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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Happy New Year, Bethany families! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for 2020!

As the ball dropped this year, I made the comment “let the over-use of the phrase ‘2020 Vision’ begin!” It was a silly remark, but I’ve been thinking about it ever since, so I’m going to add to the over-use right now: When it comes to the future and what the year 2020 will hold, there’s no way for us to have 2020 vision. We don’t know what the future holds! But as the old saying goes, “We don’t know what the future holds, but we know WHO holds the future.”

Throughout Scripture, God reminds His people to look *back* to see how He has been faithful in keeping His promises, then to look *forward* with confidence, trusting that He will do the same in the future. That brings me comfort and peace. I hope (and pray) it does the same for you.

*Trusting Him,
Dr. Fink*



Monthly Awards

This year we are honoring character traits associated with healthy “Habits of Mind. ☺ In December, we were watching for students who “Respond with Wonderment and Awe.”

- K-** Samantha Young
- 1st**-Riley Osborn
- 2nd**-Elizabeth Albers
- 3rd**-Robbie DeFrance
- 4th**-Jaiden Beatty
- 5th**-Madison Farley
- 6th**-Brayden Huynh
- 7th**-Samantha Atkinson
- 8th**-Emma Barker

We’ll hand out December’s certificates after chapel tomorrow, 1/8.

Cook’s Night Out

Please join your Bethany family and friends, and take the night off from cooking at...

Chick-fil-A

4895 Candlewood Street,
Lakewood
Wednesday, January 15th
6:30 - 9:00 PM

Watch for a flyer next week, and thanks for supporting our 8th Graders!

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DON'T FORGET

- ☺Jan. 17-End Quarter 2
- ☺Jan. 26-31 National Lutheran Schools Week
- ☺Jan. 31-TALENT SHOW!
- ☺Feb. 3-14 MAP Testing
- ☺Feb. 7-Middle School Dance
- ☺Feb. 14-Minimum Day
- ☺Feb. 17-Presidents’ Day-No School
- ☺Feb. 25-Vision Screening
- ☺Feb. 26-Ash Wednesday
- ☺Mar. 3-CUI Choir Festival

Chapel Leaders

- Jan. 8-Pastor Seth
- Jan. 15-Kayleigh
- Jan. 22-Pr. Cook

Parents, you are always welcome to join us!

Ahoy, Mateys!

Please consider looking through your costume bins for any pirate costumes and props. The middle school would love to borrow anything you have available. We can label the items and have them returned to you.

Please drop off all your pirate goodies in the school office .Thank you for your help!

GOT USED GIFT CARDS?

We are collecting used-up gift cards here in the office! Feel free to drop them off in the box on the counter!



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

We have a "tetherball experiment" we'd like to try on our playground. If you're a handy sort of parent, please contact Dr. Fink to lend a hand!



CHAPEL
OFFERING

January's chapel offerings will support [Doctors Without Borders](#).



The everyday way to save money on your tuition-Shop with Scrip! Purchasing gift cards from the Bethany Scrip/gift card Program is not just for Christmas. Using Scrip for your groceries, gas, restaurants, and other everyday expenses, will earn you a large tuition rebate.

Whether you want to check off that home improvement project (Lowe's and Home Depot), cook more meals at home (Albertsons, Smart & Final, Sprouts, Stater Bros and Vons), or buy gas (Arco, Chevron, Mobil, Shell or 76), using Scrip is an easy way to pay.

Now you can earn anytime, anywhere on your phone! Discover how easy earning is with *MyScripWallet.com*. Shop from your phone wherever you are, using Scrip always fits into your busy schedule-and saving money is even more convenient.

With *MyScripWallet* you can shop all eCard types, pay online, view your gift cards and check card balances. Sign up today at **ShopWithScrip.com**, the Bethany Lutheran enrollment code is: 1BL8EE69719L. Link your bank account to enroll in online payments and you are ready to order!

Pay your Kohl's bill with Scrip! You can pay your Kohl's charge account bill with gift cards from Bethany Scrip. We have \$25, \$50 and \$100 Kohl's cards to make it convenient for you to pay at any Kohl's register.

Middle School Corner

To kickoff 2020, the middle school students will spend Advisory class time discussing a Middle School Student Practical Knowledge Checklist (or better yet, "Middle School Marble Skills!" ala Bethany's Kindergarten.) The students will check off the skills they complete on a regular basis and choose one as a new goal to start working on in 2020.

Middle School Practical Knowledge

1. You get up and dressed on your own, no parent assistance
2. You make your own breakfast
3. You make your own lunch
4. You do some cooking and some cleaning
5. You do some of your own laundry
6. You do some assigned chores besides the ones listed above
7. You choose to participate in at least one activity outside of academics
8. You get ready for school on your own, including packing all materials you will need for the day
9. You do homework on your own without multiple reminders
10. You talk to teachers to get clarification on assignments, to ask for help, to ask questions about comments and grades received
11. You are able to handle money
12. You are able to get around, navigate by yourself (tell someone how to get to your house if needed)

What would YOU add to the list?

Dress Code Update

Dress codes are such funny things and they are certainly "living documents" as fashions come and go. ☺

We've been struggling a bit with the definition of "leggings." We prefer that girls wear skirts or jumpers over their leggings, but some pants fall into a gray area...they aren't leggings, but they are made from the same material, have an elastic waist, etc. It's becoming increasingly-difficult to distinguish between the two, so after a spirited faculty discussion (!) we've decided to ask that any clothing being worn as pants (not leggings) have back pockets.

