



# Bethany Lutheran School

Long Beach, CA

# BEAR FACTS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year, Bethany families!

It's January, and I've already been thinking quite a bit about our *next* school year! This is the time that we start to make plans, project enrollment, focus on budgets, etc., etc., etc. It feels odd, but it's necessary.

Part of our planning involves getting the word out about Bethany Lutheran and what a great school this is. We are blessed to have our admissions director, Sara Cerulle, hard at work on this but **we know that our best advertisement is YOU!**

As you interact with friends and neighbors (or fellow soccer/baseball/Scout parents!) about schooling, encourage them to consider Bethany. You might even invite them to an upcoming event so they can see all the great stuff going on at our school.

We've found a special place here: let's share it with others!

Blessings on your week!  
Dr. Fink

## COMING UP

- **Jan. 16**-No school in honor of Martin Luther King
- **Jan. 20**-End Quarter 2
- **Jan. 22**-Trinity sings 8:00, Troubadour sings 9:30
- **Jan. 22-27**-National Lutheran Schools Week
- **Jan. 24**-In-n-Out Truck!!!!
- **Jan. 24**-PTL Meeting 6:30 PM
- **Jan. 27**-Report cards go home
- **Jan. 27-TALENT SHOW! 6:30**
- **Jan. 31**- Middle School Info Night
- **Feb. 1**-Re-registration begins
- **Feb. 8**-Kindergarten Info Night

### It's time to get your act together! (for the Talent Show!)

The Talent Show is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 27 at 6:30 PM. **Sign up in the school office** to try out on one of these dates:

Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 17  
Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 18  
Friday morning, Jan. 20  
Friday afternoon, Jan. 20





Happy New Year! The school office continues to be open Monday through Friday from 8am - 4pm for all your Scrip needs. (My hours are typically 9am - 1pm)

If you haven't yet signed up for an online account with RaiseRight - now is the time! Shopping online gives you access to all available cards and you can even have them shipped to your home! The Raise Right app is a super convenient option as well - reload cards on the spot or purchase an eCard while you're shopping. Of course, we are happy to sell you cards right here in the office as well. It's good to have options! Enrollment code: 1BL8EE69719L

Please remember: If you are an active Scrip participant, a minimum of \$25 in rebates must be earned (after the 60/40 split) in order for the rebate to be credited to tuition or other ministries. This is a change from last year - minimum was \$2.50.

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## Eagle Scout Project

Bethany Lutheran School has been BLESSED to have many Eagle Scout candidates choose to do their Eagle projects at school. Caleb O'Conner, Bethany alum, has chosen to refurbish the gaga pit! The pit has been dis-assembled and work will take about a month to complete. He could use our help, though. See his request below:

*Several months ago I started fundraising to raise money for my Eagle Scout project. I will be refurbishing the gaga pit, and making an outdoor toy box. Thank you everyone for donating cans, and supporting me at the used uniform sale. If you didn't have a chance to donate anything and would like to donate please do not hesitate to ask me.*

*I will begin the first stages of my project which includes base preparation on January 21 at 9:00am. We will meet on the grassy field. I am in need of help in the first stage of the project and would appreciate anyone who would like to volunteer their time and tools. I would like to borrow flat head shovels, metal garden bow rakes, and if possible a vibrating plate compactor (hand compactors would work as well). If you are able to help in any of these ways please feel free to email me at caoconner6002@gmail.com or text me at 562-202-0473.*

*Thank you,  
Caleb O'Conner*

## Middle School Corner

### Getting to know Senora Hernandez, Middle School Spanish teacher.

**Birthplace:** I was born in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

**Middle School Memory:** I went to an elementary school for only girls that was Catholic in a small city called San Andres Tuxtla, in the state of Veracruz. I remember that the nuns were super-strict with our punctuality. Once I arrived 5 minutes late, they put us on our knees on a rice line to learn to arrive on time. Going to Middle School brought many changes to school life. I attended a public school in a much larger city Monterrey, Mexico. I spoke differently from my classmates. The southern accent is completely different from the northern accent. Some of my classmates found it a good reason to bully me. On a positive note I had a great chemistry teacher, he was exceptional at teaching chemistry. He was an example to me of a person who found their true vocation.

**Education:** Bachelor in Ciencias de la Educacion from Centro de Estudios Superiores de Veracruz.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** "The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." Psalm 23

**Lives:** In Belmont Shore with my husband and my two fur babies Coco and Lucas.

**Favorite Hobby:** Running and doing crafts.



**The In-n-Out truck is coming** and we want to sell 300 lunches! Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings: join us!

Click here to order: <https://tinyurl.com/NLSWIn-N-Out>

# NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK 2023

MON.  
JAN. 23

## CHANNEL YOUR FLANNEL DAY

CALLING ALL URBAN LUMBERJACKS! DRESS IN ALL FLANNEL OR PLAID. PRESCHOOL: BUBBLE MANIA, GRADES K-2: WHEELS DAY, GRADES 6-8: ICE SKATING

TUES.  
JAN. 24

## DECADE DAY

50S, 60S, 70S, 80S, 90S, 2000S...DRESS TO MATCH THE STYLE OF YOUR FAVORITE DECADE. THE IN-N-OUT TRUCK WILL SERVE LUNCH.

WED.  
JAN. 25

## SPORTS JERSEY DAY

WHICH TEAM DO YOU ROOT FOR? WEAR A SPORTS JERSEY OR APPAREL.

THURS.  
JAN. 26

## SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

COME DECKED OUT IN BLUE AND GOLD. GOT A FREE AFTERNOON? HELP US PACK THE GYM TO CHEER ON OUR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AT 3:30 PM AND VARSITY GIRLS TEAM AT 4:30 PM.

GRADES 3-5: BOWLING

FRI.  
JAN. 27

## TOURIST DAY

WHERE WILL YOU VISIT? DRESS LIKE A TOURIST, BUT PLEASE NO SWIM WEAR.

STUDENTS WILL LEARN ABOUT MISSIONARIES' TRAVELS AND SHARE A LITTLE PIECE OF THEIR OWN CULTURE WITH THEIR CLASS.