# SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL BITS AND BARK

August 16, 2024

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.

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

# Principal's Message Embracing the School Year with Joy and Faith

As the back-to-school season unfolds, there is a buzz in the air. The sight of carlines, fresh backpacks, and newly sharpened pencils, all signal a fresh start.

There has been much preparation and already the learning of many new routines. Some days we will come in ready while others we may not. Through each day it is important to pause and reflect on the faithfulness of the Lord. The beginning of the school year is more than just a transition; it's a reminder of God's unwavering support and guidance. Just as we prepare our children for their academic journey, we trust that God will guide them through each challenge and triumph.

Our theme verse from Ps. 145:13, is more than just words. The Lord's faithfulness is a beacon of hope as we head into this new year. We can have confidence that He walks alongside our children offering wisdom and strength in their studies and friendships. The ups and downs of the school year will come and go, but God's promise to be with us through every season remains steadfast.

As we watch our kids grow and learn, let's remember to encourage them not just with our words, but with our prayers. Let's trust that God will provide for their needs, nurture their hearts, and illuminate their paths.

Whether our moments include doubt and difficulty or excitement and new opportunities, let us lean into the truth that God is faithful and ever-present. With every new lesson and challenge, He is there, guiding, protecting, and providing. As we celebrate the start of this school year, let's do so with joy and gratitude, knowing that through it all, the Lord will see us through.

God's Blessings, Mrs. Greener, Principal

#### WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of August 19 to May 23 Salad Choice: Chef Salad

MONDAY: Chicken and Noodles or

Salisbury Steak

Hot Side Options: Mashed Potatoes and

Corn

TUESDAY: Baked Chicken Drumstick or

Chicken Fried Rice

**Hot Side Options:** Broccoli and Carrots

**WEDNESDAY:** Walking Taco or Spicy

Walking Taco

Hot Side Options: Pinto Beans and Fajita

Veggies

**THURSDAY:** Lasagna or Cheesy Garlic

French Bread

Hot Side Options: Green Beans and Garlic

Bread

**FRIDAY:** Chicken Nuggets, Spicy Chicken Nuggets or Grilled Chicken Nuggets **Hot Side Options:** Sweet Potato Puffs and

Pears

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

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#### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

We pray for all of our students, staff, teachers and families of SBLS this week!

"Your Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works:"

Psalm 145:13

# **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Movie Night - "Hoosiers"

SBL Faith & Family ministry group invites everyone to a fun family movie night on **Saturday, August 17 in the Fellowship Hall** (Entrance #8 - north side of church). The fun begins at **5:00 pm** with a potluck supper (bring a dish to share) and then includes showing the classic movie "Hoosiers" - a movie which every Hoosier can love!

# **Opening Worship**

This coming **Sunday, Aug. 18**, we will have our Opening School Worship Service. During this service we will ask God's blessings, welcome new teachers, and invite all new families in PK-8 and families with students in K, 3, and 7 to come forward for a special Bible blessing. Please join us if you can. **Our services are at 8:00AM and 10:30AM.** 

## **Confirmation Meeting**

**Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Church Fellowship Hall (Door 8).

#### Alive and Well Parent Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall (Door 8).

# **PTO Meeting**

**Thursday, Aug. 22 at 8:00 am or 7:00 pm** in the Church Fellowship Hall (Door 8). All are welcome!

#### Camp Lutherhaven Trip- 6th grade- Friday, Aug. 23

Contact Mr. Barnholt with any questions.

#### **Growing Disciples**

Would you like to understand more about why the Lutheran Church believes what it does on various topics? Are you interested in learning more about Suburban Bethlehem and what we believe? We are starting a new Sunday morning Bible Study called "Growing Disciples" on **Sunday, August 25 at 9:30 am in the Upper Room.** Come to discover more!

# **PTO Events**

Please see the list of events and more information attached about all of the upcoming PTO events, including a Back to School Bonfire and Potluck on **Sept. 7**. See fliers for details.

#### **Food Pantry**

If you have food needs through the school year, please reach out to our church secretary, Lilly Lahey (484-7873). She will be glad to work with you and help provide items to support your family.

#### **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 **AUGUST!** 

Nadya Counterman Canyon Benz **Guy Beard** Kinslee Beard Isabelle Haggard Summer Kline Declan Murphy Margaret Burkett Jonathan Hill Trace Merritt Chase Perl Knox Schrader Abby Griewank Slate Benz **Dexter Noll** Rebecca Snyder Rhett Call Genevive Wilson Blakley Davis **Brant Perl** Desmond Rodriguez

#### **GO BULLDOGS!**

Good luck to all of our students who are playing fall sports this season!

#### SBLS SPIRITWEAR

Includes spiritwear order info:
Online orders close August
30<sup>th</sup> at midnight. Order
at <a href="https://suburbanbethlehemfa">https://suburbanbethlehemfa</a>
Il2024.itemorder.com/shop/ho
me/ or scan the QR code on the
flier.

SBLS car decals are available to show your Bulldog Spirit!