



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We're looking forward seeing MOST, if not all, of our students' happy faces on Friday. As a reminder, here are our plans:

- Friday is a Christmas dress-up day (even for kids on Zoom)...break out those Santa hats!
- If your children are on campus on Friday, they should bring their hygiene kits so we can get them to Lutheran Social Services before Christmas.
- Friday is also a minimum day. **School will dismiss at noon and the gates will open for pickup at 12:15.** Please don't come early....it's a half day for preschool, too, and they are picking up first. ☺
- For students who are NOT on campus, we'd like to collect your hygiene kits AND we have gifts for you! **Please plan to drive through the campus between 1:15 and 1:45 on Friday...we'll take your kits and hand you your gifts!**
- (If you can't make it on Friday, you can stop by the school office on Dec. 21 or 22 between 9:00 and 3:00.)

Finally, a very Merry Christmas to all our Bethany families! God bless your celebrations of Jesus' birthday!

**Be safe. Stay well.
You are SO. LOVED.**

Dr. Fink

Monthly Awards "Knowledge Seeker"

For the month of December, we are honoring students who "use a variety of tools, including technology, to problem-solve, make connections and communicate with confidence, clarity and understanding."

- K-Charlie Brink
1st-Harper Lee
2nd- Daniel Tsong
3rd-Austin Christie
4th-Alice Kienitz
5th-Max Chandler
6th-Ava Hidalgo
7th-Jason Mapes
8th-Austin Tonsay



This year's Scholastic Book Fair will be an **ONLINE EVENT!** The Book Fair, hosted by the Bethany Youth, will run **Monday, December 7, 2020 thru Sunday December 20, 2020.**

- ALL orders ship to your home!
- Shop a thousand of bestsellers, collections and more.
- Free standard shipping on book-only orders over \$25*.
- All purchases benefit the Bethany Lutheran High School Youth Group and earn rewards for Bethany Lutheran Schools.

Use this [LINK](#) to shop the Bethany Lutheran Book Fair

School Bulletin #14

Dec. 15, 2020



- ☺ Dec. 18-Minimum Day...EDC available
- ☺ Dec. 21-Jan. 1-Christmas Break
- ☺ Jan. 4-School Resumes
- ☺ Jan. 18-Martin Luther King Day-No School
- ☺ Jan. 22-End Quarter 2



It's our tradition to support Lutheran Social Services in the month of December, and this ministry is more important now than ever! For our December offerings, we're asking each student to create a **hygiene kit** for LSS to hand out to folks in need. (You can make more than one, if you'd like.)

Each kit is a gallon zip lock bag containing:

- 1 bar of soap
- 1 washcloth
- 1 **travel** tube of toothpaste
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 **travel** shampoo
- 1 comb

Bring your kits on Friday!!!



Still need gift cards? Scrip is open for business in the school office: Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm through Dec. 18. Scrip is also sold between services on Sunday in the school office. You can also purchase online at ShopWithScrip.com or on the RaiseRight app. Enrollment code is 1BL8EE69719L.

Two more physical card orders will be placed before Christmas: Dec. 14 and Dec. 17. Get your orders in by 10am on order days. They will typically arrive 2 days later.

Still need a little something for a teacher, coach, babysitter, coworker, neighbor, friend... we have a limited supply of \$5 and \$10 cards!

Stock up on Scrip you might need over Christmas vacation - extra fast food, restaurant cards, grocery cards and a few extras in case you need to give an unexpected gift! Call ahead to check on availability of cards. Merry Christmas!

Ruth Lopez

Looking for an Advent worship opportunity?

7:00PM Wednesday evenings
At-home Advent Worship

To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88210795871?pwd=akRUSW5mdytSZ3hTWmIzNThV VkpzUT09>

Meeting ID: 882 1079 5871

Passcode: Jesus

OR

Facebook Live:

<https://www.facebook.com/Bethany.Long.Beach/>

Christmas is almost here... 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.”



Middle School Corner

The 6th and 7th graders share some positive memories from 2020!

- Going to Washington and seeing Mt. Saint Helens, Mt. Rainier and visiting family
- Special trips out of the house for ice cream
- Playing videogames with my friends
- Surviving a global pandemic
- Our family RV trip to Arizona with my cousins
- Building a patio on the house
- That I learned to believe that I can do hard things and God is with me every step of the way
- Drive-by birthday parties!
- Getting our new puppy
- Talking on the phone with my grandma more often
- That we enjoyed a lot of time together as a family
- That everyone can relate to others because we're all in this together
- Having more time for music
- That I don't take being around people for granted
- My first airplane flight to see family
- Fun memories with my baseball team
- Repainting my bedroom
- Getting a second class rank in Boy Scouts
- Being thankful for essential workers
- Riding bikes to the park
- Getting my new cat
- Becoming closer with my older brother
- My cousin telling us he is joining the military
- Making new friends
- Cooking meals together as a family
- Spending time with my little cousin
- To be thankful for everything, even getting out of the house to go to the store
- Becoming closer with our neighbors
- My baby cousin being born
- That God is with us always, no matter what happens