We realize, though, that families have invested in pants that DON'T have pockets and we don't want to put you in a difficult financial situation, so we're going to phase this in with our students so they have time to out-grow their current clothing or do some after-Christmas-sales shopping. We'll start enforcing the "pockets" rule in February.



The IN-N-OUT truck is coming!!!! See the attached flyer.

Welcome back to school, Bethany Bears! I hope your Christmas break came with lots of rest, delish foods and treats and family time. We are starting a new year, new decade, new season – may you all feel the refreshing love, patience and cleansing breath from our God. He is our fresh start to every day, week, month, year and beyond. I find relief in knowing that no matter what happened yesterday or even last year, He is with me now and always and ready to guide me through a new year. Happy New Year to the best group of parents and staff around!

Jen Carlson, PTL President

Well done, good and faithful servant.

After more than 25 years of faithful service on our campus, our Scrip Coordinator, Carol Grudt, will be retiring effective January 31, 2020.

The scrip (gift card) program at Bethany Lutheran Church and School is the premiere program within our Pacific-Southwest District. During her length of service, Carol has been committed to growing and developing the program to provide benefits to our families and campus ministries. Her commitment to the success of the program and our ministries has been unwavering.

The scrip program in an innovative way to earn monies for campus ministries and tuition rebates for our Bethany Lutheran Schools families. A percentage of each scrip purchase goes to the ministry designated by the purchaser. Over the years, the program has provided funds for our music and youth programs, supported our missions to Alaska and India, been designated for our Renaissance program as well as our Student Success Program, and provided tuition rebates. In addition, the program has provided funds to purchase needed campus items, including the ice machine, the stage curtain, drinking fountains, benches, etc.

Carol has also provided support to our school staff and families. She has been a solid contributor in furthering the mission of our church and school. She has ordered and maintained the scrip inventory, arranged for volunteers to sell scrip on Sundays and at events, coordinated with others to have scrip available for our Cooks Night Out programs, has promoted the scrip program in our school newsletter and in the Chimes. And of course, she has sold hundreds of thousands of dollars of scrip to those using the scrip program.

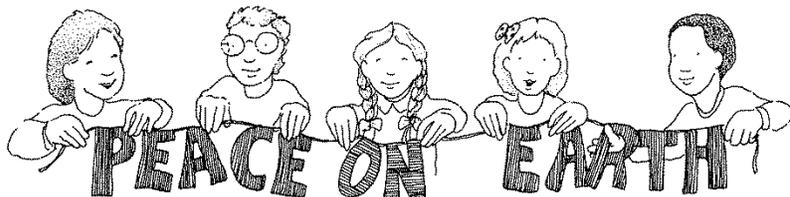
Mrs. Grudt is looking forward to continuing her presence at Bethany Lutheran through volunteering and campus activities. We will look forward to seeing her smiling face at worship services and campus events.

The next few months will represent a transition period for us as we identify and train someone as our new office assistant and scrip coordinator. We know we can count on your help and patience in assisting our new staff member to learn the ins-and-outs of Bethany Lutheran School.

We are planning to honor Mrs. Grudt at a retirement celebration in February 2020.

Part-time Office Assistant Position Available

In light of Carol Grudt's impending retirement, Bethany Lutheran Church and School is seeking a part time office assistant. Individual will be responsible for coordinating the scrip (gift card) function, as well as providing support in the school office. Responsibilities will include implementation and utilization of scrip/gift card software, coordinating scrip sales, verifying rebates, customer communications, and marketing scrip program. In addition, our office assistant will help in the school office with mid-day functions, including assisting students, parents and guests, as needed. This position is part-time, Monday through Friday, 9 AM – 1 PM. As a part time position it is non-benefitted. The ideal candidate will possess excellent communication, organizational and time management skills. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office Suite and able to learn new software. Interested individuals may submit resumes to: Maraley Shaeffer, Financial Administrator, Bethany Lutheran Church, at mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org. A copy of the complete job description is available in the school office.





**OPEN
CALL**

GOT TALENT? AUDITION!

**SHOW US
WHAT
YOU'VE GOT!**

MUSICIANS, DANCERS,
ACTORS, COMEDIANS,
MAGICIANS, ???

WHERE?

SIGN UP IN THE SCHOOL
OFFICE!

WHEN?

AUDITIONS:
JANUARY 17-MORNING
JANUARY 22-AFTER SCHOOL

BETHANY'S TALENT SHOW IS
JAN. 31 AT 6:30 PM



The In-N-Out truck is coming!!

Monday, January 27, 2020

We need to sell 300 lunches, so parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and students are welcome to order ahead of time and join us for lunch that day!

Each meal is \$5 and includes a burger, chips and a drink. Burgers include lettuce, tomato and spread. Plain burgers may also be ordered, but might take a little longer. Sorry....no other substitutions!

Complete the order form on the back.

Tickets for children will be given to their teacher.

Tickets for other family members can be picked up in the school office on January 27.

FAMILY NAME: _____

Total due: _____ meals x \$5= _____

____ *My check to Bethany Lutheran School is attached.*

____ *Please charge my FACTS account.* _____

Signature & Date

Orders are due Friday, January 17, 2020!

