

NOVEMBER 2022 | SERVING WITH GOD'S GIFTS | 1 PETER 4:10

Hello Bethany Families,

I write to you with an extra pep in my step because God is visibly working here at Bethany Christian School. It seems fitting to acknowledge the gratitude that fills my heart as we head into the month of November. Paul states in Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." I can't help but think about how BCS is quite literally "thinking on" and living out this verse. I hope that the following encourages you the way it has for me.

"Thinking about such things: true, noble, right"- If you were to walk into Bethany classrooms, you would witness our teachers' devotion to revealing who God is and the role He plays in our life. Ms. Dewitt's fifth grade class finished studying Deborah from the book of Judges. She highlighted how God used Deborah to remind Israel to be courageous because He is with them. In Ms. Wooster's fourth grade class, students learned the difference between a hedonistic worldview and a Christ-centered worldview (serving ourselves versus serving Jesus). As I was shepherding a Student Council meeting not long ago, one of the council members was praying for peace over a situation, and calling on God to empower the Student Council team to help lead the elementary school diligently. I had the blessing of witnessing firsthand the Holy Spirit at work in our Bethany students as they apply these class discussions to their lives. In Library this past week, Mrs. Wagner taught on God's righteousness through her lessons on Reformation Day. Parent volunteers from library class sent emails to the administration sharing how even they were moved by the lesson of God's grace through Martin Luther. It is a true inspiration to see God using all ages as His vessels.

"Thinking about such things: pure, lovely, admirable"- God is using you by lending your gifts to bless our school and our community through our Bethany Parent Support Club that was launched a couple of weeks ago. We are humbled by your generosity and willingness to help us make this school the best it can be. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 15th. Ms. Spang has been leading students enthusiastically to raise money for our adopted Buyamba child, Jacob. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 by the end of the school year. Praise God for providing ways for us to have already raised \$700 through Wednesday chapel donations, cupcake sales spearheaded by the Middle School Exploratory Cooking class, and Back to School Night. Look out for a Google link in this newsletter to order lunch to support a Taco Lunch on November 9 to achieve our \$1,000 financial goal.

"Thinking about such things: excellent or praiseworthy"- Lastly, I want to share with you that the school administration team has been praying for our Bethany families to come together this year more than they ever have. Seeing the fellowship and strong bonds witnessed at the Preschool Pumpkin Patch, Monday's Jog-A-Thon, and everyday on the lawn afterschool. The joy you exude is contagious and attractive to those you surround yourself with. We are without a doubt better together.

Needless to say, it is evident that God is involved in every aspect of our lives. He is so clearly working everything together harmoniously. I pray that God's fingerprints on our school encourages you to see through the lens Paul calls us to look through.

A quick snapshot of BCS upcoming events:

- Deadline for Jog-A-Thon donations- Monday, November 7th; Winners will be announced Monday, November 28th at Opening Circle
- We will be observing Veteran's Day at school on November 11. Look ahead in the newsletter for additional information.
- Sign up for your parent/teacher conference on November 9 (google doc will be sent from classroom teachers via email)
- Trimester 1 Report Cards will be given at parent/teacher conferences (November 17-18)
- No School November 17th-25th (Due to conferences and staff inservice days)

Please join me by continuing to pray for our school, our community, and our staff and faculty.

With love,
Elizabeth Mathis



Month At-A-Glance

Nov. 4 - Minimum Day K-8 (no ext. care) - 12:00 / 12:15 dismissal

Nov. 4 -Used Uniform Exchange

Nov. 9 - Taco Lunch

Nov. 11 - Pizza Lunch

Nov. 14 - Matsiko World Orphan Choir performance at 8:45 AM

Nov. 14 -Norman's Uniforms sale

Nov. 17 & 18 - Elem. & MS Conferences (No School for K-8)

Nov. 17 & 18 - Preschool Thanksgiving Feasts

Nov. 21 & 22 - In Service, No School

Nov. 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 28 -School Resumes

UNIFORMS

There are 2 uniform opportunities this month:

- **Friday, Nov. 4th -USED UNIFORM FREE EXCHANGE** in the courtyard on campus from 8-12:30.
- **Monday, Nov. 14th -NORMAN'S UNIFORMS SALE** will be back on campus from 2:30-6:00 P.M. If you pay by check, BCS gets a 6 % rebate!

BCS SPIRIT STORE!



