



Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. I don't know about you, but I included our Bethany students and families in my "things to be thankful for" list!

'Tis the season for holiday movies and blockbuster releases. Sometimes it's hard to know what movies are really about (you certainly can't trust the trailers or the newspaper ads!) or even what movies are appropriate for kids.

One helpful resource to consider is the "Plugged In" website from Focus on the Family: pluggedinonline.com. You can read plot summaries and detailed descriptions of the rationale for movies' ratings to help you with your decision. Just another tool in your parenting toolbelt!

We have 3+ weeks ahead of us before Christmas break.

Hopefully this is on your radar: our last day of school is Tuesday, December 20. We have a minimum day that day....school will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 4. This is a different schedule than LBUSD. ☺

God's blessings to you and yours during this busy time!

Dr. Fink

Welcome to our new student, Dylan Flinn (K) and his big brother, Jeff DeMayo (7th)! ☺

See's Candy

You can take care of some Christmas shopping and support the PTL at the same time by ordering See's Candy. Order forms were sent home before Thanksgiving break...you can still turn in an order tomorrow!



We are gathering food for the annual Project Shepherd drive (formerly known as "The Big Red Bucket"). Each dinner we assemble also earns SchoolCents points for our school!

Each class is in charge of one food item:

- Kinder: (2) small plastic containers of jelly/jam
- 1st grade: (4) cans of yams
- 2nd grade: (2) boxes of stuffing mix
- 3rd grade: (3) cans of cranberry sauce
- 4th grade: (3) cans of tuna
- 5th grade: (2) packages of coffee, tea or hot chocolate (no glass, please)
- 6th grade: (5) cans of beans (green or baked)
- 7th grade: (4) cans of soup or broth
- 8th grade: (3) cans of gravy (no glass, please)

Please bring donations to your child's classroom by Tuesday, Dec. 6.

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DON'T FORGET

☺Dec. 5-9 Scholastic Book Fair

☺Dec. 9-Parents' Night Out

☺Dec. 11-Bethany's Annual Christmas Concerts

☺Dec. 20-Minimum Day-School

Dismisses at noon

☺Dec. 21-Jan. 3 Christmas Break

☺Jan. 4-School resumes

☺Jan. 13-PTL Family Movie Night

☺Jan. 16-Martin Luther King Holiday-No School

☺Jan. 22-Bethany's Annual Life Sunday-Troubadour sings 10:55

☺Jan. 23-Meet the Masters-Rembrandt

☺Jan. 27-End Quarter 2



November is triple points month!

Please turn in your receipts and we'll log them for you...want them back? Just put them in an envelope marked with your name. Thanks!

Chapel Leaders

Parents, you are always welcome to join us for chapel!

Nov. 30-Ms. Imes' class

Dec. 7-Ms. Tucker

Dec. 14-Grades 3-5





The FISHin' Hole
Opportunities to Serve

Are you handy with a jigsaw? If so, we have a project for you! Contact Dr. Fink for details.

*"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*

Our next Cook's Night Out is scheduled for tomorrow, Nov. 30, at Souplantation!

Please bring the attached flyer with you!



Need a kid-free night to get some Christmas shopping done? Check out the attached flyer about a Parents' Night Out opportunity on Dec. 9!



Support local farming, your family's health AND Bethany Lutheran School's Garden of Eatin! We are partnering with Tanaka Farm's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program to bring farm-fresh produce directly to you! Here's how you can participate:

- Visit www.tanakafarms.com
- Click on CSA Program
- Click on New Subscribers
- Choose your box size (\$20 or \$30)
- Pick up your produce at Bethany Lutheran School. Boxes will be delivered to Bethany every other Wednesday.
- A portion of every box supports the Garden of Eatin!

Questions? Contact Carlota Brown: cbrown@bethanylutheran.org



To make your Christmas gift giving just a little easier, SCRIP is giving away gift card holders! For every merchant ordered from the Special Order list Nov. 29 – Dec. 5 you will receive a Christmas gift card holder. The colorful wrappers fold up to wrap your gift in an elegant, fun package and have a space for recipient name, giver name, gift card amount and comments.

Please don't buy your gift cards at the grocery store or from retail stores. If you do, you are letting the store keep the profit the companies are willing to share with us. Buying Bethany SCRIP gift cards benefits you and your school!

Please start placing large orders now, delivery time is slower as we get closer to Christmas. We keep a large inventory of gift cards on hand, but sometimes we run out of the more popular items. Place your orders early so you won't be disappointed the last week before Christmas.

If you want to look at the SCRIP order forms at home they can be found on the Bethany website under "Forms". Give copies of the SCRIP order forms to relatives, friends and co-workers and your SCRIP tuition rebate will be even larger.

We have Souplantation SCRIP on hand for tomorrow's Cook's Night Out!

Christmas Caroling: Do you need a unique Christmas gift for someone nearby or would you like to jazz up a Christmas party that you are hosting? Choir for Hire has the solution! We are an affordable choir/instrumentalist group of 8th graders looking to earn funds for our Washington DC trip. We will go to the house you indicate and sing/play Christmas carols as a group of carolers. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Kriebel at (562) 420-6160 or ccoc@aol.com. Merry Christmas!



Congratulations!

Bethany's monthly awards highlight positive character traits. For the month of November, we watched for students who are **Ministers**.

"...do not be negligent now, for the LORD has chosen you to stand before him and serve him, to minister before him...."

II Chronicles 29:11

Congratulations to the following students, recognized by their teachers for being **Ministers**:

Alexis Munoz, Conner Nieto, David Le, Leslie Haan, TJ Perez, Kyle Tunnell, Sophia Isma, Honglan Le and Jared Jetter.