



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
 Bethany Lutheran School
 Long Beach, CA
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to Bethany Lutheran School's 2021-2022 school year, a VERY special year, our 75th academic year!

It was a joy to begin our year together with our first chapel service in the sanctuary. With all our new students, we filled the pews and even had students sitting upstairs!

It's my own personal tradition to share a special Scripture with the students at our first chapel service. Do you have a Bible verse that is very special to you, one that describes you or speaks to you? I want to encourage you to find one, if you don't already have one. I have lots of verses I love, but I have one I consider my personal "theme verse." It's one that I share every year and it's one that is so very encouraging during these very strange COVID days.

It comes from I Chronicles:

"Don't be frightened by the size of task, be strong and courageous and get to work. For the Lord my God is with you, He will not forsake you, He will see to it that everything is finished correctly."

God bless you, Bethany families, and God bless our school year together!

Dr. Mary Fink, Principal

The first Friday of each month is a free dress day...that means this Friday, Sept. 3. Please consult the "additional guidelines" at the end of the [dress code](#) for guidance.

What's new on campus?

NEW faces-

- We have 67 NEW students joining us (counting our 37 K students). Enrollment is up by 14% over last year!
- Mrs. Kristin Hallett (Bethany alum!) is the teacher for our NEW Kindergarten!
- Mrs. Shelly Donham is our NEW K-aide.
- Mrs. Janice Goebel is our NEW workroom aide.
- Miss Hannah Loesch is our NEW 3rd-5th aide.
- Sra. Carolina Infante is our NEW middle school Spanish teacher.
- Miss Emily Woods is our NEW Trinity and Troubadour choir director.

NEW furniture (some of which isn't here yet):

- The Kindergarteners have NEW tables.
- Grades 1-5 have NEW desks and chairs.

NEW Curriculum:

- NEW math curriculum for Grades K-2.
- NEW "Classical Roots" vocabulary curriculum for Grades 3-8.

NEW technology

- Grades 5-8 have NEW Chromebooks with increased memory.
- Grades 1-4 have NEW iPads.

NEW rolling gate:

- Our gate by the gym is now automatic...no more squashed toes! If your car happens to be inside the lot when the gate closes, simply drive up to the gate and wait: it will open automatically!

School Bulletin #1

August 31, 2021

DON'T FORGET

☺Aug. 31-First Day of School, half day of instruction
 ☺Sept. 1-LATE
 START...gates open at 8:15 and doors open at 8:30
 ☺Sept. 1-8th Grade DC Meeting-6:00 PM
 ☺Sept. 2-7th Grade CIMI Meeting-6:00 PM
 ☺Sept. 2-5th Grade Astro Meeting-6:30 PM
 ☺Sept. 3-Bethany Beach Bonfire at Bolsa Chica Beach
 ☺Sept. 6-Labor Day-No School
 ☺Sept. 8-New Parent Orientation by Zoom

Attention Room Parents!

Are you signing up to be a room parent (or room parent assistant) for your child's class? We'll be having an orientation by Zoom in a couple of weeks. Watch the Bear Facts for info!

Need lunch? Sign up for [ChoiceLunch](#) using our code: bethany

Our school theme:
In All Things.





The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

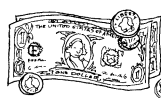
HELP! HELP!

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

Meet the Staff

K-	Mrs. Kendell Blake
K-	Mrs. Kristin Hallett
1 st -	Mrs. Lori Lange
2 nd -	Miss Stefanie Hinrichs
3 rd -	Miss Alicia Arzaga
4 th -	Ms. Kim Imes
5 th -	Mrs. Melissa Rodrigues
MS History-	Mr. Andrew Morner
MS Math-	Miss Abby Einspahr
MS English-	Mrs. Carrie Evans
MS Science-	Mr. Paul Brege
MS Spanish-	Sra Carolina Infante
Technology -	Ms. Cheryl Stejskal
K Aides-	Mrs. Christi Koehlinger
	Mrs. Shelly Donham
1 st Aide-	Mrs. Sandi Skiles
2 nd Aide-	Mrs. Natasha Aguilera
3 rd -5 th Aide-	Miss Hannah Loesch
Workroom	Mrs. Janice Goebel
Student Success-	Mrs. Jill Moorman
	Mrs. Connie Kritzer
	Mrs. Erika Alvarado
	Mrs. Jen DeJongh
Math Int.	Mrs. Sarah O'Conner
Art Teacher-	Ms. Evie Erickson
Music Teacher-	Mr. Kevin Bowers
Custodian-	Mr. Steven Lee
School Secretary-	Mrs. Kim Yoshiyama
Admissions -	Mrs. Kathy Tucker
Scrip Coord.-	Mrs. Ruth Lopez
Financial Admin-	Mrs. Maralee Shaeffer
EDC Director-	Ms. Carlota Brown
Choir Director-	Miss Emily Wood
Pastor-	Rev. Kevin Kritzer
Pastor-	Rev. Seth Moorman
Pastor-	Rev. Kyle Blake
DCE/Youth	Mrs. Kayleigh Lopez
DCE/Care-	Mr. Karl Fink
Principal-	Dr. Mary Fink



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.

