



Bethany Lutheran School
Long Beach, CA

BEAR FACTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We lost one of Bethany's biggest cheerleaders this weekend: Mr. Doug Hensley went home to heaven on Saturday.

Mr. Hensley ("Hensley Square" is named for him) spent his entire 40-year career here at Bethany. He started as a teacher and became Bethany's second principal in 1981. During his tenure as principal, he oversaw a school building expansion, the addition of our EDC/Summer Camp program and the advent of computer education/Internet access. He also saw the Bethany mascot change from the Bethany Bombers to the Bethany Braves and finally to the Bethany Bears. :)

Mr. Hensley was known and beloved for so many things:

- He loved Jesus and found his identity and calling as His baptized child.
- He was a master storyteller.
- He loved to travel and share his travel stories with others via his famous slide shows.
- He loved art, taught art, collected Catalina pottery and created beautiful banners.
- He loved music, had season tickets to the LA Philharmonic and was a tenor in the Bethany choir.
- He had a historian's heart...the school office files are stuffed with his notes of Bethany history.
- He loved being connected to multiple generations of Bethany students and families.
- He was a great encourager, especially to Bethany's third principal. :)

In December 1999, Mr. Hensley wrote a letter that is now buried in our time capsule by the flagpole in Freedom Square. It is filled with his visions of the future, many of which have already come true. But I will leave you with his ending:

"My hope is that Bethany Lutheran School [has] a wonderful Centennial Celebration in 2047, and continues to be a vital part of the community. My hope is that you are sitting in your office reading this letter while Christmas songs are playing, sweet tangerines are awaiting your attention, and the sounds of happy children can be heard in the distance."

Thank you for giving so much to the Bethany community, Mr. Hensley. You have kept the faith and finished the race, and have now received the crown of righteousness. You will be missed!



For our November offerings, Student Council has chosen to partner with Soar International Ministries and their Stuff A Stocking program. This program helps kids know the love of Jesus through a stocking filled with gifts and essential items at Christmas time. The kids who are receiving these gifts are most often in communist or war torn areas where they wouldn't otherwise get Christmas gifts and hear about the hope of Christ's birth!

COMING UP

- **Nov. 16**-Operation Christmas Child Packing Event
- **Nov. 18**-Grandparents and Special Friends Day! Late start (8:30) and Minimum Day with noon dismissal
- **Nov. 21-25**-Thanksgiving Break
- **Nov. 29**-PTL Meeting 6:30 PM
- **Dec. 4**-Bethany Christmas Concerts, 3:00 and 7:00 PM
- **Dec. 13**-"Christmas in Reverse" Christmas program-Grades 3-5- 1:30 and 6:30 PM
- **Dec. 21**-Minimum Day
- **Dec. 22-Jan. 3**-Christmas break
- **Jan. 4**-School resumes

Cook's Night Out

This year, there will be no home cooking on Wednesdays! Join us every week for Cook's Night Out (CNO!)

- Nov. 2-30: Krispy Kreme!!
- Nov. 16-Naples Rib Company

Know of a restaurant that would like to host a Cook's Night Out?

Email Jennifer Newton,
ms.jennifer.newton@gmail.com.

See you tomorrow at Naples Rib Company! (Don't forget your flyer...you can print one from the newsletter or show it from your phone when you order!)

Jog-a-thon Correction:
Oliver **KOEHLINGER** was the 2nd Place winner for Mrs. Morgensen's class.

Way to go, Oliver!



Got Towels?

We're collecting old towels for some clean-up projects here on campus.

You can send yours to the school office. Thanks!



Formerly ShopWithScrip

Raise Days are here again! It all happens November 17 - 18 with a preview day on Wednesday, Nov. 16 in the RaiseRight app.

Shop the biggest eGift card event of the year. Take advantage of this popular, 2-day event to raise more money and make an even bigger impact on your rebate. This event is limited to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. You must have an online account with Raise Right to participate. Great time to stock up for your Thanksgiving meal shopping and Christmas shopping!

If you are not currently a Raise Right user, let me help you get started! Happy to help you earn a rebate!

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SAVE THE DATE!

Our High School Youth Ministry sponsored
Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Bethany!

Sunday, December 4 to Sunday, December 11 in the Parish Lounge

Start checking off gifts from your Christmas lists and give the gift of reading! More information will be coming soon about our special Family Night and times the fair will be open for your shopping pleasure.

