



# Bits and Bark

## Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School



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.

February 15, 2024

### Principal's Devotion

#### The Cross of Hope

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand. (Hymn)*

Words change their meaning as time goes by and circumstances change. We say things like, we hope this or that team wins, we hope that we do well on a test or a project at work or I hope that we will receive more sunshine soon. But in a more serious light, there are those who say, "I hope to go to heaven someday."

Christian hope is so much different than the hopes we express throughout seasons of life. Our hope is an anchor that holds us secure when the winds and waves of life try to toss us about. This hope is dependable not because of our own efforts but because of the cross of Jesus. This hope is dependable because it does not depend on our own efforts but because it is "built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." Our hope in Jesus is not wishful thinking but instead it expresses certainty, confidence, and assurance. This assurance grounds us in knowing that God will never leave us or forsake us. The confidence of the cross does not stop the storms but establishes a place of safety.

I pray that as we enter this Lenten season, that you, with me, lean on the name of Jesus because He is the Christ, the Savior, the solid rock- all other ground, all other assurances, all other hopes are sinking sand.

In Christ,  
Mrs. Greener, Principal

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Nursery:** Harper Pollock
- Preschool:** Jonah Berning & Kenslee Dimit
- Kindergarten (A):** Raelynn Stevens
- Kindergarten (B):** Isabelle Haggard
- First Grade:** Noah Welch
- Second Grade:** Zola Duncan
- Third Grade:** Ellie Bell
- Fourth Grade:** Presley Sorgen
- Fifth Grade:** Fiona Boatwright
- Sixth Grade (A):** Landon Parker
- Sixth Grade (B):** Lily Bunker
- Seventh Grade:** Hudson Carter
- Eighth Grade:** Kylie Wolford
- Support Staff:** Mr. Jeff Comstock
- Teachers:** All Teachers

"Come and see what God has done, he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man." Psalm 66:5

### WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of February 19 to February 23  
Salad Choice: Caesar Salad

**MONDAY:** NO SCHOOL

**TUESDAY:** Egg & Sausage Sandwich or Pancake Wrap

**Hot Side Options:** Maple Sweet Potatoes

**WEDNESDAY:** Walking Taco or Spicy Walking Taco

**Hot Side Options:** Pinto Beans

**THURSDAY:** Pepperoni Calzone or Cheese Quesadilla

**Hot Side Options:** Broccoli

**FRIDAY:** Cheesy Bacon Pasta or Bosco Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce

**Hot Side Options:** Corn

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

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## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IREAD

Typically in early March our third grade students take part in the State testing of IREAD. This year, our second grade will join them in taking it also.

If a student passes it in second grade they will be done and will not have to take it again the following year. For those who do not, it will allow us to see where they are having trouble before they take it again in third grade.

### Lenten Services

Chapel Services will now move to the afternoon starting at 1:45PM. All are welcome to come early and join us. There is also an evening service at 7:00PM with dinner served ahead of time serving from 6:00-6:45PM.

### SBSL School Skate Party

Students are invited to the SBSL School Skate Party on **Thursday, February 29 from 5:30-7:30PM at Roller Dome North**. The cost is \$5.50 with skates included. Please see the attached flier for more information.

### SBSL Spirit Wear

Spirit wear is on sale again **now until March 3**. Order items online at <https://suburbanbethlehem2024.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>. This will be the last time the store will be open this school year – so don't miss out!

### SBL Bulldog Walk-A-Thon

Thank You for all of your help with the Bulldog Walk-A-Thon in September. Please see the attached letter about how much SBSL helped make this event both possible and successful!

### Little Disciples Summer Day Camp

Looking for childcare for the summer that's fun and offers hands-on activities? Disciples Summer Day Camp at Suburban Bethlehem is now accepting Applications for kids ages 5-12 for this summer! Applications can be found on our website at [deeplyrootedtogrow.org](http://deeplyrootedtogrow.org) under the ministries tab or email us at [camp@sblschool.com](mailto:camp@sblschool.com) for more information.

## REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Yearbooks For Sale

2024-2024 Yearbooks are for sale! The cost is \$13. You can purchase them online at: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob> using the code: **1220724**. You can also purchase them at the School Office.

### Save The Date

SBL is offering a presentation regarding children's mental health during the Sunday morning Bible Class hour on **Sunday, March 3 at 9:30AM**. Dr. Rachel Lilly, a pediatric psychologist will be the presenter. All **adults** are invited to come.

### SBL Auction

You're Invited to our Annual SBL Auction on **Saturday, March 23, 2024**, at the Allen County Fairgrounds. Come and See What God Has Done! You must be 21 years old or older to attend.

**New This Year:** Mr. Ryan Schaefer, one of our parents, will be providing a meal at the SBL Auction this year which will consist of pulled pork, pulled chicken, hot sides, coleslaw and a dinner roll. **The cost is \$15**. You can purchase meal tickets ahead of time, please see the attached order form. Please contact Mrs. Lauren Johnston if you are interested. Stay tuned for more information, too!

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Get to know our SBL Staff! ☺

**STAFF MEMBER: MISS STEPHANIE WILSON**

**POSITION:** Kitchen Manager

**HOMETOWN:** Fort Wayne, IN

**FAVORITE RESTAURANT:** Sara's Family Restaurant

**FAVORITE SUBJECT:** Reading

**FAVORITE COLOR:** Teal and Pink

**FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE:** He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you if you have faith like a grain of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'move from here to there and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.'" Matthew 17:20.

## 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 **February!**

Evalyn O'Brien  
Lillian Lively  
Keaton Rodenbeck  
Ellison Folk  
Mrs. Lauren Johnston  
Deaconess Michelle Schultz  
Asher Alderman  
Jace Nichols  
Tyson Labit  
Nathan Stoops  
Molly Moffitt  
Madison Heflin  
Iris Sai  
Carson Gass  
Connor Brackmann  
Brody Goheen  
Ethan Lawrence  
Cortney Hockemeyer  
Lily Hart  
Kaitlyn Mertens  
Laylah Costilla-Frederick  
Liam Sawvel

**PTO Meeting – March 7 8AM & 6:30PM – Church Fellowship Hall**  
**Donuts with Dad – March 15**

**Mother/Son Event - April 13**  
**Muffins with Mom – May 3**