15 PER DOZEN



**OVER 50%
DONATED BACK**



ENDS December 20.

Order here!

FISH Hour Opportunities

Are you helping out or bringing supplies for the class Christmas party?
Don't forget to log your FISH hours!

Stock up this week on gift cards you will need over Christmas vacation - extra fast food and restaurant cards, grocery cards, and a few extra gift cards in case you need to give an unexpected gift. Merry Christmas to one and all!

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Middle School Corner

Students should be actively working on their Curiosity Fair project at this time. The months of December and January are the time dedicated to learning their new knowledge or skill. Please take pictures of them completing the project, these are needed for the display board.

The Curiosity Fair display boards were sent home in November. Please locate those and keep them in a safe location.

Dates to keep in mind!

- The project display boards are due February 16th.
- The separate written reflection is due February 23rd.



Spring Semester Enrollment: Bethany Music Academy

Twelve weekly private lessons will be offered beginning the week of January 29. Students may select from the following instruments: piano (2nd grade and up), clarinet (4th and older), trumpet (4th and up), and voice (6th and older).

- Lessons are held on our campus after school, between the hours of 3:15 and 6:00 p.m.
- Tuition: \$300 plus \$25 annual registration fee.
- Information sheets and enrollment forms can be picked up in the school or church offices; or go online to [download the enrollment form](#).
- Enrollment forms are due no later than Friday, January 19 to secure your child's spot.
- Questions? Contact Academy Administrator, Mara Widmann at (562) 421-4711 ext. 55, or mwidmann@bethanylutheran.org

Monthly Awards

For December, we are recognizing students who are **connected to the leading with a servant heart**. "That you care for God's flock with all the diligence of a shepherd. Not because you have to, but because you want to please God. Not calculating what you can get out of it, but acting spontaneously. Not bossily telling others what to do, but tenderly showing them the way." I Peter 5:2-3

We will hand out monthly award certificates after chapel tomorrow.

Congratulations to these **servant-leader** students:

Joey Briles, Ella Fricke, Oliver Koehlinger, Donnie Norman, Harper Lee, Jessie White, Jacob Atkinson, Jacob Murdock and Hailey Peralta.

Advent/Christmas Worship at Bethany

Please join us to celebrate the birth of the newborn King!

- Advent 3:** December 20 at 6:30 PM
Advent 4: December 24 at 9:30 AM
Christmas Eve: December 24 at 3:00, 5:00 and 11:00 PM
Christmas Day: December 25 at 9:30 AM



CONNECTED

JOHN 15:1-5

Do you like to plan ahead? *Here are the dress-up days we have planned for National Lutheran Schools Week, January 22-26.*

Who's Your Hero Day- Who is super to you? Dress like someone you admire.

Wild about Animals Day- Dress like your favorite animal.

Silly Sock Day- Rock your craziest socks.

Exploration Day- If you could go anywhere, where would you explore? Space?
The Wild West? A tropical Island? The sky's the limit.

Neon Day- Come to school in your brightest outfit.

The talent show is on Friday that week...it's not too early to start practicing your act!