



Bethany Lutheran School  
Long Beach, CA

# BEAR FACTS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Lifelong learning is an important value here at Bethany, which means it's not just for students: it's for teachers, too. Last Friday the students went home at noon, but the teachers spent the afternoon doing some professional development. They were learning some new tips, tricks and techniques to add to their teaching toolboxes. In fact, the professional development started in the morning when our guest speaker for the day modeled some lessons with students while the teachers observed.

On another topic, tomorrow is a special day in the church year: Ash Wednesday. On this day, we acknowledge our sinfulness and our need for the forgiveness found in Jesus. This day also marks the beginning of the season of Lent.

In our chapel service, we will have the opportunity to have ashes in the shape of a cross placed on our foreheads or backs of our hands. (We also have the option to say "no, thank you.") You are welcome to join us for this special worship service at 9:00 in the church.



*God's blessings on your week,  
Dr. Fink*

## COMING UP

- **Feb. 22**-Ash Wednesday
- **Feb. 28**-PTL Meeting
- **Mar. 3**-Science Fair/Open House
- **Mar. 5**-Trinity sings 8:00, Troubadour sings 9:30
- **Mar. 11**-Concordia Handbell Festival (Advanced Bell Group)
- **Mar. 12**-Daylight Savings Time
- **Mar. 21**-Battle of the Books
- **Mar. 24**-Quarter 3 ends
- **Mar. 28**-PTL Meeting
- **Mar. 30-31**-Minimum Days, Parent Teacher Conferences

## UNIFORM DRESS

The weather is warming up (hooray!) so it might be time to review the uniform dress code rules, especially the rules for shorts. :)

You can find a copy of the code [here](#).

Also: we have SO MANY sweatshirts and jackets on the lost-and-found cart by EDC...take a look and claim your stuff! (FYI: If there are names inside, we get them back to owners!)



Grow your rebate tip: **Are you a Starbucks fan?** I have a great tip for you! Purchase a physical, reloadable gift card from RaiseRight and add it to your RaiseRight wallet. Then add the same card to your Starbucks app. Whenever you reload it in the RaiseRight app or on the RaiseRight website it will automatically transfer the money to the card that is in your Starbucks app. Now you have earned a rebate and your Starbucks reward Stars too! **WIN-WIN!**

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## Middle School Corner

Dear Parents of Middle Schoolers,

### Welcome to March Madness!

Nope, we're not referring to the fantastic entertainment of college basketball. Middle School March Madness is the season that is upon us. Yes, even though it's still February!

Please watch your inbox for and read an email coming this week titled, "Middle School - Welcome to March Madness." Thanks!

### Plan ahead:

Thursday, March 2 is "Read Across America" Day! Bethany students will have the chance to dress as their favorite book character! Can't wait to see the creativity!



READERS CHOICE AWARDS

**VOTE FOR US!**

THE SCHOOLS OF  
BETHANY  
LUTHERAN

PRESS-TELEGRAM  
**BEST**  
GILCHRIST GAZETTE  
2023  
READERS CHOICE AWARDS

It's time again to  
choose the BEST!  
We've made it easy for you!

Go online and vote February 3 through March 5

[LBVotes.com](http://LBVotes.com)

PRESS-TELEGRAM  
Local. News. Matters.

GRUNION GAZETTE  
www.gruniongazette.com

## Sports

It's basketball season! JV (5th/6th grade boys) and Varsity (7th-8th grade boys and girls.)

Here's the \*game schedule for the next two weeks...come and cheer on the Bears!

2/22: JV away at Emmaus

\*2/23: V home vs. Shield of Faith

2/28: V away at Mt. Calvary

3/1: JV home vs. Mt. Calvary

*\*Boys at 3:30, Girls at 4:30*



Calling all golfers!!

Our Bethany Golf Tournament is set for Friday, March 17, 1:00PM at Lakewood Country Club. Let's fill the course with Bethany golfers and friends!

Register online using the QR Code below or [this link](#). Registration closes 2/27.



BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

# 3 STEP

## *Re-Registration*

*2023-2024*

1

FEBRUARY

Confirm and update  
all family information  
in Gradelink

2

MARCH

Registration Fee  
charged - no tuition  
this month!

3

ANYTIME!

