



Bear Facts

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



Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year! We're so glad you're here. The first day of school actually comes as somewhat of a relief for the faculty and staff, believe it or not. We've been meeting here the last two weeks, getting some CPR/First Aid training, scrubbing classrooms, planning, etc., etc., etc. We're finished thinking about what the year will bring, and we're ready to find out!

We're looking forward to forming partnerships with you in the education of your children, because we know we can't do this alone. And we know our Heavenly Father is part of that partnership, as well. Ecclesiastes 4:12 reminds us, "A three-stranded cord is not quickly broken."

A very big part of our partnership depends on communication. We'll try our very best to keep you in the loop, so please be sure you look for the Bear Facts coming home every Tuesday. We'll also post it online.

Speaking of our website, we try to keep it up-to-date as well, with the latest order forms for EDC, Hot lunch, field trips, etc. You can also find a school calendar and the latest revision of the parent handbook there, too.

Have a question? Please don't hesitate to stop by the office, or call or e-mail us and we'll do our best to get you an answer ASAP.

God's blessings on OUR school year!

Mrs. Fink

All the News That's Fit to Print

Bear Facts is our official school bulletin. It will be coming home every Tuesday afternoon with the youngest child in each family and will always be printed on BLUE paper. Please watch for it! If you have an item to add to it, please e-mail it to Mrs. Fink by Friday afternoon! Thanks.



New Parent Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7:00 PM in the church. This information meeting IS REQUIRED and it is important that one or both parents attend. You will receive your copy of our Parent Handbook, meet members of the staff and Bethany community and hear about many of the happenings here on the Bethany campus. Childcare for school-aged kids will be provided in the daycare room during the meeting.

Junior Jazzercise-Join the Music, Fun and Friends

We move to the music of hit songs for an aerobic workout.

\$10/class (**part of your fee is donated back to Bethany**)

Come to the Parish Lounge, wear supportive shoes

First 4 week session: Sept. 9-30

Join anytime, ages 8 and up

Tuesdays 3:30-4:30

Hosted by Christine Iradj,

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School Bulletin #2

September 2, 2008

DON'T FORGET

- ☺Sept. 9-New Parent Orientation-7:00 PM
- ☺Sept. 16-School Picture Day
- ☺Sept. 21-Vicar Seth's ordination-4:00 PM
- ☺Sept. 23-PTL General Meeting
- ☺Sept. 28-Bethany 101 begins
- ☺Sept. 29-Oct. 3-7th Graders to Catalina

YEARBOOK PHOTOS

School pictures will be taken on Sept. 16. Please avoid out-of-school appointments that day. We do have a make-up day for students who are absent, but those children will not be in the class photo. Your picture package has been pre-paid with your Registration Fee, and additional prints are available from Lifetouch.



If you are interested in learning more about Bethany Lutheran Church, plan to join us Sunday, Sept. 28, 4:00-5:15 for "Bethany 101." This is the first step toward becoming a Bethany church member. Child care is provided.

Please RSVP to the church office: 421-4711.



The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Check with your child's teacher to see if there are any "getting the year started" projects that need doing!

"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

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Check it out!



Sunday School

Bethany Lutheran Church offers Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes for 3-year olds through Adults. Classes are held at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and you are always welcome!

Our Sunday School Rally Day kickoff is set for Sunday afternoon, September 7, here on our grassy field. We are doing a potluck this year, so please bring food, table settings, and drinks for your family. Bottled water will be provided. A bounce house for the younger children, and games for the older ones is also planned. We will still have our dessert contest, and judging will take place at 1PM. Categories for desserts are as follows: 1) Anything chocolate, 2) Cookies, 3) Pies and 4) Cakes. The day's festivities will end around 3PM. Make plans now to join us!



CHAPEL OFFERING

Every Wednesday at 9:00 AM, we have a Chapel (church) service for the entire school. Sometimes the students lead these, and sometimes members of the staff lead them. At each of these services we collect an offering for a worthy charity. These offerings teach our students the importance of using our financial blessings to make a difference in the lives of others.

Our Student Council will decide where our monthly chapel offerings will be used. Watch the Bear Facts for more information.

You are always welcome to attend our chapel services and your support is always appreciated.

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WE ♥ SCHOOL!



We are pleased to be able to offer teacher-supervised study hall after school. You should have received the order form at your Family Classroom Visit. Please fill it out and return it by Sept. 5.


Late Start

Just a reminder that Wednesdays are "late start" days for the upper grades, 5th-8th. Doors open at 8:30 and class begins at 8:45 sharp!



Come join Cub Scouts!

Boys in first through fifth grades are invited to Cub Scout Pack 75's first pack meeting of the school year on Friday, September 12th. Hot dog dinner at 6:30 PM; meeting at 7:00 PM in the Gym.

Do you have some old beach chairs (the kind you keep in a bag) that need a new home? We could use some here at Bethany...just drop them  at the school office. Thanks!

We were unable to keep our in-school Spanish program this year, but we are pleased to partner with *Conversa* to offer after-school Spanish classes to students in Grades K-6. Please refer to the flyer in your Family Classroom Visit for more information.



Cheerleaders-

Practices will begin on September 10 at 3:30 in the Parish Lounge. See you there!

Mrs. Nieto



Permission Slip-



Parents, please take time to fill out and return the attached permission slip for Pan Am Park and Iacoboni Library. We use both of these venues on a regular basis and need a permission slip on file for your child.

Thanks!