For August/September we will be donating to [Samaritan's Purse](#). This organization is serving refugees from Afghanistan as well as the earthquake and storm victims in Haiti and New Orleans.

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

All the News That's Fit to Print

Bear Facts is our official school bulletin. We will email it every Tuesday, post it on our website and app and even text you a link so you can read it on your phone. (Can you tell that we REALLY want you to read it every week?)



Parents, you are ALL members of our Parent Teacher League (PTL), our amazing group of parent leadership and an important part of making Bethany such a special place.

We'll need your help to pull off our events in the year ahead. Please click this link and let us know where you'd like to plug in!

[PTL Survey](#)

Our first event for the year is **THIS FRIDAY**:

Bethany Bears Beach Bonfire
Bolsa Chica Beach
Friday, September 3
6:00 PM

We'll text you the lifeguard station number so you know where to meet us!

Blessings on your school year!
Bonny Walleman, PTL President
bonnywalleman@yahoo.com



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work



New Parent Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 PM by Zoom. We will email you the link as the date draws near.

This informational meeting IS REQUIRED and it is important that one or both parents attend. You will receive your electronic copy of our Parent Handbook, meet members of the staff and Bethany community and hear about many of the happenings here on the Bethany campus.

We're looking forward to seeing you. ☺

YEARBOOK PHOTOS 📷

School pictures will be taken on Friday, September 10. Please avoid out-of-school appointments that day. We do have a make-up day for students who are absent, but those children will not be in the class photo.

Your picture package has been pre-paid with your registration fee. Additional prints will also be available.

Students should be in uniform dress for school pictures.

Middle School Corner

Middle School Families,

Please be sure to check out the Middle School Corner in the weekly Bear Facts newsletters for updates and information. Thank you for your partnership! Please keep this list someplace handy. We're looking forward to a wonderful year!

Middle School Faculty Directory

Name	Email	Phone Extension (562) 420-7783	Room/Location
Dr. Mary Fink, Principal	mfink@bethanylutheran.org	Ext. 17	School Office
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Ms. Abby Einspahr	aeinspahr@bethanylutheran.org	Ext. 36	205
Mr. Andrew Morner	amorner@bethanylutheran.org	Ext. 38	203
Mr. Paul Brege	pbrege@bethanylutheran.org	Ext. 39	206
Ms. Carolina Infante	cinfante@bethanylutheran.org	Ext. 45	208
Mrs. Sarah O'Conner	soconner@bethanylutheran.org	Ext. 35	217
Ms. Cheryl Stejskal	cstejskal@bethanylutheran.org	Ext. 48	216
Miss Emily Wood	ewood@bethanylutheran.org		Choir Room
Mr. Kevin Bowers	kbowers@bethanylutheran.org	Ext. 35	Choir Room/MPR
Ms. Evie Erickson	eerickson@bethanylutheran.org	Ext. 42	202

Camp/Outdoor Ed/DC Meetings

Parents, please plan to attend the mandatory information meetings (and family gatherings!) for these events:

8th Grade-Hensley Square-Sept. 1-6:00 PM
 7th Grade-Lunch Tables-Sept. 2-6:00 PM
 5th Grade-Lunch Tables-Sept. 2-6:30 PM
 6th Grade-Lunch Tables-Sept. 14-6:30 PM

Raise A Glass! Volunteers Needed

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Everything is looking great for our Raise A Glass! event in two weeks. Tickets and donations must be turned in by Sunday 9/5 - <http://tinyurl.com/raiseaglass2021>

★ ★ We are in need of a few more volunteers both before and at the event. Please use this link to sign up!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4DABAE2CA0FD0-raise>



The school year is upon us! Welcome Back! Now is the time to ramp up your tuition rebate earnings. If you are currently using Scrip, be sure to make the settings in your Scrip account allow for emails so you can get the latest information on daily flash bonuses and other special deals. If you are a RaiseRight user be sure to check the app daily for those bonuses and deals.

