



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.

March 8, 2024

From the Principal:

3 "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" John 3:1

As I write this, it is my dad's 88th birthday. I can't wait to call him and talk to him. I am blessed to still have my dad and blessed that my dad is and has always been a source of strength, encouragement, and faith to my life. I know there are many who either do not still have their loved one or that cannot claim that same love and encouragement, so I know I am beyond blessed. I could share many stories but honestly, the thing I hold most trusted and valued is my dad's faithfulness to keep pointing me to Jesus. From my baptism as an infant, to family devotions, to attendance in church, helping where we could, to prayers together and check ins where bible verses and prayers are still shared, he wanted me to always be rooted in knowing that I have a heavenly Father that loves me even more than he and will see me through whatever comes my way.

During this time of Lent, it is a time of reflection to see our need for a Savior but also a time to ponder our Heavenly Father's great love for each of us. It is a love that claims us as children of God. It is a time where God desires us to hear His call to be with Him. This world, with media surrounding us, earbuds, and constant devices calling for our attention, and many other things that distract us, we must remember our need for a quiet time and place to reflect on the love our Heavenly Father pours into our life.

Many church bodies don't celebrate Lent, but I am glad we do because it is a great time to spend time with God and remember how much and why I need him so much. We never know what life on earth will bring but we do know who is always beside us pouring out His strength, encouragement, and love on us. It is good to take time to run from the temporary things that demand our attention and turn to our Father who desires us to spend time with Him, who whispers to our heart to come to Him, not for His good but ours. He brings us healing. He brings us peace. Take heart and remember the words of Ephesians 3: 16-21, "according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Although earthly fathers may or may not give us all we need, our Heavenly Father most certainly does.

In Christ,
Mrs. Greener, Principal

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Nursery:** Louie Oren
- Preschool:** Jace Cuellar and Stahli Konicki
- Kindergarten (A):** Jacksen Johnston
- Kindergarten (B):** Isla Peer
- First Grade:** Leyam Andrus and Canyon Benz
- Second Grade:** Georgia Lee
- Third Grade:** Arya Brown
- Fourth Grade:** Ryland Archer
- Fifth Grade:** Simon Bohnke
- Sixth Grade (A):** Finn Pipenger
- Sixth Grade (B):** Connor Green
- Seventh Grade:** Lillian Fisher
- Eighth Grade:** Elijah DeRose
- Support Staff:** Mrs. Amber Yoder
- 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 March 11 to March 15
Salad Choice: Grilled Chicken Salad

- MONDAY:** Fish Nuggets or Chili
Hot Side Options: Various Fruits and Vegetables
 - 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
Hot Side Options: Sausage Patty
- Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches and Yogurt & Cheese can be substituted for main dish.

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monthly Invoices

February Hot Lunch and Latchkey, March Registration and Tuition Invoices were sent this week via FastDirect. We ask that you please pay this as soon as you are able. Payments accepted include: cash, check, credit/debit card or Push Pay. Checks are to be made payable to SBLs.

Building for the Future

Each of our families should have received a letter in the mail that shared the many blessings God has provided over the years to our school. You are one of those blessings. The hope in the letter is for you to catch the vision with us and see the need to invest in all we do here at Suburban Bethlehem. Please pray about this and see how God might use you to help as we strive to keep meeting the mission of sharing Jesus through all that we do here. If you have any questions or thoughts, please share those with myself or any of the School Board members listed in the letter.

CLHS Musical

Concordia High School is hosting a Junior High Musical, Dear Edwina JR. The performance is on **Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23 at 7PM** in the high school auditorium.. Come out and support some of our middle schoolers: Molly Moffitt, Hailey Wilson, Brook Bowen and Anna Merritt. Admission cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids.

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

SBLs Spring Picture Day

Our Spring Picture Day will be on **Friday, March 15**. Order forms were sent home with your child(ren) this week. If you need an additional order form, please contact the School Office.

SBL Auction Class Baskets

Our Annual Live and Silent Auction is quickly approaching on **Saturday, March 23**. We need the help of every parent to make it a huge success for both our students and teachers. Here is one small way you can help.

Please see below for your child's theme for their classroom. All proceeds of the money that is raised from the baskets goes right back to the classroom which donated it, blessing both teachers and students. **PLEASE NOTE: All food items must be non-perishable. ALL items must be in no later than the start of the day on Thursday, March 21, this is when the assembling of baskets will begin!**

Nursery/3 Year Old: Baking

Preschool (Calle): Pamper Mom/Daughter Day

Preschool (Hobbs): Summer Fun

Kindergarten A (Gottschalk): Gardening

Kindergarten B (Braun): Pool Day

1st Grade: Ice Cream

2nd Grade: Coffee/Tea

3rd Grade: Family Game Night

4th Grade: Sports

5th Grade: Family Movie Night

6th Grade A (Abresch/Barnholt): Breakfast

6th Grade B (Gottschalk): Drinks/Snacks/Junk Food

7th Grade: Home Spa Night

8th Grade: Gift Card Basket

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Get to know our SBL Staff! ☺

STAFF MEMBER: MRS. LAUREN JOHNSTON

POSITION: Administrative Assistant/School Secretary

HOMETOWN: Flint, MI

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Cebollas

FAVORITE SUBJECT: History and Science

FAVORITE COLOR: Green

FUN OR INTERESTING FACT: I have 4 dogs – Blaze, Slate, Oakley and Aspen... In my next life, I want more... I'm crazy... I know. ☺

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: "Be Joyful in Hope, Patient in Affliction and Faithful in Prayer." Romans 12:12

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 **MARCH!**

Landon Tran
Cameial Mays
Mrs. Deb Honn
Jameson Westropp
Paisley Nichols
Emersyn Yoder
Danica Lively
Amelia Zeimet
Jackson Johnston
Nathaniel Norris
Annika Comstock
Stella Garvison
Ruthie McComb
Lincoln Shaw
Victoria Kelly
Mr. Tim Moses