# SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

# BITS AND BARK

May 22, 2025

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

Dear Parents,

As we close out the school year, let's think upon not just on what your children have learned, but on what God has been planting and growing in their lives. Seeds of kindness, responsibility, courage, prayer, and faith. Some of those seeds have sprouted and grown in visible ways. Others are still under the surface, waiting for their season to bloom. God is faithful. He always finishes what He starts.

In Philippians 1:6, the apostle Paul writes, "He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." This promise wasn't just for Paul's readers in the first century. It's for your children today. It's for you.

This year may have been full of small victories and growing pains. Your child might have struggled in some areas and thrived in others. Maybe you've seen them wrestle with friendships or confidence or faith questions. And maybe you've seen them stretch their roots deeper, learning to pray, forgive, serve, and trust. Wherever they are, the Master Gardener has not left the garden. He is still tending to the seeds He planted.

Some seeds take years before they bear fruit. Some days feel like slow growth. But God never wastes a season. He is strengthening their roots, pruning what needs to go, and preparing them to flourish in His time.

Our prayer is that you would be encouraged by the work God is doing in your child's life. He is faithful in the everyday moments—the car rides, the morning routines, the bedtime prayers. His grace is at work when you feel like you're getting it right, and when you're sure you're not. And He delights in finishing what He starts.

So as we head into summer, we invite you to carry this verse with you:

"He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." – Philippians 1:6

And this one, too:

"So, neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." – 1 Corinthians 3:7

Thank you for partnering with us this year. We've seen glimpses of God's faithfulness in your children—and we are confident that His work in them has only just begun.

In Christ, Amy Greener

# WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Week of May 26 to May 30, 2025 Salad Choice: Caesar Salad

### MONDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: NO SCHOOL

### TUESDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Ham and Cheese Sub OR Uncrustable

## WEDNESDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Sausage, Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza

### THURSDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Chicken drumstick or Beef and Cheese Burrito

#### FRIDAY:

Hot Lunch Options: Pizza Rolls or Soft Pretzel with Cheese

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

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# IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

NURSERY: All Nursery PRESCHOOL: All Pre-K PRESCHOOL: ALL Pre-K

KINDERGARTEN A: Future K families KINDERGARTEN B: Future K families 1ST GRADE: Jacksen Johnston

2ND GRADE: Ronnie Partridge

3RD GRADE: All Boys 4TH GRADE: Chase Perl 5TH GRADE: Evalyn O'Brien 6TH GRADE: Isabella Jomo

7TH GRADE A: Connor Green and All 7A

7TH GRADE B: All 7 B

**8TH GRADE:** All 8<sup>th</sup> and families **SUPPORT STAFF:** Jeff Comstock

**TEACHERS:** All Teachers

## **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### 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 up no later than Thursday, June 5. We appreciate your help in advance.

#### Yearbooks- Last Call

We have additional yearbooks still available for sale! If you are interested in Purchasing one, please contact the School Office. They are \$15 each. They are first come, first serve.

#### Invoices-

Reminder that all invoices must be paid by the end of the year.

#### VBS-

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

### You're Invited

Come and celebrate the retirement of Ms. Vera Abresch, on Sunday, June 1, following the 10:30 a.m. service. Use this link to sign up to come to the dinner. https://forms.gle/bcRpRMLA37P16Riq5

# **Upcoming Events:**

Monday, May 26- No School

Tuesday, May 27- Field Day and Teacher vs. Kickball Champ event Wednesday, May 28-Yearbook signing party

Thursday, May 29- Awards at 8:15 in the Church and Faith Family Recreation Day with Whip and Chill truck coming. Students will be able to choose either or shaved ice or ice cream treat.



Friday, May 30-

1:00 p.m. Preschool Graduation

1:45 p.m. Closing Worship

7:00 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation



## 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 Burridge-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



Summer Office Hours 9-2, Tuesday- Thursday