If you are not a Scrip user - now is the time! Let me help you get started today! It is simple to sign up and there are several options for purchasing Scrip. You have two online options - ShopWithScrip.com and the RaiseRight app. You can also purchase physical cards in the school office - your on-hand options are much more limited, but I'm sure there's something that can get you started! Even if you don't think *you* need the rebate, you can help others by contributing to Student Success or Tuition Assistance or other church ministries. See the attached flyer to help you get started today! If you still have questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me - I'm happy to help! Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator
rlopez@bethanylutheran.org 562-420-7783 ext. 58

BETHANY BEACH BONFIRE

Bolsa Chica Beach

Friday, Sept. 3, 6:00 PM

Bring a chair and your family!

PTL will provide the fire and the s'mores!

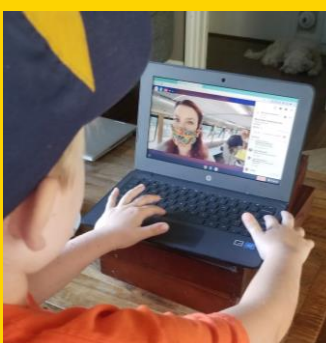
We will text you the location of the fire pit
on the day of the event.





Life Skills
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or Together Online, The
Scouting Fun Never Stops!



CUB SCOUT PACK 75 Parent Info Sessions

Wed, Sept 9 -OR- Wed, Sept 16
7:00-7:30pm on Zoom

Email
LBpack75@gmail.com
to RSVP



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

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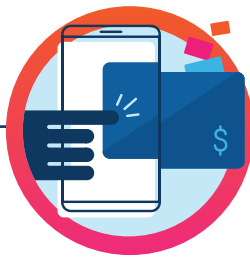
1. Log in and tap the "Shop" tab to see the discover page and browse today's bonuses, featured brands, and recommended categories.
2. Tap "Categories" to narrow your search by category, like grocery, fast food, and home improvement.
3. When you select a category, you can sort by most popular brands, brand name, and highest earnings.
4. You can also filter by special offers, product type (eGift card, physical gift card, reloadable, ship to home eligible), and denominations.

OR



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1. Sign in and select the "Shop" tab to see all brands.
2. In the upper-right corner, you can sort your search by most popular brands and brand name.
3. On the left-hand side, you can narrow your results by bonus rebate, categories, card type (eGift card, physical gift card, reload), rebate %, and denomination.



Step 2: Choose gift cards

Two types of gift cards are available: eGift cards and physical gift cards. Not all brands offer both types—check the brand’s page for details. Gift cards are worth face value and not a penny less.



eGift cards

These are immediately sent to your account when you pay online. View and print them right from your Wallet.



Physical gift cards

Some physical gift cards have special features. Here’s what to know.



Ship to home eligible: Exclusively in the RaiseRight mobile app, physical gift cards from 250+ brands are labeled “Ship to Home Eligible.” You can choose to get these physical gift cards mailed directly to your door when you pay online. A small shipping fee applies.

RaiseRight mobile app

1. Select Category > Product Type > Gift Cards > Ship to Home Eligible and add gift cards to your cart.
2. Check out with a credit card or online bank account, and when prompted, select “Yes, Send to Me”.
3. Enter your shipping address, choose your shipping option, and place your order.



Ship to your coordinator: Available for all physical gift cards, these orders are combined based on your coordinator’s order schedule and placed as a group order, then shipped to your coordinator to distribute. Confirm your organization offers this shipping option before placing your order. No shipping fee applies to you.



Reloadable: Many physical gift cards can be reloaded so you can keep using the ones you already have. Add money from your Wallet and earn every time.

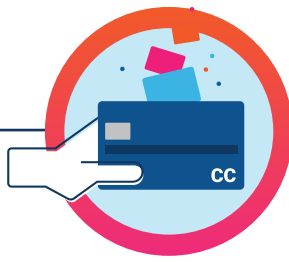
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Go to your Wallet > Add Card > enter gift card details. Add money anytime.

OR

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Go to Dashboard > My Wallet > Reloads tab and verify your gift card. Add money.



Step 3: Select payment

Check with your coordinator to learn which payment options are available to you. You earn the moment you purchase a gift card, you don't have to wait until you use it.



Link a bank account for online payments: The most popular and most convenient way to pay. Get your eGift cards instantly and add money to reloadable cards immediately. There is a \$.15 fee on each transaction.

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1. Tap Account > Settings > Payment Options.
2. Choose "Add Bank Account" and follow the steps to securely link your bank account.

OR

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1. Go to Dashboard > Payment Types.
2. Follow the steps to securely link your bank account.



Pay by credit card for online payment: Check out using a Visa, Discover, or Mastercard credit card. Get your eGift cards instantly and add money to reloadable cards immediately. There is a 2.6% fee on each transaction.

To pay with a credit card, simply enter credit card details at checkout. You can save your card for future purchases.



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