



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Our Renaissance construction/facelift process is nearly complete (just a few punchlist items left to address) after many months of “flexibility” on the part of our staff, students and families. The changes on campus are pretty amazing...as I type this I’m having a hard time remembering what Hensley Square used to look like! The results are incredible and we’re truly “blessed at Bethany.”

You may not have seen ALL the Renaissance construction results, however, so I hope you’ll join us this Sunday for **Open House** and take the time to tour other areas of the campus in addition to your child’s classroom! The Youth Complex, church offices, Parish Lounge and sanctuary are spaces that have been beautifully transformed! We will also take time to thank God for His abundant blessings and re-dedicate our sanctuary at all three church services this Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 10:55. Hope to see you there!

*Blessed,
Dr. Fink*

Renaissance 

New Parent Prayer Group!

Would you like to help lift our students, families and staff in prayer with other praying parents? We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the EDC room at 8:35 AM. Our first meeting will be Sept. 24. Join us!



Box Tops for Education is going digital!

Although the Box Tops clips are still in use, the program has begun a transition. There are still Boxtops to clip for a bit, though, so we'll be having a Box Top collection drive in October. Continue saving the Box Tops and please download the app to start scanning your receipts!

Monthly Awards

This year we are honoring character traits associated with healthy “Habits of Mind” and also supported by Scripture. ☺ For the months of August/September, we are honoring students who demonstrate **“listening with understanding and empathy”**:

- K-Caitlin Chung
- 1st-Jessie White
- 2nd-Noah Harris
- 3rd-Hailey Avila
- 4th-Shae Delahanty
- 5th-Eli Anema
- 6th-Jonathan Goebel
- 7th-Sienna Deeble
- 8th-Gabriella Hernandez

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” James 1:19

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Sept. 24, 2019

DON'T FORGET

- ☺Sept. 23 MAP Testing begins, Grades 2-8
- ☺Sept. 24-Prayer group 8:30 AM
- ☺Sept. 24-Parent Support Group...Students with Dyslexia
- ☺Sept. 29-Open House
- ☺Oct. 3-Jog-a-thon
- ☺Oct. 4-Fall Holiday-No School
- ☺Oct. 7-SafeKids Parent Info Night
- ☺Oct. 8-Author Day with our very own Miss Arzaga!
- ☺Oct. 9-11 5th Grade to Astrocamp
- ☺Oct. 22-Picture Makeup Day
- ☺Oct. 25-Middle School Dance

Chapel Leaders

- Sept. 25-Mrs. Moorman
- Oct. 2-Pastor Blake
- Oct. 9-Pastor Seth

*Chapel is at 9:00 on
Wednesdays in the church.
Parents, you are always
welcome to join us!*

Bethany Bears Sports

Tuesday

Girls' VB home vs. Mt. Calvary

Wednesday

Boys' Football away vs. St. Mark's, Hacienda Heights

Thursday

Girls' VB away vs. Loving Savior, Chino Hills

*Varsity games at 3:30, JV at 4:30
Go. Bears!*



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

HELP! HELP!

We could use some help picking up a couple of small trees and bags of soil amendment for our class garden boxes, as well as planting the trees in some containers we have on campus.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col 3:17



CHAPEL OFFERING

For August and September we will be donating our chapel offerings to Garuna Lutheran Schools in Cambodia where Ms. Imes and Mrs. Tucker served this past summer!

"Garuna" means grace, mercy and compassion in the Thai and Khmer language. The Garuna Christian Schools are 'tutorial' schools. The children in Cambodia attend government schools for half days. When they are finished with their required school session they are then welcomed to come to the Garuna Christian Schools for extra help in the core subjects including Bible stories, music, and lessons.

You can learn more about the Garuna Foundation here:

<https://www.garuna.org/garuna-schools.html>



To earn a Scrip rebate, and save money on your tuition, make everyday purchases with Scrip/gift cards. For your first order you might just purchase Scrip for your groceries and gas. Once you get used to using Scrip you can earn on every part of your budget, including dining out, retail shopping, home improvements and travel.

There are two ways to purchase Scrip:

Physical Gift Cards-

These are the same gift cards you get at retail stores. Use them instead of cash or a credit card. Order Forms, and gift cards, are available in the school office. Order Forms can also be printed from the Bethany website, located under 'Forms'.

ScripNow eCards-

These are electronic gift certificates that can be ordered and printed from your ShopWithScrip account.

How to Order ScripNow:

- Create an account at www.ShopWithScrip.com (the Bethany Lutheran enrollment code is: 1BL8EE69719L).
- Enroll in **PrestoPay** (online payments) to pay for orders by linking your bank account to your **ShopWithScrip** account.
- Print your eCertificate and redeem it at a store, or copy and paste the certificate code for online purchases.

Statistics show families who order and pay online earn 45% more than families who don't.

Pay online with a credit card: Visa and Mastercard are accepted. You can choose to save the card to your account for future purchases.

Club 35 (Grades 3-5)

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade youth are invited to the next Club 35 meeting on...

Wednesday, September 25th from 6:00-7:00PM

Join us for a time of fellowship as we get to know each other some more and hop right into some fun activities. Club 35 will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 6-7pm in the Multipurpose Room #215.

Our Upcoming 2019 Dates: October 9 & 23, November 13. Our December 11 date we will meet a little bit earlier (5:45-6:45PM) because of our Advent service that evening.

***2020 Dates are posted on the Club 35 page Bethany's Website. –**

Katelyn True, ktrue@bethanylutheran.org



SAVE THE DATE!

