



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
Bethany Lutheran School
Long Beach, CA
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Learn+Love+Lead+Serve



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It's our first FULL week of school, but our third week together. We've had some ups and downs, technology-wise, but we're figuring it out together!

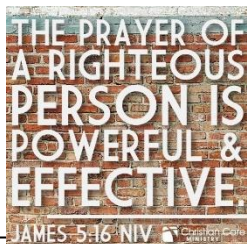
Our Bethany teachers are working from their classrooms (although they do have the option to work from home.) When we hit technology snafus, we encourage each other with the phrase "failing forward!" We want to remind each other that in every situation, good or bad, there's something to be learned.

It reminds me of when kids are learning to walk as toddlers. They're pretty shaky at first and there are lots of falls, but when they fall we cheer and say "way to go! Try again!"

In the spirit of "failing forward," we do want to know how learning-from-home is going for all of you. Are there some bumps in the road at home? What's working and what's not? Your child's teachers will be sending out a survey soon....please watch for it.

We're so thankful for your partnership and your prayers for our Bethany family and for our national, state and local leaders!

**We miss you.
Be safe.
You are SO. LOVED.
Dr. Fink**



Get the Scoop on Scrip!



If you are a Ralph's shopper, now is the time to enroll or re-enroll your card in the Community Rewards Program. Go to ralphs.com/communityrewards and follow the steps to enroll your card and earn money for our school! Organization is listed as Bethany Lutheran Church & School. Our organization number is PM735.

Are you a Gelson's shopper? If so, you are in luck! We have \$100 cards on hand. Also new on-hand are Dunkin' Donuts cards in \$10 denominations. There are a couple of new items available from ShopWithScrip: Panda Express 8% / \$25 cards / physical cards only; H&M 8% / \$25 cards / physical or ecard.

Happy Scriping!

P.S. ThankScriping Day is Thursday, September 17. It's a huge opportunity to multiply your rebate earnings through bonuses. This is a one-day event. Don't miss it! Check your Raise Right app for a sneak peek on September 16.

Things to know:

- Bonuses **only** apply to eGift cards and money added to your reloadable gift cards.
- You need to have an online account to participate
- You can earn up to 20% with 85+ bonuses
- Enrollment code: 1BL8EE69719L

Happy Scriping Day!

School Bulletin #3
September 15, 2020

DON'T FORGET

©Sept. 22-PTL Meeting-6:30
Watch your email for the Zoom link!
Oct. 2-Progress Reports
©Oct. 2-Fall Holiday-No School

Our beloved choir director, Dr. Carol McDaniel, is moving to Nebraska. We will dearly miss her and her amazing influence on our students.

We are collecting farewell cards and letters for Dr. McDaniel whose final Sunday here at Bethany will be October 4. You may mail or send your cards/letters to the school office.

God bless you, Dr. McDaniel, as you step into the next role God has planned for you!

Our school theme:
So. Loved.





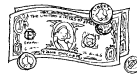
The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

HELP! HELP!

We can always use parent help to make our school the best it can be. Check with your child's teacher to see how you can pitch in.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col 3:17

Do you like to play chess? Would you like to learn to play chess? Check out the online Chess Club flyer attached to today's Bear Facts!



CHAPEL
OFFERING

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. During our learning-from-home time, we are encouraging each student to create their own chapel "bank" to collect their offerings for the month of September. When we are back together at school, we'll combine our offerings. ☺

For September we will be donating to Christian Outreach in Action in downtown Long Beach. This amazing ministry feeds hundreds and hundreds of local residents every week.

"Faith is like WiFi: It's invisible, but it has the power to connect you to what you need."

WiFi is a hot topic right now – it's not working, it's not strong enough, it doesn't work where you need it to, you don't have the password – it's always something right? It's an invisible need of ours and one that has grown in importance in our lives these past few months. We need it to work from home, school from home, binge-watch a new series, run devices – the list goes on. It connects us to what we need to get the job done.

During the past few months when things have been dark and difficult, we've had our own WiFi by our side. It's something we may take for granted and forget is there, but when we realize it's the connection to THE thing we need most in life. It is Faith – the belief in things unseen, like our God – and it takes strength and courage. Faith to believe that He will lead us through. Faith to believe we can do hard things. Faith to believe that after the rain, rainbows appear. We just need to believe. And connect. WiFi password: p-r-a-y. Have a great week, BearFam!

Jen Carlson

PTL Communications



Waiver Update

LA County is taking a "cautious and measured approach" and is not considering waivers at this time. We will continue to monitor communication and keep you apprised.

Middle School Corner

We're getting an early start on this year's Literature Fair Project.

The students have been introduced to the Literature Fair requirements and are currently researching a book they are interested in reading that is near or within their Lexile range. Once their book selections are approved, they'll be off and while reading, they will complete a reading log and get started on their Google Site.

The Literature Fair Project culminates with a student-created Google Site all about their book.

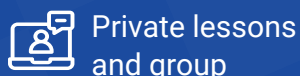
The current plan is to have their Google Sites on display at an event in March, stay tuned for more information down the road!

"Reading without reflecting is like eating without digesting." – Edmund Burke



Chess Class Has Moved Online!

Same exciting curriculum, now available online



Private lessons
and group



Tactics, strategies,
and puzzles



Safe and secure



SIGN UP TODAY!

Sample Class Structure

15 minutes before class:

Login, homework review

🕒 10 Min

1 hour class:

Concept of the day

🕒 10 Min

Reinforcing puzzles

🕒 10 Min

Game play, with instructor review

🕒 20 Min

Variation games and fun activities

🕒 15 Min

Assign and explain homework

🕒 5 Min

**1 Hour
64 Squares**

Infinite Possibilities

Themed classes and group classes (up to 6 children) are just a few examples of the amazing experiences our online classes have to offer!

Not sure what level to sign up for?

Here is the Chess Skill Level **PLACEMENT TEST**

All skill levels will run at the same dates and time. Kindergartners will sign up to the kindergarten class. Grades 1-6 will sign up for their appropriate classes



Chess Wizards Online

Grades: 1st - 6th + K-Only

Instructor: 1:6 maximum

Student Ratio

Tech Computer or tablet,

Requirements: Microphone and Internet

Skill Levels: Kindergarten, Brand New, Beginning Wizard, Intermediate Wizard, Strong Intermediate

Class Information

School: Bethany Lutheran School

Dates: 09/21, 09/28, 10/05, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26

No Class on: N/A

Class Day and Time: Mondays at 3:15 - 4:15PM PST

Total # of Classes: 6

Price: \$78



Classes available Monday - Saturday!

Sign Up Today!

Call Us:

1-866-949-4386

Register here:

chesswizards.com

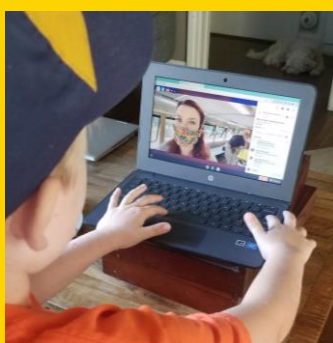
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Life Skills
Life Lessons
& Lifelong Friends

Whether We're In Person
or Together Online, The
Scouting Fun Never Stops!



CUB SCOUT PACK 75 Parent Info Session

Wednesday, September 9
7:00-7:30pm on Zoom

Email
LBpack75@gmail.com
to RSVP



Get More Info on Cub Scouts at LBPack75@gmail.com