# SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL BITS AND BARK

January 23, 2025

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.

## Principal's Message

How are you enjoying the 40 Days of Prayer? If you haven't jumped in yet, it is never too late. God promises that when we come together in prayer and study God's Word, something powerful happens. It's not just the act of speaking to God or reading Scripture; it's the shared connection of hearts, lifting one another up in faith and seeing His will together. Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20). This promise assures us that when we unite in prayer, Christ Himself is present, binding us together in His Spirit.

Similarly, when we delve into God's Word together, we not only gain wisdom but also experience a unique kind of community. In Colossians 3:16, we are encouraged: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom..."

The Apostle Paul prayed for the church in Philippians 1:9-11, asking that their love would overflow more and more with knowledge and discernment. As we study God's Word together, we too experience this kind of growth – deepening our live for one another and drawing closer to God. Just imagine what God can accomplish when our hearts and minds are focused on Him! This kind of shared devotion becomes a powerful blessing to our partnership and community of parents, teachers, and students, strengthening our bonds and enriching our lives in Christ.

Mrs. Amy Greener, Principal

### Don't miss this event:

Protect Young Eyes – How to Create a Tech-Ready Home Thursday, Feb. 13, 7:00-8:30pm at Concordia Lutheran High School Auditorium. See attached Flyer: R to register.

# NLSW Celebration Sunday this Sunday, Jan. 26

Kids singing in both services – See details below.

#### WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of January 27 to January 31 Salad Choice: Grilled Chicken Salad

**MONDAY:** Bosco Sticks w/ Marinara or Chili **Hot Side Options:** Green Beans and Carrots

TUESDAY: Orange Chicken w/ Vegetables or

Beef Teriyaki Dippers

Hot Side Options: Rice and Broccoli

WEDNESDAY: Pigs in a Blanket or Ham and

Cheese Sliders

Hot Side Options: Baked Beans and Sweet

Potato Puffs

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

**FRIDAY:** Pepperoni, Cheese or Sausage Pizza **Hot Side Options:** Corn and Cauliflower

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

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#### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

**NURSERY:** Duncan McGregor

PRESCHOOL: Grace Waszczak and Stella

Winchester

**KINDERGARTEN A:** Hudson Frymier **KINDERGARTEN B:** Helana Gordon

1ST GRADE: Raelynn Stevens 2ND GRADE: Ariahna Steward 3RD GRADE: Elise Bohnke 4TH GRADE: Sawyer Thomas 5TH GRADE: Presley Sorgen 6TH GRADE: Emersyn Perry

7TH GRADE A: Connor Green

**7TH GRADE B:** Beatrice Burridge-Waymoth

8TH GRADE: Hudson Carter

**SUPPORT STAFF:** Mr. Justin Hoffman

**TEACHERS:** All Teachers

#### **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Let's Show Our Bulldog Spirit**

**Special Events:** 

Friday: Pep Assembly: Wear your purple and gold

Sunday: Worship and Singing

Monday: Hat day and Project 216 – Students will need a hat for packing the almost

16,000 meals we will put together.

Tuesday: Class Color Day – See attached flyer for your student's class color

Wednesday: PJ Day and Reading with a buddy

Thursday: Decade Day

Friday: Holiday Day - Faculty and 8th grade volleyball game

#### S-P-E-L-I-N-G B-E-E

This past Thursday, January 23, we had our Annual Spelling Bee. Congratulations to our students 1st place: Aung Paing, 2nd place: Colin Masters and 3rd place: Katie Mertens and students in grades 3rd-8th who participated in this event! Job well done!

#### REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **National Lutheran Schools Sunday and Week/ Open House**

The last week of January will bring the opportunity to thank God and celebrate our Lutheran School. We will begin the celebration on Sunday, Jan. 26 with kids singing in both services. Families in Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade whose last name begins with A-L will be asked to come to the Early Service at 8:00 a.m. and those with last names beginning with M-Z to come to Late Service at 10:30 a.m.

We will also recognize the following for special ministry anniversaries: Lindsey Noll- 10 years, Terri Hobbs- 25 years, Deb Honn- 30 years, Dan Gottschalk- 35 years and Amy Greener- 35 years. After the service we are opening our school to invite all, especially new interested families to come in, tour and meet our teachers from 12-2. If you know anyone who is interested, please invite them to come. Please see the attachment with the different spirit days.

#### Girls on the Run Volunteer Coach Needed

Niki Brincefield is seeking a parent to help her lead the 3rd-5th grade Girls on the Run session starting March 10. The program runs for 8 weeks and ends with a 5K. Each week, the group meets twice for 1 1/2 hours after school. Coaches must complete a 4 hour training session before the season starts. All lesson materials are provided by the Girls on the Run headquarters. Each lesson includes games and workouts that teach young girls important life lessons. "It's not just about running a 5k and their physical health, but also the girls' emotional and social development and self-image while learning to run the 5K. What a rewarding opportunity it is to volunteer for girls on the run!" Northeast Indiana has approximately 300 girls meeting at about 15 different locations and they all do the fun 5K together. This past fall, Suburban Bethlehem had 8 girls take part in the program and it was very enjoyable for the girls and the coaches. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Niki Brincefield at varsityland@gmail.com. See flier for more info.

## **2025 Father Daughter Dance**

We will be having our Father Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 1 from **6:00-9:00PM in the SBLS Gym**. Cost is \$12 a couple and \$2 for each additional daughter. Please see the attached flier for more information.

#### **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 JANUARY!

> Connor Green Penelope Gwaltney Margaret Merritt Lyanna Auer

Beatrice Burridge-Waymoth

Hadyn Riley **Aung Paing** Addalynn Thomas

Blake Shelton

Holland Ewell

**Everett Thomas** 

**Brook Bowen** 

Sadie Vancelette

Serenity Gehring

**Kedon Spurling** 

Sullivan Oren

Korbin Snyder

Colin Masters

Ava Dunne

Oakley Noll

Presley Sorgen

Maddox Wiedenhoeft **Betty Wadley** 

#### **GO BULLDOGS!**

GOOD LUCK to both JV Boys and Girls Basketball Teams as they are playing in a Tournament this weekend at Concordia!

#### **STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

Get to know our Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Staff... This week we meet, **Miss** Miranda Kennedy!

Position: Resource, PE and

Technology

Hometown: Markle, IN

Favorite Subject: Reading and

Favorite Sport: College

Basketball

Favorite Hobby: Reading

Fun Fact: I was in color guard in high school, and we went to

state every year!

Bible Verse: Esther 4:14