SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL BITS AND BARK

October 24, 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.

Principal's Message

"God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble." (Ps. 46: 1)

In a world overflowing with anxiety, it's all too easy to feel overwhelmed. Whether it's the unsettling news on television, conversations filled with worry, or the daily pressures of life, fear can flood our hearts and minds. It seems that everywhere we turn, there's a reason to be anxious—be it finances, politics, health, or social unrest. Yet, in these times, we are reminded of the power of God's peace. John 14: 1 says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

Jesus offers His peace, a peace that is distinct from what the world provides. The world suggests that peace comes from external circumstances—wealth, status, or the absence of conflict. However, Jesus offers a peace that is deeper, transcending our understanding and our circumstances. "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

David, in Psalm 4:8, expresses this trust, "In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety." David's confidence in God's protection allows him to find rest, even amidst uncertainty. As we navigate our daily lives, we too must remember that fear does not define us. Instead, we are defined by the joy and peace that comes from our faith in Christ. Through His victory over sin, death, and the devil, God assures us that His joy and peace prevail. Amid the worldly noise and chaos, we must focus on His voice—the one that provides courage and strength through it all.

In Christ, Mrs. Greener, Principal

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of October 28 to November 1
Salad Choice: Grilled Chicken Salad

MONDAY: NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY: Bosco Sticks w/ Marinara or Spicy

Chicken Calzone

Hot Side Options: Broccoli and Carrots

WEDNESDAY: Pigs in A Blanket or Ham and

Cheese Sliders

Hot Side Options: Baked Beans and Sweet

Potato Puffs

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

FRIDAY: Sausage, Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza

Hot Side Options: Corn and Carrots

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

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

NURSERY: Miles Bittner

PRESCHOOL: Salem Macke & Amelia

Robinson

KINDERGARTEN A: Remington Shaw **KINDERGARTEN B:** Easton Rigelman

1ST GRADE: Evie Hess

2ND GRADE: Dylani Moffitt 3RD GRADE: Ben Merritt 4TH GRADE: Hunter Gordon 5TH GRADE: Connor Johnston 6TH GRADE: Kaitlyn DeRose

7TH GRADE A: Sophia Myers
7TH GRADE B: Kaitlyn Mertens
8TH GRADE: Matthew Nichols
SUPPORT STAFF: Mrs. Elaine Auer

TEACHERS: All Teachers

"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

Fall Break

Reminder, there will **NOT** be school on Friday, October 25 and Monday, October 28. School resumes on Tuesday, October 29.

Panda Express Fundraiser

Support our 8th grade class trip to Washington DC by eating Panda Express on **Tuesday, October 29.** This is available at all Panda Express locations nationwide. Online orders accepted only, **using code: 927065** in the Fundraiser Code box during checkout. For more information, please see the attached flier for more information.

SBL Spirit Wear

The SBL Spirit Wear store will be open again from Oct 30-Nov 10 for anyone who may have missed the first order window or wants ideas for Christmas! Order online at:

https://suburbanbethlehemwinter24.itemorder.com/shop/home/

Oct. 31 and Nov. 1

On Oct. 31, we invite students to wear orange and on Nov. 1 to come and enjoy a pajama day!

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vision Screening Tests

Our 3rd, 5th and 8th grade students will have Vision Screening tests done on **Friday, November 1.**

Fall School Picture Retake Day

Your student should have received and brought home their school pictures this week. **School picture retakes will be on Friday, Nov. 8.** If you need a new order form for this day, please contact the School Office and we will be sure to send one home with your child.

Operation Christmas Child

Please see the attached flier more information and below for the Sign Up Genius Links.

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School Auction

Our School Auction is on **Saturday, March 22.** It helps us raise money for special projects and meet a matching grant provided by the Lutheran Foundation. This evening of fun requires a lot of help on different committees. If you have a desire to join the team, please give us a call in the school office and we will make sure to get you connected.

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 **OCTOBER!**

Lydia Goheen Kimber Kendrick Audriana Archer Holden Gordon Logan Mertens Harper Pollock Asher Sai Javlon Robinson Adelynn Stahlhut Briella Hicks Edison Schaefer Emma Fisher Abby Hoffman Lillian Fisher Whitley Noll Camden Parker **Aubrey Roberson** Annastasia Lampkins Megan Dunne Olivia Brincefield-Dorgan Jordan Andrus Jayden Howard Carter Brackmann Dylani Moffitt Vincent Russell

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

NAME: MRS. MARISSA MOFFITT

POSITION: 1st Grade Teacher

HOMETOWN: Valparaiso, IN

FAVORITE SUBJECT: Reading

FAVORITE COLOR: Purple/Blue

FAVORITE FOOD: German

Potato Pancakes ©

FAVORITE SPORT OR HOBBY:

Swimming and Knitting

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE:

Jeremiah 29:11 – The verse of the school year – my freshman year of college. My mom reminded me of it whenever I had a difficult situation that I was faced with.