

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

"For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace." Romans 8:6

Choosing joy is an act of faith. It's not about ignoring our circumstances or pretending everything is fine; rather, it's about intentionally setting our minds on the goodness of God and the hope we have in Christ. When we focus on His promises, we invite joy into our hearts, even amidst trials.

"Optimism, in this sense, becomes a driving force that propels us forward, even in the face of adversity. It is the understanding that, while obstacles may exist, there is always the potential for growth, improvement, and positive change." Victor Peron

For we Christians, that exist because we know we serve a mighty God who can do the impossible.

Today, let's take a moment to reflect on what governs our thoughts. Are we allowing fear, anxiety, or bitterness to dictate our mindset? Or can we shift our focus to the Holy Spirit, who offers us the gifts of life and peace?

Think positive, speak positive, and be positive. Do it every day. Make it a habit!

In Christ,

Mrs. Greener, Principal

State Choice Meeting

Our school has an opportunity to help expand the voucher scholarship to make it easier to apply and open to all families! There is a chance to remove the income requirements this spring which would mean no family would have to jump through the hurdles to prove their income for the voucher. This is a chance to advocate for all Hoosier families. Join us at our universal school choice parent meeting to learn what changes we are seeking to make to the voucher and how your story is part of guaranteeing this change for next fall.

This event will be held both at 5:00pm and 5:30pm on October 17th at the school. Our parent meetings will last only 30 minutes and will give you everything you need to know about how we will be bringing the voucher to all families in 2025. We can't do it without your help! Click the link below to register to get school choice across the finish line! Across The Finish Line Parent Meeting: **October 17th, 5:00pm or 5:30pm**

Registration Link: <https://action.i4qed.org/a/suburban-bethlehem-lutheran-school-universal-voucher-meeting>

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of September 30 to October 4
Salad Choice: Grilled Chicken Salad

MONDAY: Orange Chicken w/ Vegetables or Beef Teriyaki

Hot Side Options: Rice and Broccoli

TUESDAY: Bosco Sticks w/ Marinara or Spicy Chicken Calzone

Hot Side Options: Carrots and Green Beans

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 Green Beans

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: Hannah Holman

PRESCHOOL: Everett Fillmore and Ensley Daniels

KINDERGARTEN A: Nora Johnson

KINDERGARTEN B: Benjyn Lambiase

1ST GRADE: Parker Ensley

2ND GRADE: Jordan Hicks

3RD GRADE: Adaline Ellinwood

4TH GRADE: Gwen Burkett

5TH GRADE: Annika Comstock

6TH GRADE: Brook Bowen

7TH GRADE A: Madilyn Johnson

7TH GRADE B: Abby Griewank

8TH GRADE: Jonathan Hill

SUPPORT STAFF: Mr. Justin Hoffman

TEACHERS: All Teachers

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

SBL Fall Festival

As a reminder, this **Sunday, September 29**, is our Fall Festival. Please see the attachment for more information. We hope to see you there!

I:55 Book Fair

The I:55 Book Fair is coming to our school in two weeks! Our fair scheduled to run from **October 10-20, 2024**. We are so excited for this wonderful opportunity for your students to choose books that strive to glorify God in all they say, do and read! See the attached letter for days and times and the flier for just a sample of the books we will have. We are lining up our volunteers to help now. Please watch Remind, SBL PTO Facebook Page and Bits and Bark for more.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

End of First Quarter is Friday, October 11
Report Cards go home on Wednesday, October 16

Parent-Teacher Conferences

These will be held on **Thursday, October 17 from 3:15-7:15PM and Friday, October 18 from 1:00-4:00PM**. We will **NOT** have afternoon latchkey on these days. We will have a Sign Up link next week for you to sign up for your child(s) teacher and conference.

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suburban Bethlehem Church and School Blood Drive:

We will be hosting a blood drive on **Monday September 30, 1PM-6PM in the Church Fellowship Hall**. To schedule an appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and search sponsor code "SBLC".

Camp Lutherhaven Work Day: Saturday, October 5, 8:00AM to 6:30PM

Help Camp Lutherhaven prepare for the fall and winter seasons at their Fall Workday. This event is family friendly. All ages are invited to participate. If you would like to spend a free night at Lutherhaven, an optional Friday overnight program starts at 7:30pm. After a hearty breakfast on Saturday, Camp welcomes additional day helpers and everyone gets started. All meals, cabin lodging and children's programs are FREE as a thank you for your time and hard work! For more information and to register, please visit lutherhaven.org or call (260) 636-7101.

SBLS Trunk or Treat

Save the Date for our Annual Trunk or Treat **on Sunday, October 20 from 12:30-2:30**. Please see the attached flier for more information.

SBLS Basketball Tournament Sponsorships Needed!

The 8th Grade organizes (2) three-day varsity basketball tournaments in early November as a fundraiser for their Washington DC trip. The support of individual and local businesses help cover administrative costs, concession supplies, and referee fees, allowing for money raised from ticket sales and concessions to go towards the student funds needed to attend the trip. These sponsorships are crucial to the success of this fundraiser. Businesses or individuals who help sponsor the tournaments receive recognition both tournament weekends, including being added to the programs, signage and announcements. Sponsorship amounts are usually between \$100-500. The class is grateful for any amount that is donated to them. Please contact Heather Brown at (260) 416-6461 or heather@webclutter.com by October 25 if you or a business you are connected to are able to support this cause.

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 **SEPTEMBER!**

Hudson Carter Teagan Sims
Claire Oren Gemma Schmenk
Eloise Boggs Gwen Burkett
Leighton Treager Elise Bohnke
Rayna Rodriguez Thu Rein
Claire Heintzman
Renleigh Heintzelman
Matthew Nichols
Remington Shaw
Lilly Satterthwaite
Juniper Harmon
Madilyn and Camille Johnson
Emma Nichols, Kourtnee
Johnston Brooklynn and
Hailey Norris
Ben Merritt Trinity Snyder
Zoe Dahnke Dexter Schaefer
Grace Waszczak and Dominic
Gable

GO BULLDOGS!

Good luck to all of our students who are participating in Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Soccer!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

NAME: MRS. TERRI HOBBS

POSITION: Director, Pre-K Teacher

HOMETOWN: Fort Wayne, IN

FAVORITE SUBJECT: Science and Art

FAVORITE COLOR: Blue

FAVORITE FOOD: Sushi (no cooked stuff)

FUN FACT: I married my high school sweetheart. He was also the neighbor boy.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE:
Matthew 19:14