



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 22, 2024

From the Principal:

"But because of His great love for us, God who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved." Eph. 2:4

If our eyes are bad and we don't know it, we walk around with everything blurred and distorted. When we get glasses, then our world becomes clear and much easier to navigate. It is similar with our Christian walk. Without Christ, we are caught in the distortion of our sinfulness. We view other negatively, we justify bad behavior, and we struggle in living a life that is content and joy filled.

Using God as our source of strength and clarity, we see the world a little differently. We no longer see each other or situations in the same light. We let go of the criticalness and instead do our best to work to better each other. Can you imagine turning your child away because they were dirty? Of course not, you would simply clean them up. God, our heavenly Father, gave us His one and only Son, Jesus, to do exactly that. Without God, we live in our filthy dirty rags of sin, but God invites us to be washed in the Baptismal water and put on our robe of righteousness won for us through Jesus' death and resurrection. He never turns us away; He just cleans us up. The Ephesians 2 text is a reminder of our victory in Christ. Even better, it is a reminder that we, His children are now living to be a testimony of His great love, mercy, and grace. We are marked with His victory and credited with His righteousness. His love inscribed on our hearts and lives. This knowledge and confidence are the glasses we need to see our daily life in a much different way. May we continue to challenge each other to live as a response to our loving Heavenly Father.

*In Christ,
Mrs. Greener, Principal*

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Nursery: Jaylon Robinson
Preschool: Johannah Buranj and Ellison Folk
Kindergarten (A): Emmie Oren
Kindergarten (B): Andrew Holman
First Grade: Shelby Whan
Second Grade: Serenity Gehring
Third Grade: Slate Benz
Fourth Grade: Nathan Stoops
Fifth Grade: Gryffen Boatwright
Sixth Grade (A): Brant Perl
Sixth Grade (B): Beatrice Burrige-Waymoth
Seventh Grade: Laylah Costilla-Frederick
Eighth Grade: Jonah Brindle
Support Staff: Mr. Bishop Brown
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 26 to March 1
Salad Choice: Taco Salad

MONDAY: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce or Chicken Alfredo
Hot Side Options: Garlic Bread

TUESDAY: Chicken Burrito or Turkey Bacon Wrap
Hot Side Options: Sweet Potato Puffs

WEDNESDAY: Scrambled Eggs or Pancakes
Hot Side Options: Sausage Patty

THURSDAY: Enchiladas or Layered Taco Dip
Hot Side Options: Various Fruits/Veggies

FRIDAY: Cheesy Garlic French Bread Pizza or Ravioli
Hot Side Options: Carrots

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

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save The Date: PTO Meetings

Join us on **March 7 at 8AM and 6:30PM in the Church Fellowship Hall** for our next PTO meeting. We will plan to discuss the remaining events for this school year, discuss leadership roles for next school year and brainstorm ideas to better serve our staff, students and school families. We invite all parents that want to have an impact on our school to attend.

SBLS 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!

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 under the ministries tab or email us at camp@sblschool.com for more information.

Mark Your Calendars

Donuts with Dad: March 15

Muffins with Mom: May 3

Mother/Son Event: April 13

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

IREAD — 2nd & 3rd Grade

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.

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: MRS. KATHY REID

POSITION: Latchkey Supervisor

HOMETOWN: Fort Wayne, IN

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: El Rancho Mexican Grill

FAVORITE SUBJECT: Math

FAVORITE COLOR: Purple

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: "Be Still and Know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

GO BULLDOGS!

**SBLS Wrestling has begun!
Good luck to our athletes
this season!**

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