



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
Bethany Lutheran School
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We have posted the results of our parent survey on the school website. I hope you'll take a moment to check it out...you'll find it under "Information." We were very pleased with the results, and we hope you will be, also. We'll use this information to continue our quest for excellence, as well as to inform our action plans for the future. Thank you to those parents who filled out a survey (we had a great return rate!) and a HUGE THANK YOU to Bethany Parent Lori Rhodes, who compiled all the data and generated the summary you see on the website.

Serving Him with you,
Mrs. Fink

We need pictures!


The yearbook staff would love your help! Would you kindly give us some of your AWESOME pictures for the yearbook?

The sooner, the better for us. Please e-mail to Mr. Trapp or burn a CD and drop it off in the school office to Mr. Trapp's attention.

Interested in Joining Bethany Lutheran Church?

Bethany 101 is a five-week course that explores the key truths of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Attendance at this course is required for those joining Bethany who are not transferring their membership from another Lutheran Congregation. (Those transferring from another Lutheran church are *welcome* to attend, as are any members of Bethany wanting to 'refresh' their catechism instruction.)

Bethany 201 is a one-session event that welcomes confirmed Lutherans transferring to Bethany from another Lutheran congregation as well as those who have completed Bethany 101. This session therefore joins together all those entering Bethany together in one gathering in which new members have a chance to meet one another at the same time they are learning about Bethany. This learning will focus on the history, practice and values of Bethany.

The next Bethany 101 session will begin at 4:00 pm on Sunday March 1st. The last Bethany 101 session will begin on Sunday March 29th at 4:00 pm and 201 will begin immediately thereafter at 5:00 pm. Child-care is provided for each session with RSVP. Please RSVP your attendance: 421-4711. 

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DON'T FORGET

- ☺Feb. 24-Kindergarten Sneak Peek/Roundup and Registration!
- ☺Mar. 2-6 National Lutheran Schools Week
- ☺Mar. 2-Meet the Masters-Rosseau
- ☺Mar. 6-Minimum Day-Noon Dismissal
- ☺Mar. 9-11-Accreditation Visit
- ☺Mar. 14-Concordia Handbell Festival
- ☺Mar. 17-PTL Board
- ☺Mar 24-PTL General Meeting



Keep those receipts rolling in! We want to win first place!

The Board of Schools has adopted a **change in policy** regarding the use of inhalers for the treatment of asthma. If you would like your child to keep an inhaler in his/her backpack so that it is accessible for after-school activities like sports, etc., please stop by the school office to fill out a permission slip. (We will also post the form online.) This slip will give your child permission to self-administer the inhaler as needed.

Basketball News: Bears' basketball continues on through the month of February with plenty of home games this week! Both 6th grade teams play on Wednesday at 3:30 and 4:30PM against First Lutheran. The varsity teams have HUGE games on Thursday vs. St. Mark's 8th graders. These games could very well decide division winners for the season! Varsity teams also travel to Redeemer, South Gate on Tuesday. Remember some extra dollars (or change) for our Booster Club snack bar, open at the home games.



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Need some FISH Hours? Have a pick-up truck? We could use some help getting our helium tank re-filled. E-mail Mrs. Fink if you're interested.

Do you sell items on e-Bay? We have some projection screens we'd like to sell. If you can handle the sale on Bethany's behalf, we can give you FISH hours for your time! Such a deal! Contact Mrs. Fink if you're interested.

"There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God." - Brother Lawrence

Join Bethany moms as we converse with God, Wednesday mornings 8:45-9:45 in the conference room. Child care is provided for children not yet in school.

Did you miss out on ordering a cool BEARS sweatshirt or T-shirt? It's your lucky day! We're placing another order!!! See the form attached to today's Bear Facts. **GO BEARS!**



Congratulations!

This year our monthly awards has the book of Proverbs as a focus. For this month, we chose Proverbs 20:11:

"Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right." Proverbs 20:11

Congratulations to the following students, chosen by their teachers for exemplifying this proverb:

Isabella Alvarez, Viviana Casanova, Isabella Bowers, David Villicana, Kiley Kirkpatrick, Jeremy Hutson, Gaby Martinez, Georgia Westwood, Imani Stanberry, Bethany Graham, Katelyn True, Julia Hansen, Brianna Foster, J.P. Crawford.

Thanks, 8th graders, for a great Parent Night Out event! And thanks, parents, for supporting our DC trip!

Mrs. Young

2009-2010 Preschool Enrollment

Now is the time to enroll your young child in Bethany Lutheran Preschool for next year. The month of February is early enrollment time for current preschool students, siblings of current preschool and elementary school students and children of congregational members. Beginning March 2, enrollment will be open for the general public. Pick up an application in the school office.



Do you have an iPod or have family and friends with iPods? Bethany SCRIP has \$15 iTunes cards. Treat yourself or a friend to some new music!

Do you make purchases from Amazon.com? Amazon.com is now available in a convenient \$100 denomination, in addition to the \$25 denomination. Home Shopping Network (\$25) and Overstock.com (\$25) are two of our newer additions. Many of our gift cards can be used for online purchases, if you're not sure, just ask! Make every dollar count...using SCRIP benefits you and Bethany!

Erik Johnson, Michael Martinez, Ryan Nelson, Trevin Peacock, Timothy Reagan, Nick Robledo, Jacob Rodgers, Trevor Schoner, and David Shane have earned the highest achievement in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light. They will be presented with this award and will bridge over to Boy Scouts on Sunday, February 22nd at 3:30PM in the gym at Bethany. Congratulations!

Chess is back!!!

Chessmaster Mr. Anthony Cabus (Bethany Dad, formerly of Chessmasters) is ready to start the **third** session. Here are the details:

- Six Thursdays, Feb. 26-April 2
- Cost? FREE!!
- Open to students in Grades 2-8. We'll take the first 21 students who turn in this slip TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Yes, I want to play chess! Name _____ Grade _____