Bethany Lutheran Church and Schools
Community Open House

(takes the place of our annual Fall Fling Open House)



Sunday, September 29

Come at 12:00 for lunch, tours of the church/offices/Youth Room!
Classrooms open 1:00-3:00

Interested in joining Bethany Lutheran Church? Bethany 101 & 201 “New Member Courses”

Bethany 101 and Bethany 201 are courses that explore the key truths of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective and the process and purpose of membership at Bethany.

Attendance at 101 is required for those joining Bethany Lutheran Church, even those who are transferring membership from another Lutheran church. Bethany 201 is for folks who are not coming from another Lutheran church.

Bethany 101 is a one-session face-to-face experience where we talk about the history of Bethany, our vision, structure, the Bethany Blueprint and what membership at Bethany entails.

Bethany 201 is a three session online course that covers the core basics of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Participants will meet individually (or as a family) with either of our Pastors after each session to discuss the material.

The next Bethany 101 sessions will be held on BOTH October 6th and October 13th in the Music Room and begin at 11 am. Child Care will be available right next door in the preschool. Class will run approximately an hour. You need attend ONLY ONE of the two opportunities.

Bethany 201 begins after attendance at a 101. Our hope is that all those going through the 201 process will be finished by the end of November so that we can receive new members in early December.

Please RSVP your attendance for Bethany 101 with Pastor Kevin or Pastor Seth kkritzer@bethanylutheran.org smoorman@bethanylutheran.org

Operation Christmas Child

This year, we'll participate in one GIGANTIC packing party for Operation Christmas Child, but we're starting to collect items NOW. In September, we're collecting hygiene products and accessories including bar soap (no liquids), wash cloths, toothbrushes (no toothpaste), combs, hair brushes, bandages, nail clippers/files, compact mirrors, sunglasses, hats, socks, bandanas, beanies and hair accessories like barrettes, headbands and bows. We have a donation bin here in the office to collect your gifts of love!



Thanks for your support!

Middle School Corner

Last week in Advisory the middle school students took three different personality quizzes. The quiz results support the students in gaining a better understanding of who they are, and how to work well and understand other people. Praise be to God that He created each of us to be unique! How boring this world would be if we were all the same! The middle school students will dig deeper into their quiz results this week. You're invited to swing by room 205 during the Open House on Sunday, 9/27 between 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. to see the results up in the classroom.

Parents, please consider taking the personality quiz link provided here! What a wonderful way to tap into your middle school student's experience. <https://www.16personalities.com/free-personality-test>

P.S. To make this even easier, please watch your email because we're sending you the link to the quiz!

I'm often asked, "What does the PTL actually *do*?" While we're a fun group of parents who like to get involved with the school, the PTL is responsible for funding and helping around campus to provide our kiddos and teachers the support they need during the year. We plan fun activities for the students (beach bonfire, movie nights, Fun Day/Block Party, and heck, we even did a snow day one year!), raise funds for the school through our jog-a-thon, See's candy sales and golf ball drop, organize family events such as Grandparent's Day, our guest author days, assemblies on campus and the parent info nights about internet safety that we've hosted the last few years, and spoil our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week too. The funds we raise have gone towards smaller and bigger projects on campus – the water bottle filling stations, the scoreboards in the gym, art supplies, shade over the eating and play areas, a BBQ to use at major events, the buses that transport the kids to camps, our online encyclopedia subscription and so.much.more!

Our parents – YOU – are a vital part of the experience we enjoy here at Bethany and we couldn't do it without our village. I encourage you to join us at our first PTL meeting of the year tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the library (and did someone say FREE CHILDCARE!?) to hear what we have planned for the year and see where you might be able to lend a hand. We want you there and can't wait to have you join us! Go Bears!

-Jen Carlson, PTL President



September 2019

Dear Bethany Parents,

Our kids have learned important safety procedures like “look both ways before crossing the street,” “stop, drop and roll,” and “duck and cover.” As we are all painfully aware, we now live in a day and age where it has become prudent and necessary to equip them with a new safety procedure: what to do in the face of a violent threat. Fortunately, the science of protection has provided us with effective responses to increase safety and survivability.

This school year Bethany Lutheran School is partnering with Safe Kids Inc., a team of law enforcement and education experts, who have developed a curriculum that teaches these responses in a non-threatening manner: The H.E.R.O. Program.

H.E.R.O. is an acronym for: **Hide! Escape! Run! Overcome!** Our teaching staff has already participated in the training and will be leading students through the curriculum this year.

Your child will learn these safe-thinking skills and empowerment strategies through age-appropriate activities, stories, classroom discussions, journaling, and student-parent discussion. Once they have been prepared in this non-threatening manner, the school will participate in school-wide drills that meet and exceed safety mandates determined by government officials.

The H.E.R.O. Program has been vetted by numerous focus groups consisting of students, teachers, school administrators, school psychologists, university faculty, law enforcement and most importantly, parents!

We want all parents to be fully informed about this program before we teach the lessons, so the authors of the program, Scott Johnson and Adam Coughran, will be giving a parent presentation here at Bethany:

Safe Kids Presentation
October 7, 2019
6:30 PM in the church
Childcare and homework passes provided

We also encourage you to visit Safe Kids Inc.’s website at www.SafeKidsInc.com to learn more. You can also download the free H.E.R.O. Companion Guide for Parents by clicking on the “Families” tab.

We value the safety of our children above all else and believe the H.E.R.O. Program will create a safer learning environment for our entire school community as well as equip our students for potential threats outside of school.

Please plan to join us on October 7. And as always, if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me!

Sincerely,
Dr. Fink