Proceeds from this fair help support our High School Youth Ministry.

Middle School Corner

Bethany Lutheran is committed to a Pre-K through 8th grade model to prepare students for high school. These middle school years are a key time for students to deeply understand who God created them to be and to learn to make mindful, God-pleasing choices.

Bethany's buddy system provides middle school students with the opportunity to be responsible and uplifting, while giving the younger students a friendly face to see around campus and a helper at school events.

Here's the buddy breakdown!
8th Grade and 1st Grade
7th Grade and Kindergarten
6th Grade and Pre-K/TK

Starting in 6th grade the students are paired with buddies in Bethany's Pre-K and TK classes. Approximately 1-2 times a month these buddies will get together for a planned activities. It is the hope that these activities are building a foundation that will grow over the years to come! (Praying we can return to this in 2023!)

Our 7th and 8th grade students accompany their buddies to chapel weekly, where they can participate and worship together. These buddies are also on the same Bear Teams so they see each other at monthly Bear Team events. And they bond during other planned events throughout the year as well!

"I love my buddy and participating in chapel together! – Aaliyah, 7th

"They bring joy to my Wednesday morning! – Grant, 8th

"It feels good to fill this leadership opportunity." – Lauren, 7th

"It is a fun and nostalgic experience every week. I still remember my buddy when I was little." – Kate, 8th

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11*



Empty shoe boxes and information brochures are available in the school office for families who wish to pack a shoebox gift. Please return completed boxes to the church or school office no later than November 18. Reminder: a favorite gift to a recipient is a personal note or family picture in your shoebox.

Other ways to be involved in November:

- Volunteer to serve at the school's packing party on the 16th. Shifts are available between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Work a shift during National Collection Week (Nov 14 - 21) and help collect shoeboxes from members in our nearby communities. Hours: 9 am-1:00 pm weekdays, 10 am - 2pm on Sat., Nov 19 and noon to 4 on Sun, Nov 20. This year will mark Bethany's 6th year serving as a Collection site.
- Transport cartons of shoeboxes collected during this week from Bethany to Huntington Beach. You'll be placed "on call" for a delivery time.
- Volunteer at the Fullerton Processing Center on Friday, Nov. 25, from 1 to 5:00 p.m., processing shoeboxes for shipments overseas. Open to adults and youth (minimum age is 14 years.) Great service project opportunity.

For additional information or to volunteer, please contact Kahana Smith at 310-387-0728 or Ruth Lopez at 562-307-3435.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Friday, November 18

8:30-12:00

(Late start and noon dismissal for everyone that day!)

We are looking forward to Friday! The parking lot will be open for grandparents to park, so if you are planning to drop your child off in the drive-through, please plan ahead and watch for extra foot traffic in the parking lot.

School will dismiss at noon, **but we will not open the drive-through gate until all grandparent cars have left the lot.** If you are picking up your child using the drive-through, please plan to arrive at 12:15 so we don't create a traffic jam. :)

Parents, we will need your help to pull off this special event! Can you lend a hand? Sign up [here](#).



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\$15 PER DOZEN



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COOK'S NIGHT OUT
BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

NAPLES RIB Co.



WED., NOV. 16

TO GO
ORDERS:
10 AM
TO 9 PM

5800 2ND ST.
LONG BEACH
562-439-7427

DINE IN:
4 PM
TO 9 PM

See's Candies Fundraiser

Benefiting Bethany Lutheran Schools PTL

Dear Parents and Friends,

We are excited to begin our See's Candies fundraiser! We are raising funds for PTL, your Parent Teacher League, to benefit events for the Preschool and K-8!

Since all of the students will benefit from this fundraiser, we greatly appreciate everyone's participation.

These lovely wrapped boxes make great gifts for teachers, neighbors, friends and co-workers! You can even order online and have them shipped to friends and family out of state!

Important Dates:

11/10/2022 Fundraiser Starts

11/28/2022 Fundraiser Ends

*(ALL orders AND money MUST be turned in on 11/28. **NO** exceptions!)*

Week of 12/12/2022 Candy will be available for delivery to your supporters.

Feel like ordering online instead of in person?
Scan the QR Code to head directly to our online shop!

