### SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

### **BITS AND BARK**

December 12, 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

"Joy to the world the Lord is come, let earth receive her king. Let every heart prepare Him room

And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and Heaven and nature sing."

## Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Christmas is a season of celebration, filled with beauty, fellowship, and delight. For many of us blessed ones we cherish the warmth of family, the sparkle of decorations, and the joy of sharing meals and gifts. That is not the case for everyone. Yet, no matter our situation, the joy of Christmas is a gift for all.

Isaac Watts's timeless hymn, inspired by Psalm 98, calls all of creation to rejoice in the arrival of Jesus, the Savior. "Joy to the world! The Lord is come!" we sing, echoing the triumph of Christ's coming. Even nature joins in: "Fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy."

But why such joy? Watts reveals the answer in the third stanza: Christ has come to break the curse of sin and its devastating effects. Through His sacrifice and resurrection, Jesus ushers in redemption "far as the curse is found." This redemption restores hope and offers us freedom—a freedom to love, to serve, and to live as God intended.

It is a time to ponder, as the hymn states, "the wonder of his love." When we take in the gift of eternal life and salvation that we have been given, then we can all proclaim, "Joy to the World!

Merry Christmas, Mrs. Greener, Principal

Thank you to Grades 2-4 for your leadership in the service this past Wednesday. It was a joy! Thank you parents for your support getting the kids ready and here!

#### WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of December 16 to December 20 Salad Choice: Cobb Salad

MONDAY: Chipotle Chicken Dip or Beef and

Cheese Burrito

Hot Side Options: Sweet Potato Puffs and

Corn

TUESDAY: Egg Sausage Sandwich or

Breakfast Burrito

Hot Side Options: Cauliflower and Maple

**Sweet Potatoes** 

**WEDNESDAY:** Cheese Toastie or Fish Sticks **Hot Side Options:** Broccoli and Tomato

Soup

**THURSDAY:** Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Spicy Chicken Sandwich or Grilled Chicken

Sandwich

Hot Side Options: French Fries and Pears

FRIDAY: Ham

**Hot Side Options:** Au Gratin Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Dinner Roll and Fluffy Fruit Salad

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

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#### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

**NURSERY: All Preschool Girls** 

PRESCHOOL: Mila Roberson & Sawyer Storm

KINDERGARTEN A: All the K Boys
KINDERGARTEN B: Everett Thomas

**1ST GRADE:** Isla Peer **2ND GRADE:** Iris Sai

3RD GRADE: Barrett Stahlhut

**4TH GRADE:** Asher Sai **5TH GRADE:** Zane Parker

6TH GRADE: Corabella Kessler

7TH GRADE A: Ethan Yoder

7TH GRADE B: Alexis Sklenar

8TH GRADE: Elise Yoder

SUPPORT STAFF: Mrs. Patty Macke

**TEACHERS:** All Teachers

### **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Children's Advent Services

All Services will be LIVE streamed.

Preschool, Dec. 15 at 10:30AM

Kindergarten-1st, Dec. 18 at 7:00PM

https://youtube.com/live/62j-1sNFKQE?feature=share

### **Christmas Spirit Week**

Please see the attached flier for next week's Spirit Week days!

#### **Christmas Break**

Our last day before break will be on Friday, December 20 and school will resume on Monday, January 6.

### **Lost and Found**

As we are approaching the holiday break, we ask that you please have your child take a look at the lost and found to claim any of their items.

### **Scheduled Two Hour Delay**

On **Monday, January 6**, there will be a **scheduled** 2 hour delay as our teachers will be in professional development that morning. Morning latchkey will still be available.

### **January Lunch Menu**

Please be sure to check our website for the Lunch Menu the week of January 6.

### REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **November and December Invoices**

Invoices were sent out last week for November Latchkey and Lunch and December Registration and Tuition. Please be sure to pay these as soon as you are able. Payments accepted include: cash, check, credit/debit card or Push Pay. Checks are to be made payable to SBLS. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact the School Office.

#### **End of Quarter**

End of 2nd Quarter is on Friday, December 20.

### **Dismissal Carline Tags**

As a friendly reminder, we ask that you please have your carline tags during our end of the day school dismissal. If you need any additional tags, please let the School Office know and we will be sure to send them home with your child. Thank you for your help with this.

### **Robotics Club**

We are looking for enthusiastic adults who may be interested in leading a robotics team! Whether you have experience in robotics or simply a passion for working with kids, we would love to have you on board. This is a great opportunity to mentor students, foster teamwork, and encourage problem-solving skills through hands-on learning in STEM. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Greener.

#### **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 **DECEMBER!** 

MRS. AMY GREENER MRS. STEPHANIE MERTENS JORDAN HICKS **HUDSON FRYMIER WESTON LEWIS BENTLEY SIMS** CORABELLA KESSLER JAXON STEVENS NOAH WELCH HENRY BERRY ALANNAH BROOKS ARIAHNA STEWARD OWEN WOOD ISAAC WOOD ALEX BARRY SAWYER THOMAS KYLER AUER LILIANA RUSSELL MILES BITTNER MS. VERA ABRESCH ARYA BROWN SHELBY WHAN THEODORE BAXTER JALEN KEMMERLIN **EMMIE OREN** 

#### **GO BULLDOGS!**

#### **VARSITY BOYS**

**Saturday, December 14**SBLS vs. Woodburn Lutheran

at Woodburn at 10:15AM

### **STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

Name: Mrs. Lindsey Noll
Position: Resource Coordinator
Hometown: Fort Wayne, IN
Favorite Color: Yellow
Favorite Food: Watermelon
Favorite Subject: Math

**Fun Fact About Yourself:** I have judged cattle twice at the

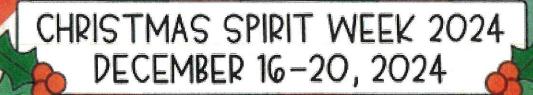
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**Favorite Memory of School:** 

Getting to be the bulldog mascot at the boys' basketball games.

Favorite Bible Verse: Romans



MON

CHRISTMAS SWEATER

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SWEATER

**UES** 

HOLIDAY PAJAMAS

WEAR YOUR PJS TO SCHOOL

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

CHRISTMAS HAT WEAR A CHRISTMAS HAT OR HEADBAND

CHRISTMAS CHARACTER

DRESS AS A MOVIE OR CHRISTMAS CHARACTER