



# Bits and Bark

## Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School



*Our Mission: Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School disciples each generation to grow deeply, serves humbly, and goes boldly in Christ to advance God's Kingdom.*

April 18, 2024

### From the Principal:

**\*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
Philippians 4:13\***

As our children are working on state testing, let's help them by providing a spirit of encouragement and support. While state testing may seem daunting, it's important to remind our children that they are capable of achieving great things with determination and perseverance.

Most importantly, let us make clear that their worth is not defined by a test score. While state testing provides valuable insights into their learning, it is only one part of their educational journey. Encourage your child to approach testing with a positive attitude, reminding them that their efforts and hard work are what truly matter.

We have the privilege and responsibility to provide our children with the tools they need to succeed. Offer your support by helping your child establish a study routine, providing assistance with difficult concepts, and offering words of encouragement along the way. Let them know that you believe in them and that you are there to help them every step of the way.

Remind your child that state testing is not about perfection but rather about doing their personal best. Encourage them to focus on their strengths, stay calm under pressure, and use the strategies they've learned throughout the year. Reinforce the importance of staying focused, managing time wisely, and reviewing materials thoroughly.

Above all, let us remind our children that they are not alone. We stand alongside them, offering our unwavering love, support, and guidance and we want them to lean on their faith and trust in God's plan for their lives. Remind them that with God's strength, they can handle any obstacle that comes their way.

*In Christ,  
Mrs. Greener, Principal*

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Nursery:** Salem Macke  
**Preschool:** Easton Rigelman, London Schrader and Teagan Sims  
**Kindergarten (A):** Logan Cornman  
**Kindergarten (B):** Aurora Cebada and Blakely Davis  
**First Grade:** Nathaniel Norris and Ronnie Partridge  
**Second Grade:** Emma Rennecker  
**Third Grade:** Cohen Gass  
**Fourth Grade:** Annika Comstock  
**Fifth Grade:** Isabella DiMaggio  
**Sixth Grade (A):** Summer Kline  
**Sixth Grade (B):** Sophia Myers  
**Seventh Grade:** Cameial Mays  
**Eighth Grade:** Oliver Merritt  
**Support Staff:** Mrs. Patty Macke  
**Teachers:** All Teachers

*"Come and see what God has done, he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man." Psalm 66:5*

### WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

**Week of April 22 to April 26  
Salad Choice: Chef Salad**

**MONDAY:** Chicken and Noodles or Salisbury Steak

**Hot Sides:** Mashed Potatoes

**TUESDAY:** Baked Chicken Drumstick or Chicken Fried Rice

**Hot Side Options:** Broccoli

**WEDNESDAY:** Walking Taco or Spicy Walking Taco

**Hot Side Options:** Fajita Veggies

**THURSDAY:** Lasagna or Chicken Alfredo

**Hot Side Options:** Garlic Bread

**FRIDAY:** Chicken Nuggets, Spicy Chicken Nuggets or Grilled Chicken Nuggets

**Hot Side Options:** Various Fruits and Veggies

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches and Yogurt & Cheese can be substituted for main dish.

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**Muffins with Mom - May 3  
Scheduled Two Hour Delay - May 6**

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 8th Grade Parents: Important Reminders

- All funds for the Washington DC trip are due by **Monday, April 29.**
- Please make sure you **RSVP** to the school office for the 8th grade Recognition Dinner by **April 30.**
- **Washington, DC meeting, on Wednesday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. (Door #8).**

Grades PK-1 will sing in late service this **Sunday, April 21 (10:30AM)**

### Kickball Championship

On **Wednesday, May 1**, Mr. Moses will be hosting the Intramural Championship Kickball game after school on the soccer field. Come on out and cheer on the students.

### VIP DAY- Very Important Person's Day

On **Friday, May 10**, we are welcoming all students to bring in one special guest to spend the morning with them. VIP's will come in Door #8 to check-in while students go to class. They will meet up in the gym to watch the upper grade performance, Honk!

Make sure you send in the registration sheet that will **need to be returned by Monday, May 6.** More details included on that sheet. Please see attached.

### Youth Group Game Day and March Madness Party

On **Sunday, April 21** in the School Commons and Gym from **3-4:30PM** for our 6th-12th grade students. Please see the attached flier.

### GO BULLDOGS!

Good luck to our students who are participating in soccer and track!

### GIRL'S SOCCER

**Friday, April 19**

SBL vs. Concordia at 4:30PM at Kreager Field 3

**Monday, April 22**

SBL vs. St. Peter at 4:30PM at Kreager Field 3

**Wednesday, April 24**

SBL vs. Holy Cross at 4:30PM at Kreager Field 3

### BOYS AND GIRL'S TRACK

**Monday, April 22**

SBL vs. Woodburn and St. Paul at 5:00PM at Concordia Seminary

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Get to know our SBL Staff! 😊

**STAFF MEMBER:** Miss Miranda Kennedy

**POSITION:** Resource/Gym/Technology

**HOMETOWN:** Fort Wayne, IN

**FAVORITE RESTAURANT:** Utopian Coffee and Kitchen

**FAVORITE SUBJECT:** History and Reading

**FAVORITE COLOR:** Green and Pink

**FAVORITE SPORT:** College Basketball

**FUN OR INTERESTING FACT:** I got to hike Acadia National Park last summer and it was amazing!

**FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE:** "Perhaps this is the moment for which you have been created."  
Esther 4:14

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We would like to wish a very special birthday to our SBL students and staff who celebrate their birthday in the month of

**APRIL!**

Salem Macke  
Micah Johnson  
Emma Rennecker  
Willow Rentschler  
Sawyer Storm  
Lincoln Bowen  
Stahli Konicki  
Nathaniel DeRose  
Layla Jones  
Brielle Konwinski  
Emersyn Perry  
Isabella Jomo  
Elijah DeRose  
Cannon Lively  
Johnny Schnelker  
Landon Mueller  
Blair McGregor  
Fiona Boatwright  
Gryffen Boatwright  
Lucas Marner  
Isla Peer  
Hunter Gordon  
Carson Mueller  
Kaitlyn DeRose



**VIP Day and Upper Grade Musical - May 10**