Refer a new family and  
get your Registration  
Fee credited back on  
December's tuition bill\*

\*one-time amount of \$315 only, max once per year



Dear Bethany Parents,

It is our goal to work with you to teach our students morals and values using God's Word as our guide. Part of our collective responsibility is to teach students what God has to say about gender, family, marriage and sexual reproduction. At school, we do this in a developmentally-appropriate fashion at each grade level, K-8.

Here is a short summary of our objectives for "sex-ed" at Bethany:

K to 3rd:

- God created boys and girls with unique characteristics.
- God's plan is for marriage to be between a man and a woman.
- Families can vary in make-up.
- Where do babies come from?

4th-6th:

- "How are our bodies changing?" and onset of adolescence. (Boys and girls are taught separately.)
- Time may be set aside for appropriate anonymous questions from students.

7th/8th:

- The human reproductive system.
- Consequences of sexual contact (i.e. STDs)
- Abstinence until marriage and the gift of sex within a marriage.
- Fetal development and the sanctity of life.
- Appropriate anonymous questions from students.

We use curriculum materials by Christian publishers to accomplish this task. These materials are Biblically-centered and teach lessons about gender, physical development, marriage and the family that are in line with the teachings of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. (For more information, visit [lcms.org](http://lcms.org).) We have copies of these materials in the school office for parents to examine at their leisure. *Before we teach the lessons, we do refer to the permissions you signed as part of your registration. If you have asked that your child not be included in the lessons we will make arrangements for them to be elsewhere.*

We are letting you know that we will be teaching these lessons **next week** (Feb. 21-24) so that you can be prepared for any questions that may arise. If you would like some guidance for addressing this topic with your children at home, please let me know. I have some materials you may check out for your use.

Please also let me know if you have any questions about our program, and thank you for partnering with us!

Dr. Mary Fink, Principal



## 2023-2024 Tuition and Fees

Bethany Lutheran School offers two tuition schedules; one for families who are members of Bethany Lutheran Church and another for members of the community. Claiming membership in Bethany Lutheran Church means:

- a. One or both parents of the child are members and are listed on the church roll.
- b. The members are regular in their church and communion attendance, and support Bethany Lutheran Church through their financial contributions.

All families are encouraged to use our SCRIP/Gift card program and accumulate a SCRIP/Gift card rebate, which may be used to offset some of the tuition costs.

### Members of Bethany Lutheran Church

	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Paid over 10 months</u>	<u>*Full Payment/5% discount</u>
<b>1 child:</b>	\$7520	\$752 monthly	\$7,144
<b>2 children:</b>	\$13,530	\$1353 monthly	\$12,854
<b>3 children:</b>	\$16,920	\$1,692 monthly	\$16,074

### Members of the Community

	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Paid over 10 months</u>	<u>*Full Payment/5% discount</u>
<b>1 child:</b>	\$8,350	\$835 monthly	\$7,933
<b>2 children:</b>	\$15,040	\$1,504 monthly	\$14,288
<b>3 children:</b>	\$18,795	\$1,880 monthly	\$17,855

Tuition payments are made via your FACTS account and are divided equally over 10 months, August to June. (March is a “no-tuition-month so that families may pay their registration/tech fees for the next year.) Payments may be set up for the 5<sup>th</sup> or the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

\*Tuition paid in full for the year *by August 1* will receive a 5% reduction. Late payments are subject to a \$30 late fee.

Bethany Lutheran School does not refuse enrollment to returning students solely due to matters of money if there is room available. If your family is struggling to meet tuition payments, please ask about need-based financial aid.

## Fees

There is a Registration Fee of \$315 per child. This fee is due upon enrollment for new students. For returning students, registration fees are due in March. This fee pays for a playground insurance premium, a school yearbook, a package of individual school photos, textbook rental and curriculum materials.

There is also a Technology Fee of \$250 per child. This fee is due upon enrollment for new students and in March for returning students.

Registration and technology fees are non-refundable. Questions concerning the tax-deductibility of payments to Bethany Lutheran School or Bethany Lutheran Church should be referred to qualified tax counsel.



# Take a hike!

Join Bethany's once-a-month hiking group!  
All ages welcome (but kids must have a parent along!)

*This month:*

**Bolsa Chica Wetlands**

**February 25**

Meet at Bethany at 8:00 AM to carpool  
(or meet us there!)

Call Scott Andersen for details: 562-508-6146



Interested in growing spiritually?

Join us for **ROOTED**, a 10-week small group experience designed to connect you to God, the church and your purpose. Rooted groups will launch on March 2. More info available [here](#).