



# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
Bethany Lutheran School  
Long Beach, CA

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



**“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18**

’Tis the season of giving thanks. Are you finding that difficult this year? Do you struggle a bit with the Bible verse above?

True confessions: Sometimes I do, especially in this most-unusual year. It’s helpful to notice, however, that the verse doesn’t say “give thanks FOR all circumstances,” it says “give thanks IN all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you.”

I love the idea of living our lives “Coram Deo,” which means “before the eyes of God.” It’s a much different posture than “Carpe Diem” (“seize the day!”) or “Veni, Vidi, Vici” (“I came, I saw, I conquered.”)

Living “Coram Deo” ties so beautifully with Thanksgiving, because living before the eyes of God means acknowledging that all good gifts come from His gracious hand, and even during this pandemic season, we can acknowledge the good gifts He has given.

When you gather around your Thanksgiving table next week, what will be on your “thank you” list? I know my Bethany Lutheran School family will be right there at the top of mine.

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

## Rising COVID Rates

As the holidays approach, the desire to gather with family and friends is strong. Unfortunately, as you know, we are in the midst of a pandemic and the COVID-19 case, positivity and hospitalization rates are all rising dramatically.

Here at Bethany, we have taken great measures to comply with CDC, state, county and city requirements to open our schools and provide quality care and instruction for our students. While we would never presume to tell families what to do in their personal lives, we do encourage you to strongly consider your actions when you are away from campus, since those actions can have an effect on your fellow Bethany families and others. State and local ordinances are discouraging gatherings and travel over the holidays, and are recommending for those who do decide to travel that they exercise an abundance of caution and get a test upon return or quarantine for 14 days.

Please feel free to contact the school office if you have questions or would like to know more about our COVID-19 Exposure Management Protocols. Thank you for your on-going support and may God keep our Bethany Bear families safe and healthy in the days ahead.

Please enjoy these  
[special video greetings](#)  
from our Bethany Student  
Council Officers!

## School Bulletin #11

Nov. 17, 2020

## DON'T FORGET

- ☺ Nov. 20-Minimum Day
- ☺ Nov. 23-27 No School-Thanksgiving Break
- ☺ Dec. 4-Progress Reports
- ☺ Dec. 18-Minimum Day
- ☺ Dec. 21-Jan. 1-Christmas Break

## CHAPEL OFFERING

For November our chapel offerings will support Operation Christmas Child by providing postage for shipping the boxes.

Is your family filling a shoebox? Bethany is an official collection spot and collection is this week!

Are your kids on campus each day? Please be sure sweatshirts, water bottles and lunch bags are marked with names! No lost-n-found during COVID. ☺

## Two PTL reminders:

See’s Candy and Christmas ornaments!!  
(Flyers attached...)



The FISHin' Hole  
*Opportunities to Serve*

Did you know you can report your FISH hours right on the Bethany website OR on our app? Check it out!



### Get the scoop on Scrip!

ThankScriping Days are this week - for the first time ever, you get 2 days to earn big on ThankScriping Day bonuses: November 19-20.

It's a great opportunity to get started on your holiday shopping and make an even bigger impact on your rebate—without leaving home. Shop gifts, décor, clothing, and so much more.

You need an online account to take advantage of these special earnings. If you haven't already, create an account today in the mobile app, RaiseRight, or onShopWithScrip.com.

Enrollment code: 1BL8EE69719L

Questions? Contact Ruth Lopez [rlopez@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:rlopez@bethanylutheran.org)  
562-420-7783 ext. 58

### Monthly Awards "Seeking Truth"

For the month of November, we are honoring students who "model Christian values by applying Biblical truth to life and discover the truth of the Gospel as presented in God's Word."

- K- Benjamin Princen
- 1<sup>st</sup>- Holly Peck
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Riley Osborn
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Madison Lott
- 4<sup>th</sup>- Aiden Wallace-Caine
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Hailey Peralta
- 6<sup>th</sup>- Tyler DeJongh
- 7<sup>th</sup>- Russell Centani
- 8<sup>th</sup>- Weston Parker

### Christmas in November... Support our Bethany Lutheran 8th Graders!

Check out our BOON SUPPLY fundraiser!  
"Beautiful items that are good for you,  
good for the planet, and good for your cause."  
*See the attached flyer, and thanks for your support!*



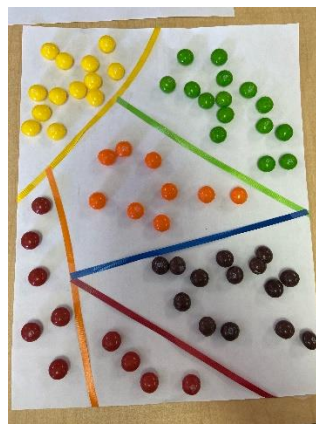
*P.S. All fundraisers are optional here at Bethany, but we're grateful for the support for our oldest Bears and their trip to our nation's capital!*

### Middle School Corner

Two weeks ago in Advisory the students created SMART goals. Each student decided on one academic and one personal SMART goal for the second quarter. SMART goals follow the guidelines seen here. Check out this short [video](#) to learn more or to make a SMART goal for yourself.

