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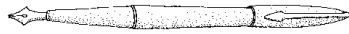
The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Bethany Families,

If your family is like mine, Christmas is a time full of traditions. Have you thought about "tradition" lately? Here's a definition:

tra·di·tion 1. The passing down of elements of a culture from generation to generation, especially by oral communication. 2. A time-honored practice or set of such practices.

Traditions are so important to families, and especially children. There's a sense of security in knowing, "this is how we do things in our family." It's funny, too, how seemingly unimportant events become traditions. One Christmas morning, my dad woke us up by playing a Christmas carol LOUDLY on the stereo (who even uses **that** word anymore????) Every year after that, he did the same...it was our tradition!

Whatever your family traditions may be, I pray they will include time to worship the newborn King. If you do not have a church home, you are welcome to any of Bethany's Christmas services:
Christmas Eve: *1, 3 and *11 PM
Christmas Morning: 9:30 AM

Have a safe and blessed Christmas!

Dr. Fink

**These services will be [livestreamed](#).*

 Merry 
Christmas



**The In-N-Out Truck is
coming to Bethany on Tuesday,
January 18, 2022!**

We need to sell **300 lunches**, so parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and students are welcome to order ahead of time and join us for lunch that day!

Each meal is \$5 and includes a burger, chips, and a drink. Don't miss out! Order your meal by Jan. 11 by using the QR code.



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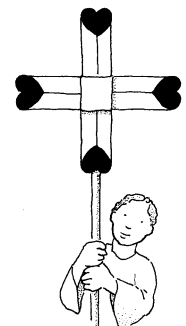
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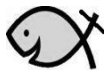
- ☺Dec. 15-16 Middle School Christmas Nativity
- ☺Dec. 17-Minimum Day-Noon dismissal
- ☺Dec. 20-31 Christmas Break
- ☺Jan. 3-School Resumes
- ☺Jan. 17-Martin Luther King Day-No School
- ☺Jan. 18-In-n-Out Truck is here!
- ☺Jan. 21-End Quarter 2
- ☺Jan. 28-Report Cards go home
- ☺Feb. 7-18 MAP Testing, Grades 3-8

Who's leading chapel this week?

12/15-Middle School
1/5-Miss Hinrichs
1/12-Kayleigh

Parents, you are always welcome to join us at 9:00 in the sanctuary!





The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Dr. Fink needs help with a
tetherball project. ☺

It's our tradition here at Bethany
to make **Hygiene Kits** for the
homeless instead of giving gifts to
each other. (*Hygiene kits are due by
Dec. 17*):

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

Parents,
Are you shopping for a phone for
your child for Christmas?

Giving your child their first phone
is a BIG responsibility for both
parent *and* child, and doing some
homework ahead of time will save
headaches later.

Two thoughts: does your child
need a phone for emergencies
only? Consider a ["basic phone"](#) as
a start.

If not, consider a cell phone
contract with your child (sample
attached) and plan to take
advantage of the parental controls
available on both Apple and
Android plans. Here are some
links to help you!

- [Apple Screen Time](#)
- [More on Apple](#)
- [Android devices](#)



CHAPEL
OFFERING

For the month of December, our offerings
will go to [Lutheran Social Services](#) whose
mission statement reads, "Ignited by faith,
we live out God's love by embracing,
equipping and empowering vulnerable
people in Southern California." We also
invite each student to make a hygiene kit
(see info on page 1 of the newsletter.)

Cook's Night Out

Our next event is
PANDA EXPRESS
Friday, December 17.

*Tell your friends across the
nation...the fundraising code we
will provide will be good for ANY
Panda Express ANYWHERE
in the US!*



Christmas Break Office Hours

The school office will be open from 9:00-1:00 Dec. 20-22 and 27-29.

We will be closed Dec. 23-24 and 30-31.

Merry Christmas to our Bethany Families!



ShopWithScrip®

We are in the last weeks before Christmas and it is time to get those
orders in for all of your gift card needs! Buying your gift cards here at
Bethany's Scrip program has the added extra benefit of helping different
ministries. Even if you choose not to earn a tuition rebate, you can help
other ministries - something you can't do if you buy your gift cards
elsewhere. Thanks for buying your gift cards here and supporting
Bethany! Dazzle Days continue through December 10 - be sure to
check the RaiseRight app for the daily bonus.

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Middle School Corner

"Let us walk in the light of the Lord." Isaiah 2:5

**Please save the date for Thursday, December 16th, 2021
at 6:30, 7:00 or 7:30 pm.**

The middle school students will be presenting a walk-through
Christmas nativity experience on the school campus. Every middle
school student will have a role in this wonderful event. All Bethany
students and families are invited to attend the event that evening.
Families can choose the start time that works best for them. *Please
note that some families hoping for 6:30 pm start time might be in a
6:45 or 7:00 pm groups if needed to accommodate the number of
guests present.

The middle school students will also be presenting the program to
preschool through fifth grade students on Wednesday, December 15th
during the school day.