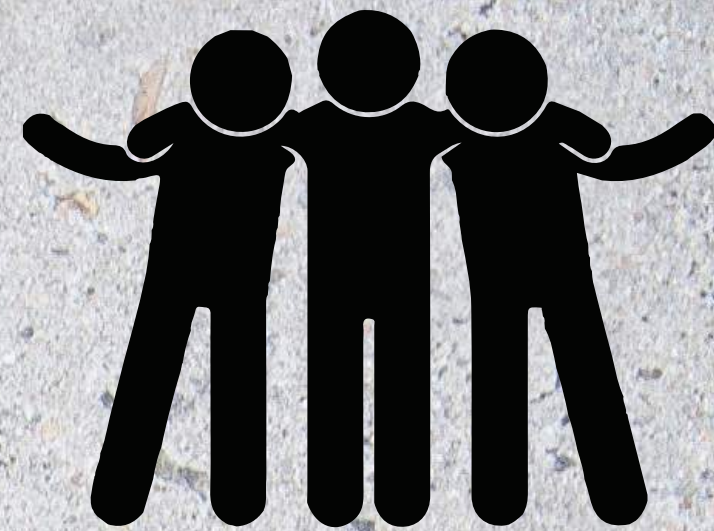
If you're looking for more great options for BCS Spirit Wear, check out our store at:

[https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/california/thousand
aks/bethany-christian-school](https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/california/thousand Oaks/bethany-christian-school)

Spirit Wear Guidelines: Students may wear sweatshirts/jackets bought through the BCS Spirit Store with their uniforms. Spirit shirts bought through the BCS Spirit Store or on campus may be worn with uniform bottoms on Fridays.



Middle School Open House



- **Who:** Any current or prospective families with students in grades 5-7
- **What:** Come learn about the many incredible opportunities at Bethany Christian School for our 7th & 8th graders
- **When:** Thursday, November 10th
6:00 PM for Fellowship
6:30-7:30 PM for Presentation and classroom visits
- **Where:** BCS Campus



See you and your friends there!



Boys Basketball Coach Needed:

Can you help coach our athletes in grades 5-8?

If interested, please contact our Athletic Director, Shane Kelley at skelley@bcsto.org

Thank you!

Sign up for basketball on the [BCS website](#).



Christmas Musical: Soundtrack and Student Dress Code



The soundtrack for the Christmas musical is posted on the front page of our website at:

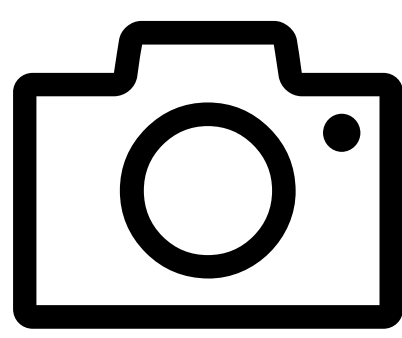
<https://www.bethanychristianschoolto.org/>

K-3 & 4-6 Musicals are Thursday, Dec. 15 in the evening! (Exact times coming soon!)

Please have your students wear Christmas Clothes/Attire (dress pants, nice shirts or dresses, but please no jeans)



Picture Re-Take Day



Did you miss Picture Day?

That's okay-let's try again! Be camera ready with your favorite uniform and best smile on

Thursday, December 1, 2022.

Matsiko World Orphan Choir



Join us Monday, **November 14** in the Worship Center, after Opening Circle, to enjoy the Matsiko Choir (from Liberia, West Africa)!

"The mission of Matsiko World Orphan Choir is to use the unifying power of music to uplift every child..." -Matsiko.org

Bethany Parent Support Club



The **BPSC** held it's first meeting on Oct. 25th!

We want to thank the more than 25 parents that were able to attend; we are so thankful for all their enthusiasm, ideas and help with upcoming projects.

All are welcome at our next meeting on **Tuesday, November 15.** Hope you can join us!

Calling All Veterans!

Are you a Veteran of the United States Military? Is so, we would love to include you in a Veteran's



Day program at Bethany. Please contact Mrs. Spaulding at lspaulding@bcsto.org.

Taco Wednesday!!

- Join us for lunch on Wednesday, November 9
- \$5 Lunch includes: 2 soft tacos, chips and salsa
- Sign up with [Google Forms Link](#) and pay by Venmo
- Proceeds benefit Jacob, our sponsored student from God Cares School in Uganda

****Orders Due by
Monday, November 7****



Bulldog Blueout- Pep Rally!

Races, Pom Poms, Smiles and Cheers!





WAY TO GO BCS!!



Congratulations on an amazing Jog-A-Thon Bulldogs and a HUGE thank you to all our parent volunteers, everyone who set up and worked stations, our security team, teachers and staff and all the families that came out to cheer on our runners!

Please have all Jog-A-Thon donations to BCS by Monday, November 7! Thank you!