- S: Specific
- M: Measurable
- A: Attainable
- R: Relevant
- T: Time-bound

Last week the students were provided with skittles, ribbons, a blank piece of paper and the directions to glue the skittles and ribbons on the paper in a way that makes them happy. Some examples of their creations have been included here. This week, the students will be learning more about themselves and discussing what the skittles and ribbons creation might mean about their personality.





Bethany Lutheran School  
Honor Roll and Principal's List  
1st Quarter, 2020-2021

**Honor Roll**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Damarius Thornton, Blake Menchaca,  
Max Chandler, Jesse Hammond

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Christian Haro, Kate Newton,  
Madison Farley

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Jenna Walleman, Timothy O'Conner,  
Isabella Acebo, Carter Wegman

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Isaac Brooks  
Aensli Ruiz

**Principal's List**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Ben Evans\*\*4.0 GPA**

Anika Morgensen, Lucy Luu,  
Bryson Edwards, Trevor Torres,  
Kingston Benard, Joseph Bowers,  
Axel Simon, Jaiden Beatty,  
Hailey Peralta, Hunter Deeble,

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Jake Antonio\*\*4.0 GPA**

**Eli Anema\*\*4.0 GPA**

Norah Vu, Ava Hidalgo, Grant Parker,  
Nolan Cerulle, Kaylee Cuizon, Jagger Simon,  
Tyler DeJongh, Robby Hernandez,  
Garret Morgensen

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Brayden Huynh\*\*4.0 GPA**

**Jamie Long\*\*4.0 GPA**

**Charlie Peck\*\*4.0 GPA**

**Grace Porte\*\*4.0 GPA**

**London Perez\*\*4.0 GPA**

**Payton Wallace-Caine\*\*4.0 GPA**

Lucas Raya, Russell Centanni, Miles Jump,  
Anthony Corona, Joseph Kabacinski,  
Maya Peavler, Laci Carlson, Isaac Attia,  
Diana Huynh, Nicholas Roberts,  
Caitlin Nelson, Jonathan Goebel

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Allyson Richter\*\*4.0 GPA**

**Austin Tonsay\*\*4.0 GPA**

**Autumn Knox\*\*4.0 GPA**

**Sienna Deeble\*\*4.0 GPA**

Ryder DeLuca, Jasmine Rambo,  
Chaz Medina, Kelli Palacios,  
Weston Parker, Michael Palacios,  
Samantha Atkinson, Taylor Alexander

'TIS THE SEASON TO

# SEE'S

DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS,  
WE ARE EXCITED TO BEGIN OUR  
HOLIDAY SEE'S CANDIES  
PTL FUNDRAISER!

JOIN US THIS HOLIDAY SEASON FOR OUR  
VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER!

WE'LL RECEIVE ALL PROFITS FROM ANY ITEMS  
YOU PURCHASE BELOW. YOUR PURCHASES  
HELP SUPPORT PTL ACTIVITIES IN OUR  
SCHOOLS, PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE!

SIMPLY CLICK THE LINK IN THIS POST OR  
EMAIL AND LET THE ORDERS BEGIN!

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR SHOP IS OPEN FROM  
11/1/20-12/4/20  
BUT ORDERS WILL NOT START SHIPPING UNTIL  
11/16/20!





# Ornament Craft Kits

from Bethany's PTL & AR Workshop



Kits include everything needed for 6 wood slice ornaments:

- Wood slices & string
- Paint, stencils, sponges and color creating instructions
- Paper to protect your table

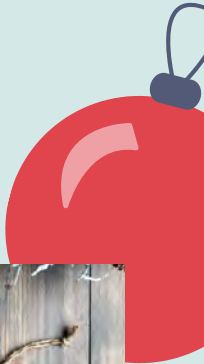


Choose from 3 design kits  
Each kit is \$35 for 6 ornaments

OPTION A: PEACE ON EARTH

OPTION B: WINTER WONDERLAND

OPTION C: HOLIDAY CLASSICS



PEACE ON EARTH



WINTER WONDERLAND



HOLIDAY CLASSICS

DO YOUR CRAFT WITH US ON ZOOM! SAT., DEC. 19TH, 9 A.M. DETAILS COMING!

Order forms due this Friday, 11/20!

To Order: Click [HERE](#)

