



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 8, 2024

Principal's Devotion

This past Wednesday we welcomed friends from the Lutheran Veterans and Families Ministries. This organization serves military veterans, contractors and their families that are in need of care and assistance, regardless of their faith or religious affiliation. They take no government funding so that they can still keep Christ at the center of all they do. During the month of February and March offerings will go to help support this ministry to those who serve and protect and the families that love them.

Next Wednesday is Valentine's Day but it is also Ash Wednesday. This marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time that we prepare our hearts and focus on all Jesus did and came to do. It is a time for us to see our need for a Savior and understand the great love He has for each of us as we prepare to celebrate His joyous resurrection on Easter Sunday. At this time of the year, our Chapel services switch to the afternoon. We invite you and others from our congregation and community to join in these services. If you are able, you are invited to join us at 1:45. During our Ash Wednesday service we will be invited to come and have a cross of ash placed on our foreheads. This ash, a symbol of death but in a cross remembering the salvation given to us through Jesus. May this season be a time of reflection and also comfort to remember that we are never alone. Jesus' love shown in action to bring victory for all who believe.

I pray that this season be a time for you to remove distractions and quiet the stresses that take our time and focus on Jesus, our Savior. May we see God's faithfulness as He calls us to surrender all that burdens us and take refuge in the knowledge that He, Jesus, conquered sin, death, and the devil for our sake.

We are approaching halfway through the third quarter. Please check in on your student. Please reach out to teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

*In Christ,
Mrs. Greener, Principal*

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Nursery:** Everett Fillmore
- Preschool:** Keaton Rodenbeck and Joseph DiMaggio
- Kindergarten (A):** Naycho Thway
- Kindergarten (B):** Holland Ewell
- First Grade:** Landon Tran
- Second Grade:** Nate DeRose
- Third Grade:** Alex Barry
- Fourth Grade:** Blake Shelton
- Fifth Grade:** Alexandria Beard
- Sixth Grade (A):** Jace Nichols
- Sixth Grade (B):** Linkoln Boatwright
- Seventh Grade:** Abe Brown
- Eighth Grade:** Liam Wilson
- Support Staff:** Mrs. Kim Cornman
- 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 12 to February 16
Salad Choice: Cobb Salad

MONDAY: Macaroni and Cheese or Baked Chicken Breast

Hot Side Options: Roasted Potatoes

TUESDAY: Mini Corn Dogs or Meatball Sub

Hot Side Options: Baked Cinnamon Apples

WEDNESDAY: Ham and Cheese Rollup or Chicken and Rice Casserole

Hot Side Options: Broccoli Soup

THURSDAY: Chicken Nuggets, Spicy Chicken Nuggets or Grilled Chicken Nuggets

Hot Side Options: Various Fruits and Vegetables

FRIDAY: NO SCHOOL

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

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO SCHOOL / PLANNED E-LEARNING DAY

As a reminder, there will be **NO** school and a planned E-Learning Day on **Friday, February 16** as our staff will be at the TLSP for a scheduled conference.

NO School

There will be **NO** school on **Monday, February 19**.

Invoices

January Latchkey, Lunch and February Registration and Tuition invoices were sent via FastDirect this week. We ask that you please pay these as soon as you are able. Payments accepted include: cash, check, credit/debit card or Push Pay.

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.

REPEATED 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.

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.

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 contact Mrs. Lauren Johnston if you are interested. Stay tuned for more information, too!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Get to know our SBL Staff! ☺

STAFF MEMBER: MR. DAN GOTTSCHALK

POSITION: 6B Grade Teacher, Athletic Director

HOMETOWN: Rolling Meadow, Illinois

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Qdoba

FAVORITE SUBJECT: History

FAVORITE COLOR: Dark Royal Blue

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm 73:26

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