

*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.*

### Principal's Message

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. —1 Peter 4:10*

Another school year at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School is coming to a close. We've shared moments of celebration—victories won, goals achieved, milestones reached. We've also walked through moments of concern, times when the path ahead wasn't so clear, and times when we had to stop, pray, and work together to move forward. There was hard work: in classrooms, on courts and fields, in music rooms, and in quiet corners of learning. There were projects, papers, and homework—and lessons that stretched far beyond textbooks.

But more than academic learning happened here.

We laughed together. We disagreed at times. We reconciled. We practiced forgiveness. We sang, we played, we cheered each other on—not just for winning, but for growing. Every one of those moments taught lessons that go deeper than any curriculum can reach—lessons of character, of faith, of friendship, and of resilience.

So, what was your investment into this year?

Was it in the early mornings getting your child to school with a lunch packed and a prayer whispered?

Was it in volunteering, encouraging a teacher, attending a game, or clapping at a concert?

Was it in those late-night homework battles, or the quiet talks after a hard day?

Was it in prayer—for your child, for the school, for a struggling classmate or a teacher who needed support?

All of it mattered. All of it planted seeds. So, what were the takeaways?

Did we grow in compassion, learning to see and appreciate others' differences rather than fear them? Did we lean into faith during hard conversations, allowing God's Word to shape our responses and decisions? Did we grow in self-pity or excuses—or did we learn to equip each other to be stronger, to give our best, to try again?

True Christian education doesn't promise ease, but it does promise opportunity—opportunity to grow in ways that only God can measure. That's the gift of a school rooted in Christ. When home and school work together, led by faith, we create space for the Spirit to build more than students—we shape disciples.

So, as we close this year, take a moment to reflect on what was planted, celebrate what has grown, and give thanks for the journey we've taken together. SBLS is more than a school—it's a partnership, a ministry, a community—in which, every moment this year, big or small, was part of the story God is writing here.

Thank you for your investment. Let us pray that the seeds of this year bear fruit in seasons to come.

In Christ,  
Amy Greener

### WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of May 19 to May 23, 2025  
Salad Choice: Grilled Chicken Salad

#### MONDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Mini Corn Dogs or Cheese Toastie

#### TUESDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Cheesy Garlic French Bread or Cheeseburger Sandwich

#### WEDNESDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Nachos with meat and cheese or Tacos

#### THURSDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Chicken Nuggets or Grilled Chicken Nugget

#### FRIDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Bone in BBQ chicken wings or Beef Teriyaki

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

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

**NURSERY:** Preschool Students

**PRESCHOOL:** Grace Waszczak and Lillian Russell

**PRESCHOOL:** All Pre-K Girls

**KINDERGARTEN A:** All Girls

**KINDERGARTEN B:** All Girls

**1ST GRADE:** Andrew Holman

**2ND GRADE:** Nathan Norris

**3RD GRADE:** Sully Oren

**4TH GRADE:** Claire Oren

**5TH GRADE:** Paisley Nichols

**6TH GRADE:** Camille Johnson

**7TH GRADE A:** Addyson Comstock

**7TH GRADE B:** All 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

**8TH GRADE:** All students and adults on DC trip

**SUPPORT STAFF:** Kim Cornman

**TEACHERS:** All Teachers



## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Let's Celebrate Our Wonderful Teachers!

We're kicking off Teacher Appreciation Week a little later than usual, but we're not missing the opportunity to recognize the amazing work our teachers do every day as they teach and share Christ love! Next week (**May 19-23**) we'll be celebrating them in a variety of fun and meaningful ways. We'd love your help in making this special! We encourage students to bring a small token of appreciation to their teacher—whether it's a sweet treat, a gift card, or a thoughtful handmade card. Every gesture goes a long way in showing just how much we value and appreciate them. Please check the attached flyer for all the details on how we'll be celebrating our teachers. Thank you for helping us make this a memorable and heartfelt week for our SBLS Bulldog educators!

### Yearbooks

We have additional yearbooks still available for sale! If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact the School Office. **They are \$15 each.** These are first-come, first-serve so order one now before it's too late!

### Medications, Inhalers and More

If your student has any medications (which includes cough drops) and/or inhalers at the school office, **please make sure to pick these items up no later than Thursday, June 5.** We appreciate your help in advance.

**VBS-** Trusting Jesus in a Wild World, June 23-27, 9:00 a.m. to noon, Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. See flyer to register

**SBL YOUTH GROUP-** End of School Party- May 18, 3:00-4:30 p.m. See Flyer

### Book Signing

Christian authors Katie Schuermann, author of historical fiction for grades 3-5, and Christine Elliot Rivers, fairytales for grades 2-4, will be at Redeemer Classical School on June 14 at 6:30 p.m. for a book signing. See flyer



**You're invited** to Celebrate the Retirement of our own, Vera Abresch, on Sunday, June 1, following the 10:30 a.m. service. Please join us as we give thanks for her faithful service. Vera has dedicated 34 years to the teaching ministry, her impact on generations of children and families. She is a true blessing to our community. Vera will be teaching Vacation Bible School this summer in Taiwan before moving to Nebraska to be closer to her family. Before she begins this new chapter, we want to gather together to honor her with gratitude, Stories, and celebration. We would be delighted to have you join us to share your Appreciation and well-wishes with Vera as we send her off with love and prayers. Use this link to sign up. <https://forms.gle/YhjPr9BTzpPuJgFa6>

## 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 **MAY!**

London Schrader  
Parker Ensley  
Andrew Holman  
Elise Yoder  
Ariel Frederick  
Evander Peer  
Timothy Burrige-Waymoth  
Raelynn Stevens  
Dimitri Turner  
Dylan Thompson  
Simon Stoops  
Emmett Yoder  
Kameron Snyder  
Elijah Sipe  
Easton Rigelman  
Stella Winchester  
Amelia Robinson  
Emma Vancelette  
Haven Patton  
Declan Ensley  
Oaklee Faulkner  
Iris Bertsch  
Louie Oren  
Emerson Tapp  
Lily Bunker

### Upcoming Dates

26 **May 26- No School**  
**May 27- Field Day**  
**May 28- Yearbook Signing Party**  
**May 29- Awards- 8:15 a.m.**  
**May 30- Last Day of School**  
**Closing Chapel -1:45**  
**Graduation- 7p.m.**