



Bethany Lutheran School
Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Here at Bethany we utilize Acadience and MAP assessments as one measure of students' academic achievement. These assessments are given three times during the school year: fall, winter and spring.

Our K-2 students have already started Acadience assessments in reading and math. These assessments are given one-on-one and help us determine if students are on track to experience success at their grade level and beyond. We also use the scores to determine the best placement for each students for instruction.

Our students in Grades 2-8 will begin MAP assessments in reading, math and language arts next week. These assessments serve the same purpose: are students on track for academic success? They also inform us about what students are ready to learn next.

Thank you for encouraging your student to do his/her best AND for avoiding out-of-school appointments these next two weeks, if possible!

*Anchored in Christ,
Dr. Fink*

COMING UP

- **Sept. 19-23**-7th Grade Camp
- **Sept. 23**-Minimum Day-Noon Dismissal
- **Sept. 23**-Progress Reports
- **Sept. 26-Oct. 7**- MAP Tests
- **Sept. 27**-PTL Meeting
- **Sept. 30**-Fall Fling Open House!
- **Oct. 2**-Trinity Choir sings 8:00
- **Oct. 2**-Troubadour Choir 9:30
- **Oct. 5-7**-5th Grade to Astrocamp
- **Oct. 13**-Makeup photos
- **Oct. 14**-Jog-a-thon
- **Oct. 14**-Minimum Day-Noon Dismissal
- **Oct. 19-21**-6th Grade Camp
- **Oct. 23**- K-2 sings 9:30
- **Oct. 25**-PTL Meeting
- **Oct. 28**-End Quarter 1
- **Oct. 30**-OktoBEARfest!

Open House!

Join us for our Fall Fling Open House next Friday! Need a dinner plan? Order a pizza dinner AND support our 8th Graders' trip to DC! (see QR code on the last page.)



For August/September we will be donating our chapel offerings to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. Their "Neighbors in Need: Ukraine" program will help provide essential support for newly arrived families, including emergency medical care, temporary housing, financial support for basic necessities, and more.

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

COVID Safety

If your student develops symptoms, please keep him/her at home. Obtain a COVID test kit (available in the school office) and test for COVID.

A student may return to school when:

- Symptoms have resolved and the student has been fever-free for 24 hours.
- The student has a negative COVID test after Day 5 OR it has been 10 days since symptom-onset.

If your student has been exposed to COVID, test on Day 1 and again on Day 5. If no symptoms develop and the student tests negative, he/she may continue to attend school.

If you have further questions, please contact the school office.

Praying for a healthy school year!



Arbor Road Closure

Arbor Road will be CLOSED 6 AM-6PM this Thursday (9/22) from Clark to Bellflower.

Don't worry....we have a plan! :)

Before school:

- The parking lot will be open for morning drop-off from 7:00-8:45.
- Traffic will be one-way through the lot with a U-turn by the EDC tables.

After school:

- *The parking lot will not be available for afternoon parking.* PLEASE consider using the drive-through to pick up your child.
- Traffic will be one-way through the lot with a U-turn by EDC.
- You can help keep the line shorter by timing your arrival:

Last names A-J: Arrive at 3:10

Last names K-Z: Arrive at 3:20



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Scrip (gift cards) is the easiest fundraiser there is! You simply purchase gift cards and earn a rebate for something that matters to you - your child's education. Use these gift cards to make your everyday purchases and you are on your way! To make things even more convenient, use the RaiseRight app to purchase on the go and never miss an opportunity to earn. We do have a limited inventory on-hand in the office. Stop on by!

We have a few new brands that we are trying out as on-hand choices - Little Caesar's (\$20/8%), Dunkin' Donuts (\$10/3%), Arby's (\$25/\$10/8%), Panda Express (\$25/8%), Buffalo Wild Wings (\$25/8%), Wendy's (6.5%). There is a very limited supply on hand for now until we know how well they will sell. Let me know what you think!

We also have a few cards that will no longer be in our on-hand inventory - Mimi's Cafe (\$25/8%) and Applebees (\$25/8%).

Cooler Weather?

Cooler weather is on the way!

As you're planning your child's outerwear for cooler mornings, please remember that students may wear Bethany camp sweatshirts OR solid-color jackets/sweatshirts/sweaters in navy blue, red, white or black.

PLEASE mark your child's names or initials on the inside so we can return items easily. (That helps to prevent the mound of navy blue lost-and-found!) Here are a couple of resources for tags/stamps:

- <https://thenamestamp.com/>
- <https://a.co/d/1ToXML8>

FISH Hours

The Jog-a-thon is coming on October 14. We will be sending packets home soon with all the info, but we will need VOLUNTEERS for the event. This is a great way to earn some FISH Hours!

