



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 1, 2024

Principal's Devotion

"²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize." (1 Corinthians 9:24-27) Could you name the last 48 Super Bowl winners or MVPs? I doubt most people could, and that is Paul's point in the above verses. At the time of the Super Bowl, the players think they have reached the pinnacle of victory, and now the majority of people on earth don't even remember their names.

We must remember that we, too, are a professional "athlete," not in the NFL, but in a much greater league that offers an eternal reward that makes winning a trophy look like a free hot dog by comparison. Our victory, won by Jesus Christ, means that we will live forever in heaven, if we believe in him as our Savior. It is important that we want all to understand the prize that is ours.

Each day we need to see our Christian life as a competition with our sinful nature. We need to wake up each morning with a game day mindset. Starting the day with asking God's forgiveness for our mistakes and asking His help to walk in His power and follow Him wherever He leads.

Eph. 5: 15 says, "Be careful, then, how you live-not as unwise but as wise making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."

We are in training. That is why it is so important to study God's Word, to be in worship, and surround ourselves with other Christians who will strengthen and encourage us. That is why it is important that we talk to God in prayer and ask His daily help as we strive to live a life that reflects His love and forgiveness.

So, get in the game! You are chosen! Share the victory through Christ! Glad to be on your eternal team!

In Christ,
Mrs. Greener, Principal

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Nursery:** Ensley Daniels
- Preschool:** Elijah Wilson and Harper Cornman
- Kindergarten (A):** Betty Wadley
- Kindergarten (B):** Liam Elder
- First Grade:** Ariaehna Steward
- Second Grade:** Alivia Comstock
- Third Grade:** Vincent Underwood
- Fourth Grade:** Lillian Satterthwaite
- Fifth Grade:** Amelia Zeimet
- Sixth Grade (A):** Landon Mueller
- Sixth Grade (B):** Aspen Benz
- Seventh Grade:** Sophia Bell
- Eighth Grade:** Karlee Walworth
- Support Staff:** Mr. Justin Hoffman
- 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 5 to February 9
Salad Choice: Grilled Chicken Salad

- MONDAY:** Fish Nuggets or Chili
Hot Side Options: French Fries
 - TUESDAY:** Nachos w/ Meat and Cheese or Beef Soft Tacos
Hot Side Options: Refried Beans
 - WEDNESDAY:** Chicken and Noodles or Salisbury Steak
Hot Side Options: Mashed Potatoes
 - THURSDAY:** Chicken Parmesan or Meatballs
Hot Side Options: Buttered Noodles
 - FRIDAY:** Biscuits and Gravy or French Toast Sticks
Hot Side Options: Sausage Patty
- Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches and Yogurt & Cheese can be substituted for main dish.

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Fish Fry

Our 64th Annual Fish Fry will be held on Saturday, February 10 from 4-7:30PM. Come join us for a wonderful time filled with food and fellowship! Carryout is also available. Please see the attached flier with more information.

SBL Auction

You're invited to our 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.** Please stay tuned for more information.

Afternoon Latchkey Reminder

Just as a friendly reminder, our **Afternoon Latchkey is from 2:45 to 5:30PM.** Please make sure you are picking your child(ren) up at or before 5:30. Thank you for your help with this.

Jackets/Coats

Winter and cooler weather is still present, please remember to make sure your child(ren) have jackets/coats for outside recess. Thank you!

CLHS Honor Roll and Honorable Mention

We want to congratulate and celebrate the continued success of our past students that have moved to Concordia High School. We are proud of them!

Honor Roll: Josiah Bell, Kate Griewank, Christa Linnemeier, Drew Belschner, Kason Blackman, Adelyn Brown, Keaton Gass, Marian Patty, Sarah Snyder, Kinsey Helmkamp, Addison Myers and Sydney Reynolds.

Honorable Mention: Haley Hoffman, Smith Tha Wah, Collin Johnson, Isaac Jomo, Blaine Stiffler, Jack Belschner, Drew Reynolds, Kathleen Blackman, Elliott Ferraro and Abigail Norris.

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father Daughter Dance

Our Father-Daughter Dance is on **Saturday, February 3 from 6:00-9:00PM** in the School Gym and Commons.

Enrollment Paperwork

Reminder: All enrollment paperwork for the 2024-2025 school year is **due by Thursday, February 15.**

Make Up Day

If we would have another school closing, going forward we will have school on February 16 which will be used as a make-up day.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Get to know our SBL Staff! ☺

STAFF MEMBER: MRS. MARISSA MOFFITT

POSITION: 1st Grade Teacher

HOMETOWN: Valparaiso, IN

FAVORITE RESTAURANT:
Cheddars

FAVORITE SUBJECT: Math

FAVORITE COLOR: Blue/Purple

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE:
Jeremiah 29:11

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