



Bethany Lutheran School
Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"Identities." We all have them: parent, friend, co-worker, sister/brother, grandchild, niece/nephew. All of them are important, but one of them is the MOST important: child of God. Our identities change over time, but because of Jesus and His sacrifice of love, our identities as children of God do not change because He does not change!

Our identities as children of God do not go away when we walk out of a church building or away from Bethany's campus. We carry them with us to our place of business, the parking lot, the grocery store and our homes. And our identities are not meant to be kept a secret. We share them in our words and actions.

I hope that knowing you are a child of God, a child of the King, brings you comfort and strength as you meet the joys and challenges of your week.

*Blessings on your week,
Dr. Fink*

COMING UP

- **Sept. 19**-8th Grade DC/NY Meeting-6:00
- **Sept. 20**-JV Football at home 3:30
- **Sept. 18-22**-7th Grade Catalina Camp
- **Sept. 22**- 1st Quarter Progress Reports
- **Sept. 25-Oct. 6**-MAP Testing
- **Sept. 26**-PTL Meeting 6:30 (Library or Zoom)
- **Sept. 30**-"Created for Success" Arts and Crafts Boutique
- **Oct. 1** -K-2 sings 8:00 AM
- **Oct. 4-6** 5th Grade to Astrocamp

Leading chapel this week:

Mrs. Morgensen

Parents, you're welcome to join us!



The Jog-a-thon is coming!

Our annual PTL fundraiser is coming up next month! We're sending information home this week so students can start getting sponsors!

This year we will ALSO be using Jog-a-thon funds to purchase a schoolwide PA system. This will enhance our ability to communicate on campus in the event of an emergency.

Have you signed up for a [Pledgestar account](#) for your child? This is a GREAT way to get sponsors from friends and relatives. :)

Our fundraising GOAL is \$100 per student. We can do it, Bears!

Parents: Keep watching the Bear Facts for your chance to sign up to volunteer for this fun event!

FISH Hours Opportunity

We could use your help for the Arts & Crafts Boutique! This is a great way to earn a few FISH hours early in the year!

[Sign up here!](#)

Camp/Outdoor Ed Meetings

Parents, please plan to attend the mandatory information meetings for these events:

8th Grade: Sept. 19, 6:00 Room 203



Typically we take a weekly offering during our chapel services that is used to support a charity. These offerings teach our students the importance of using our financial blessings to make a difference in the lives of others.

Our end of August and September offerings will go to disaster relief efforts in Maui, following their tragic fires this summer. Our partners in ministry at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School there on Maui are currently helping those who were displaced. Please click on this link to watch a video or read more about how they are helping: <https://www.cnh-lcms.org/maui-disaster-relief-efforts>

Chapel offerings are entirely voluntary, but we encourage you to support this worthy aid organization!



RaiseRight™

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Raise Days are coming this week! Two days only - Thursday and Friday, Sept. 21-22. 135+ brands on bonus. Earnings up to 22%. Bonuses apply to eGift cards and reloads only. You need an online account to participate. Stock up for your holiday shopping and jumpstart your tuition rebate at the same time! If you are not already using our amazing gift card fundraiser - RaiseRight - let me help you get started now!

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Middle School Corner

This week the 7th graders are taking the classroom to the sea! The 7th grade extra-curricular trip to Catalina Island provides the students with a truly unique learning experience that includes 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!

"There were many interesting and amazing creatures!" - Bryce (8th)

"It was wonderful to hear the ocean lapping as we fell asleep every night." - Jianna (8th)

"The lovely ladies!" - Aaliyah (8th) (Inside jokes from camp are the best!)

I enjoyed the giant swing, it was exciting!" - Anika (8th)





Celebrating 20 years of Student Success!

This year we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Student Success Program at Bethany Lutheran School. The first event is an Arts and Crafts Boutique on Saturday, September 30. This is a free event for families to attend and will include craft vendors, raffle items and a food truck!

We are excited to announce a Kid's Zone at the Craft Boutique! Be sure to visit on Saturday, September 30 between 11am-4pm. Our middle school student will be hosting and offering:

Face Painting

Popcorn

Crafts

And a bonus: some of Bubba Bear's furry friends will be making a visit too!

