



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.

January 18, 2024

Principal's Devotion

CONNECTED IN CHRIST: 2024 National Lutheran Schools Week

Jesus often used nature to explain His relationship to us. In John 15, Jesus uses the connection between the vine and the branch to teach His disciples and us the importance of our connection to Him. A dried up, fruitless branch is worthless and burned in a fire. The connected branch bears fruit. Jesus connects us, the branches, to Himself, the Vine. We cannot connect ourselves to Him. Left to ourselves in our sin, we would be forever separated from Him. However, Jesus first chooses to connect us to Himself in our Baptism and he keeps us connected through the Word that we learn in our classrooms and homes, in our chapel worship and in the Divine Service in our Lutheran school and churches where Jesus is proclaimed as God's Son and our Savior. We are blessed to have many connections in our school. Each day, connections are made with classmates. Our teachers and other staff connect to our families and connect us to our school subjects and other activities. We connect with others on teams and group activities. Technology connects us to many resources. The most important connection in our school is our connection to Jesus. Because we are connected to Jesus, we bear fruit for Him. We also have the promise that our connection to Him is not just for a special week in school or only for our time on earth. Jesus promises that He will stay connected to us so that we can enjoy the fruits of eternal life. What a blessing that God connects us to Him and to each other as we continue to share faith in Jesus and his forgiveness and grace.

In Christ,
Mrs. Greener, Principal

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Nursery:** Brielle Konwinski
- Preschool:** Adelyn Stahlhut and Nadia Blackwood
- Kindergarten (A):** Emma Williams
- Kindergarten (B):** Aurora Cebada
- First Grade:** Bentley Sims
- Second Grade:** Elise Bohnke
- Third Grade:** Noah Taylor
- Fourth Grade:** Zane Parker
- Fifth Grade:** Cydney Perez
- Sixth Grade (A):** Colin Masters
- Sixth Grade (B):** Audrey Archer
- Seventh Grade:** Hailey Wilson
- Eighth Grade:** Skylar Smith
- Support Staff:** Mrs. Kathy Reid
- Teachers:** All Teachers

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

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of January 22 to January 26

Salad Choice: Taco Salad

MONDAY: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce and Chicken Alfredo

Hot Side Options: Green Beans

TUESDAY: Chicken Burrito and Turkey Bacon Wrap

Hot Side Options: Sweet Potato Puffs

WEDNESDAY: Scrambled Eggs and Pancakes

Hot Side Options: Sausage Patty and Hash brown Potatoes

THURSDAY: Enchiladas or Layered Taco Dip

Hot Side Options: Corn and Mixed Vegetables

FRIDAY: Cheesy Garlic French Bread Pizza and Ravioli

Hot Side Options: Carrots and Broccoli

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

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Students Singing on Sunday, January 21

Students whose last names begin with A-L: will attend 8AM service, arrive at 7:45AM, go to music room to warm up and can sit with parents during the service.

Students whose last names begin with M-Z: will attend 10:30AM service, arrive at 10:15, go to music room to warm up and can sit with parents during the service.

National Lutheran Schools Week – Friday, January 19 to Friday, January 26

Friday, January 19 – Purple and Gold Day or SBL Spirit Wear Day

Monday, January 22 – Sports Day – Students will NEED to wear a hat for the service project this day.

Tuesday, January 23 – Pajama Day

Wednesday, January 24 – Christian T-shirt or Bible Day

Thursday, January 25 – Red, White and Blue Day – School has approved shorts for this day.

Friday, January 26 – Homeroom Wars – Your teacher will come up with their class theme.. Be on the lookout for something from your teacher.

As a friendly reminder, the school dress code still applies on these days unless stated above.

*For Monday, each student is encouraged to bring at least one can of Chicken, beef, or a cream soup. (For example: cream of chicken or cream of mushroom). Students will receive a treat for each can (up to 3) for each item.

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save The Date – SBL Open House

We will be having our annual **Open House on Sunday, January 21** from **12:00 to 2:00PM** for all NEW students K-8th and Preschool students. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Macke.

Growing Disciples

We are so blessed to have all of you as part of our school family. **Starting Jan. 21, we are extending an invitation to attend a special class, Growing Disciples, that will begin on Sunday, Jan. 21 between the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Service.**

This is a Bible Study where we take a look at the major teachings of the Bible and what they say about key aspects of Christianity, including Baptism and the Lord's Supper. While this is part of a pathway toward membership of SBLC if you desire, it is also for all who just want to learn more or refresh their knowledge. We would love to have you attend. Starts January 21, 9:30 am in the Upper Room in the Church.

Project 216

During Lutheran Schools Week, the students will be participating in a Service Project with an organization called Project 216. Students will be working on assembling meal ingredients in bags for folks in our community. Our goal is to assemble almost 13,000 meals the morning of Monday, Jan. 22. Students will also be challenged to bring in a can of cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup or a can of chunked chicken or beef to accompany the meals. Students who bring in a can each day will be able to receive a special treat. The theme of the day will be "Let's Hit it Out of the Park to Connect and Help our Community." Students should wear a ball cap and a favorite sports team shirt.

GO BULLDOGS!

Basketball season has begun! Good luck to both our boys' and girls' basketball teams this season!

Varsity Girls Basketball LSAA Tournament

JV Girls Basketball
Saturday, January 20
SBL vs. ESM
at SBL at 9:00AM

Monday, January 22
SBL vs. Concordia
at Concordia at 4:30PM

JV Boys Basketball
Saturday, January 20
SBL vs. ESM
at SBL at 10:15AM

Monday, January 22
SBL vs. Concordia
at SBL at 5:45PM

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 **January!**

Connor Green
Penelope Gwaltney
Jayla Brown
Beatrice Burrige-Waymoth
Hadyn Riley
Aung Paing
Blake Shelton
Holland Ewell
Everett Thomas
Addelyn Gallmeier
Brook Bowen
Serenity Gehring
Kedon Spurling
Sullivan Oren
Colin Masters
Ava Dunne
Preley Sorgen
Maddox Wiedenhoft
Betty Wadley