You can sign up here:
<https://bit.ly/JOG2022>



Middle School Corner

This week the 7th graders are taking the classroom to the sea! The 7th grade extra-curricular trip to Catalina Island provides the students with a truly unique learning experience that includes marine biology classes, kayaking, hiking and snorkeling. They always return with amazing stories to share and new knowledge gained. Plus, no white-noise sound machines needed: they will fall asleep to the sound of the Pacific Ocean just outside their cabins! We pray that the Lord blesses their trip!

"There were many different, fun and exciting activities to do while we were there!" – Maya, 8th

"Going to Catalina strengthened my faith with God and His creation." –Jake, 8th

"It was a life-changing trip because of the great group activities we did as a class." –Cooper, 8th

"We learned a lot about marine biology and the ocean, and made great memories! – Nolan, 8th



Girls and boys around the world have experienced the transforming power of the Gospel because a child, family, church, or group lovingly packed a shoebox gift. Bethany students will participate in a giant packing party on November 16, transforming empty shoeboxes into fun gifts.

Last year, our students packed 220 boxes and each box bore the handprints of one of our preschoolers with the message - "Place your hand on our handprints and think about us. We prayed for you. Jesus loves you and so do we."

During September, you can help with donations of school supplies - pens, pencils, block erasers, sharpeners, notebooks, markers, colored pencils, or small calculators (dollar store calculators are fine). Kindly drop off items in the Operation Christmas Child container in the school office.



PTL

Parents, you are all members of the Parent Teacher League, our amazing group of parent leaders/volunteers and an important part of making Bethany such a special place.

Our first PTL meeting of the school year will be on Sept. 27. Watch for info next week!



CALLING ALL DADS AND THEIR DUDES & DUETTES!

Sunday, October 9, 2022 from NOON to 1:30PM, is a Day with Dad...or Grandpa, Uncle, Godfather, any other special man in your child's life. ALL ages are welcome!

We will be meeting on the field, BBQ'ing, enjoying good food, digging into a devotion, games, and doing a fun DIY project that will go home as a keepsake.

Food Menu: Burgers, Hotdogs, Lemonade, Water, Chips and Fruit.

Register now, so we have a head count and have enough supplies and food on hand. Registration closes on Sunday, October 2nd.

<https://bit.ly/daywithdad2223> or use this QR Code:



Cost for this event is free, but we are accepting FREEWILL donations. All donations received will help offset costs AND any proceeds will go to support Bethany's High School Youth Group as they prepare to attend the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Questions regarding this event? Please contact:
Alissa Brege at abrege@bethanylutheran.org or call (562) 421-4711, ext. 13.



Join us as at our **Okto-bear-fest** celebration on Sunday, October 30th!

Activities include our Trunk or Treat, a traditional German feast with all the trimmings, a day of live entertainment, good food, plenty of fun and fellowship with the entire Bethany family!

We will also be collecting canned food to support the hungry in our community.

·4:30 - 6:00 PM.....Bethany Lutheran Schools, "Trunk or Treat" in the Bethany Parking Lot
(Admission: *one can of food and one bag of candy per family*)

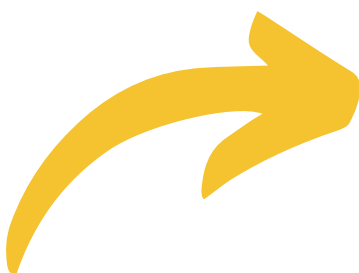
·5:30 PM.....Costume Parade

·4:30 - 6:30 PM.....Food is Served

·4:30 - 7:30 PM.....Oktoberfest (under the tent)
(*Order food/drink tickets below*)

This event is the one time the entire Bethany community gathers during the year. Families from the congregation and from the Schools of Bethany join together to connect with each other; enjoy one another's company and celebrate the One sent into the world for us, Jesus, who sends us out into the world for others.

To order food & beverage, an event T-shirt; (or if you wish to make a monetary donation to offset Okto-bear-fest expenses) visit
<https://bit.ly/Okto-bear-fest22> or use this QR code



Order by midnight, Oct. 23!



COME SUPPORT THE 8TH
GRADE CLASS

“FALL FLING”

PIZZA DINNER



SEPTEMBER 30TH @ 5:30PM

PRE-ORDER

“FAMILY OF 4” MEAL \$20

4 LG. SLICES, 4 SALADS & 4 DRINKS

OR

1 LG. SLICE, SALAD & DRINK \$8

1 LG. SLICE & DRINK \$6

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