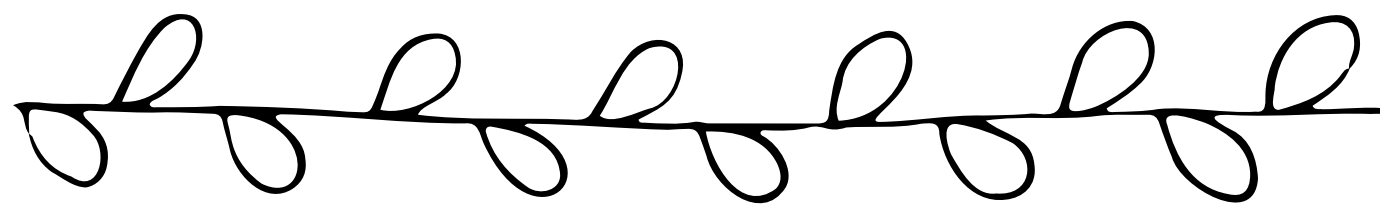




Operation Christmas Child

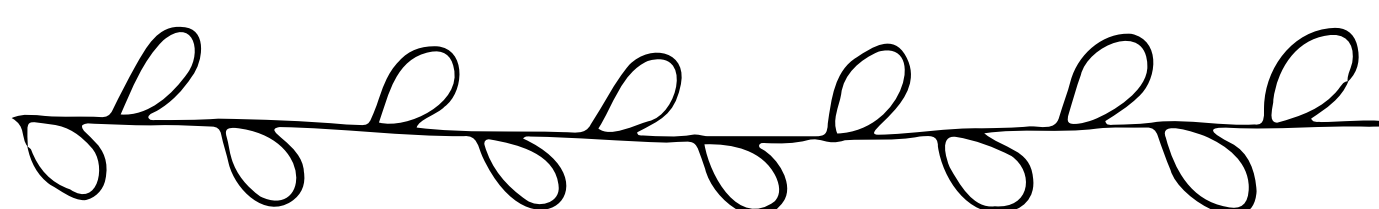


Operation Christmas Child introduces children around the world to Christianity through a gospel-centered program AND provides them with the gift of a filled shoebox (typically the only Christmas present they have ever received).



How Can You Help?

1. Pick up a box from the school lobby area (labels and instructions can be found on the same table as the boxes).
2. Fill the box and when done, write your child's name on the outside of the box using a sticky note. Email Paige Amstutz at pamstutz@bcsto.org with questions.
3. Your child will be recognized the following chapel and will receive a coupon for Chick-Fil-A.
4. The deadline to submit boxes is November 18.
5. The class that brings in the most boxes by November 18th will receive a free Chick-Fil-A lunch at school. A special thank you to the Young Family for making this fun incentive possible!



UPCOMING CHAPELS

Join us Wednesdays at 8:35 am for worship and teachings from speakers & classes!

November Chapel Dates:

- 11/2 - 3rd Grade Class
- 11/9 - Guest (Joel Bautista)
- 11/16 - 2nd Grade Class
- 11/23- Thanksgiving
- 11/30 - 8th Grade Class

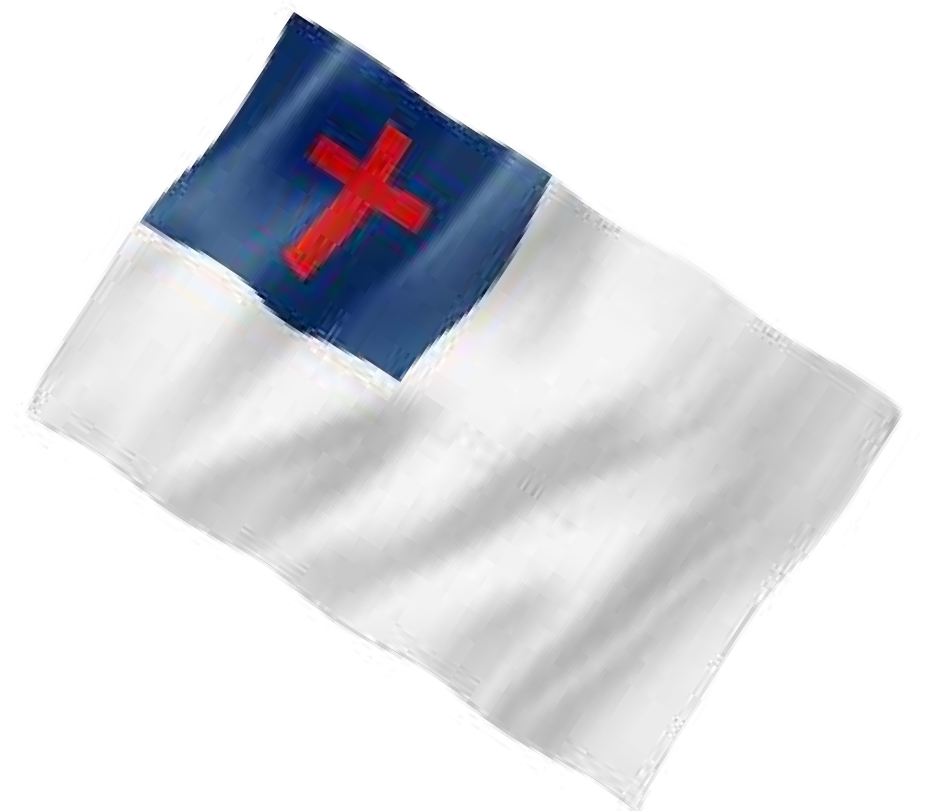


Please bring a quarter for Buyumba each week!

