



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:

Gratitude for School and Parental Support

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." - Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

I am thankful for the blessings of education and the invaluable role you, the parents, play in shaping your children's lives. Our school is not just a building; but instead, a place where we want to support and nurture growth academically, socially, and spiritually.

In Proverbs 22:6, we're reminded of the profound responsibility parents hold in guiding their children on the path of righteousness and wisdom. As I thank God for the gift of our school, I also want to encourage you and thank you for the vital partnership that is needed between school and home. We know there are so many things that go after our kids' attention, most of it not good. It would be easy and make us popular to just give them all the things they want. Yet, we also know that despite those temptations, there is something more important that we give them, God's Word. God's Word is there to root them in truth and guide them. It is our joy and privilege to help them know the foundation of faith in Jesus, our Savior. We want them to know the joy of living in the image that they were created-God's image. They have been entrusted with much and our goal together is for them to live out their lives in faithfulness in which they were created. Helping our students to approach their day with gratitude and a desire to learn is such a gift.

Thank you for your commitment to continue to grow compassionate, wise, and resilient individuals that see their lives bigger than themselves. May God bless our school, our children, and the partnership between our teachers and parents as we journey together in faith and learning.

In Christ,
Mrs. Greener, Principal

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Nursery: Sawyer Storm
- Preschool: Remington Shaw, Willow South and Elijah Sipe
- Kindergarten (A): Carter Brackmann
- Kindergarten (B): Liam Elder and Holland Ewell
- First Grade: Aspen Patton and Thu Rein
- Second Grade: Jonah Satterthwaite
- Third Grade: Lily Hart
- Fourth Grade: Kaleigh Costilla-Frederick
- Fifth Grade: Elijah Gehring
- Sixth Grade (A): Colin Masters
- Sixth Grade (B): Emma Nichols
- Seventh Grade: Matthew Nichols
- Eighth Grade: Brooke and Rylie Mertens
- Support Staff: Miss Stephanie Wilson
- 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 29 to May 3

Salad Choice: Grilled Chicken Salad

MONDAY: Orange Chicken or Beef Teriyaki with Vegetables
Hot Sides: Rice

TUESDAY: Bosco Sticks with Marinara or Spicy Chicken Calzone
Hot Side Options: Carrots

WEDNESDAY: Pigs in a Blanket or Ham and Cheese Sliders
Hot Side Options: Sweet Potato Puffs

THURSDAY: Chicken Wings or Meatball Sub
Hot Side Options: French Fries

FRIDAY: Sausage, Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza
Hot Side Options: Various Fruits and Vegetables

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

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taxes Needed For Scholarship

Families, please be sure to send in your taxes – first two pages of your 1040 to Patty Macke in the School Office. Thank you for your help in advance.

Teacher Appreciation Week

The week of May 6, is Teacher Appreciation Week. Please see the attached flier for the events happening during this week.

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.

Kroger Rewards Program

The Kroger Stores offer a community rewards program that provides an easy way to support your favorite non-profit organization. Attached with this newsletter is a flier that will walk you through how to sign up. It will not affect anything on your side, it will only allocate 5% of your sales to go to our school, if you would be so kind as to include us as your organization of choice. Thank you for considering.

REPEATED 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).

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.

GO BULLDOGS!

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

BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK

Tuesday, April 30

SBL vs. LSUS and St. John-Kendallville at 5:00PM at Concordia Seminary

GIRLS SOCCER

Friday, May 3

SBL vs. Wyneken at Wyneken at 5:45PM

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Get to know our SBL Staff! 😊

STAFF NAME: MRS. ELLEN GOTTSCHALK

POSITION: Kindergarten A Teacher

HOMETOWN: Columbia City, IN

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Mexican – Fish Tacos

FAVORITE SUBJECT: Reading

FAVORITE COLOR: Blue

FAVORITE SPORT: I enjoy doing Pilates, taking bike rides and going on walks.

FUN OR INTERESTING FACT: We had the ugliest PE uniforms. They were a 1 piece striped top with a blue bottom.

IF YOU COULD GO ANYWHERE: National Parks – Anywhere in the U.S.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: “Be strong and take heart, all you who wait on the Lord.” Psalm 31:24

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 Marnier
Isla Peer
Hunter Gordon
Carson Mueller
Kaitlyn DeRose

Muffins with Mom – May 3

Two Hour Delay – May 6

VIP Day and Upper Grade Musical – May 10