



Bear Facts

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



Week 10 of learning-from-home (not counting a week of Easter break.) The end of the school year is in sight, but what a different “end” it will be for us this year!

I’m sure you won’t be surprised to hear that we will not be returning to campus for instruction this year. ☹ We will continue learning-from-home lessons through June 5, followed by some special events the last week of school:

- June 7:** 8th Grade Graduation (details TBD)
- June 8:** Final chapel service
“Back to the Future” Google Meet with next year’s teacher
Class viewing of “2020-2021 School Memories” video
- June 9:** Virtual Field Trip Day
Materials Collection Day! (a day for student to pack up their stuff and teachers to pack up students’ stuff here at school.)
- June 10:** “Materials Swap”/Yearbook distribution for Grades 1-8 (details TBD)
- June 11:** Kindergarten Graduation/yearbooks/Materials Swap (details TBD)
Additional “Materials Swap” for 1st-8th (if needed)

In addition to end-of-year planning, we are also working on “return-to-school” planning and we’re interested in your opinions! **K-7 parent, please take a moment to respond to this survey and give us some input:**

<https://bit.ly/BLSLookAhead>

Just a reminder that we are offering childcare **(to anyone who has returned to work outside the home!)** beginning June 1. Here is the link to register:

<https://bit.ly/BLSCChildCare>

Also, our summer childcare registration is open. (Please note that we made a couple of slight changes to our plans since we sent the link on Friday.) Here is the link to register:

bit.ly/BLSSummerCamp2020

Finally, just a note to say that one of the many things I am missing here on campus is the chance to visit with our Bethany parents (and watch you visit with each other!) Freedom Square is eerily quiet...I can’t wait until you are back!

Be safe.
You are loved.
Dr. Fink

School Bulletin #36

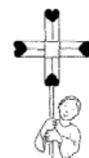
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DON'T FORGET

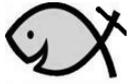
- ☺ June 5-Last day of instruction
- ☺ June 7-8th Grade Graduation (final details TBD)
- ☺ June 8-Last chapel service, “Back to the Future” event, School Memories Google Viewing Events
- ☺ June 9-“Materials Collection Day” #packupyourstuff
- ☺ June 10-“Materials Swap” for 1st-8th (final details TBD)
- ☺ June 11-K Graduation (final details TBD) in the morning
Additional “Materials Swap” for 1st-8th in the afternoon?
- ☺ Sept. 1-First day of 2020-2021 school year

Chapel

We will post a chapel service each week on Wednesdays so we can be united in worship! This week **Dr. McDaniel** will bring us the message.



Bethany Parents, we know some of you have been affected financially by this crisis. Please reach out to Dr. Fink if you need to make any adjustments in your FACTS account or are in need of any other kind of assistance. We are standing by ready to help as best we can!



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Parents, of all the things to stress about right now, FISH Hours should not be on your list. Please don't give it a second thought. ☺

Bethany Lutheran Church Worship
Our church services are pre-recorded and posted online...you can find the links on the Bethany website:
www.bethanylutheran.org
Are you in need of pastoral care?
Please call the church office: 421-4711

Middle School Corner

Important Student Council Information for Grades 4 - 7

We are holding Student Council elections this week and all students in grades 4 - 7 will have the opportunity to vote for the 2020-2021 President, Vice President and Secretary.

On Wednesday, May 27th, your student's teacher will share the video links and voting link. We encourage students to watch all of the videos so they can be informed voters.

Good luck to all the candidates!

Candidates for President

Kelli Palacios
Maya Peavler

Candidates for Vice President

Aensli Ruiz
Jamie Long
Joey Kabacinski
Ryder DeLuca

Candidates for Secretary

Cole Medina
Michael Palacios
Payton Wallace-Caine
Sienna Deeble

**Candidates are listed in alphabetical order by first name*

Monthly Awards

This year we are honoring character traits associated with healthy Thinking Interdependently" even as we're learning from home! Congratulations to the following students:

K- Alexa Roberts	1 st - Lila Trump
2 nd - Ezra Anema	3 rd - Olivia Alvarado
4 th - Lauren Walsh	5 th - Grant Parker
6 th - Grace Porte	7 th - Ryder DeLuca
8 th -Mahak Gupta	



I'm inspired by music almost all the time – a song lyric or melody sticks in my head, ties to a memory or feeling of some sort and instantly there is a connection. Eric Church describes it as “Sometimes a memory sounds like a melody” and I feel that. There are some songs lately that make me think of this time in our life. This time of uncertainty, big changes, the “norm” changing by the minute, a time of reset and pause, a time of family and strength:

“You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you get what you need”

– Rolling Stones

“The simple bare necessities. Forget about your worries and your strife... the bare necessities of life will come to you”

– Baloo, The Jungle Book

“Don't worry 'bout a thing, cause every little thing's gonna be alright”

– Bob Marley

The world is moving at a snail's pace but at the same time, changing faster than we've ever seen before. We worry about our children, our jobs, our teachers, our family members, our friends we don't see and hug any more, our world going back to normal. We don't know what tomorrow or the next week will look like, but we do know that God will provide for us. He will give us what we need. The Bare Necessities of life, if you will. Faith takes courage, but we are capable and strong.

Every little thing is going to be alright, friends.

Love you, BearFam!
Jen Carlson, PTL President



Presenting more of our
Class of 2020 8th Grade Graduates



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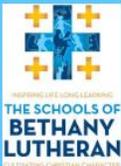
Gabriella

Gabriella will be attending
McBride High School
Health and Medical Pathway

"One of my favorite memories I've had at Bethany was the Catalina trip because it helped me get to know my classmates better. While we were there I remember us doing a campfire and we put on small skits and sang songs. That night was one of the funniest experiences I've ever had. People were singing the ABCs completely wrong, and others were pretending to be teachers and tried acting like them. Angelina tried playing two different people at once and she was switching different wigs on, pretending to be different people. It was hilarious."



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Jacob

Jacob will be attending
McBride High School
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"My favorite memories are
hanging out with my friends and
the fun field trips."



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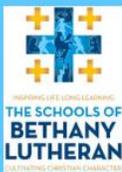
Mahak

Mahak will be attending
St. Joseph High School

**A favorite memory while at Bethany:
"When I first learned to play Gaga Ball
with my friends."**



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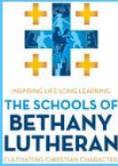
Caleb

Caleb will be attending
Valley Christian High School

**"A good memory I had was at Catalina. While
our class was snorkeling, we saw a bunch of
really cool fish that I have never seen before. It
was a really cool experience."**



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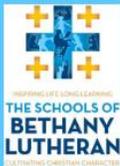
Alexis

Alexis will be attending
McBride High School
Health and Medical Pathway

"I've made many great memories being at Bethany. One of my favorite memories was when we were doing backyard baseball. This is one of my favorites because I could tell that everyone was having a good time and we played as a team. I enjoyed cheering on my friends when it was their turn to play and it was so fun to play. I will always remember and cherish this memory."



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Nolan

Nolan will be attending
McBride High School
Health and Medical Pathway

"One of the best memories I have is when our class went to CIMI camp because when we went snorkeling at night we saw a ton of glowing bioluminescent plankton."



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