*Families are always invited to join us for chapel
in the Worship Center.*

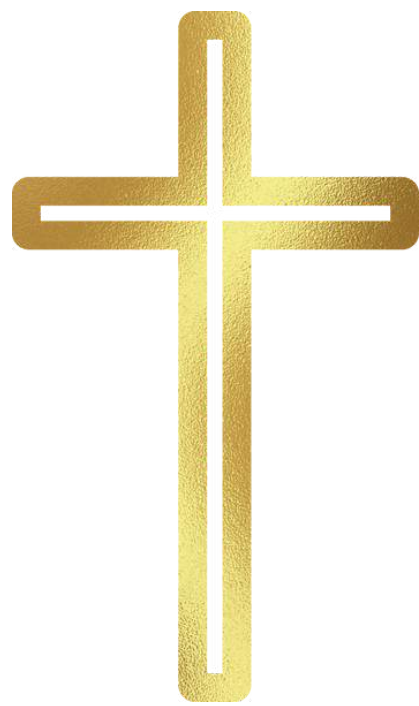


UPCOMING OPENING CIRCLES

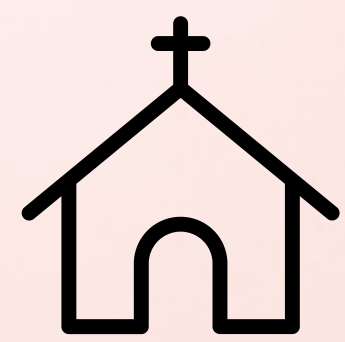


Opening Circle Dates:

- 11/7 - Kinder
- 11/14 - 8th Grade
- 11/21 - No School
- 11/28 - 7th Grade plus
Jogathon results-in
the Worship Center



*Join us Mondays at 8:30
am in the courtyard to
honor our country, our
Lord, and our Students
of the Week!*



Chapel Songs

November Playlist

We are so blessed to have Sarah Beth Sherrit lead worship each week during Wednesday's chapel time. In addition to her love for God, Sarah Beth energizes our students with her incredible voice and selection of songs.

Alive With You -

Gateway Kids Worship

<https://youtu.be/YTFnVh7JWSQ>

Give A Little Kindness -

Orange Kids Worship

<https://youtu.be/fCwbGMHpDYg>

It's Your Love -

Gateway Kids Worship

<https://youtu.be/Yf-eBXtctD8>

Made In Your Image -

Hillsong Kids Worship

<https://youtu.be/8AC-KtJriw4>

Your Love Is Great -

SarahBeth Sherreitt

<https://youtu.be/3BABR9iya8M>

His Power is Flowing -

SarahBeth Sherreitt

(Faith in Motion album)

Good To Me -

Elevation Kids Worship

https://youtu.be/Q_jq7hUwOPQ

SarahBeth Albums:

Faith in Motion - EP

<https://music.apple.com/us/album/faith-in-motion-ep/532911822>

Shout It Out

<https://music.apple.com/us/album/shout-it-out/489258394>

Go Turn It Up - Single

<https://music.apple.com/us/album/go-turn-it-up-single/843531627>



REMINDER



Please do not park in the first lane where cars leave to go out of the gate of the parking lot. There are "No Parking" signs in that row as well as on the blacktop. It is not safe to have cars pulling in/out to park while others are trying to exit. We appreciate your help in keeping our campus safe!

**Limited
Time!!**

Bethany Spirit Wear

TWO Styles to Choose From:

"Bethany" on the FRONT ONLY for \$22
OR

"Bethany" on the front with our 2022 BCS school verse on the back for \$25.

To order, email craftsdepartment805@gmail.com and please specify:

- which style (\$22 or \$25 option)
- what color (gray or navy)
- what size (S, M, L, XL, XXL)

Orders are due by November 15! Venmo QR Code (below) for payment. Shirts will be delivered in the beginning of December.





PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our preschool students having been learning about and enjoying the Fall season through stories, crafts and games.

November 17 and 18 Bethany Preschool will have a Thanksgiving feast and families are welcome to join (come on the day your student is enrolled).

