

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.



September 15, 2022

Principal's Message

Courage

How are you doing? We are out of the newness of the school year and starting to dig into the routines that can feel grueling and tiresome at times. The challenge for all of us, including the students, is to have courage and not fall into patterns of grumbling and complaining. God commands us to be the salt and the light of the world. That means He calls us to live our lives in a way that lifts those around us and gives testimony to our Father in heaven. God can command us to do this because it is He that gives us everything through Him so that we can do it and live lives of courage. It is His work in us. How do we allow God's perspective to become our own? If we live in and like the rest of the world then our focus is on ourselves. We see our circumstances and our need for self-protection. These can leave us paralyzed and worn out. They can also fill us with fear. When we feel that anxiety and fear of not being able to do enough or do it well enough or the other worries that can consume us, it should be a warning that we are focusing more on our circumstance than our God. When we focus on God, we are filled with courage to surrender, gain our strength from Him, and be energized by him. Storms and difficulties do come but God's desire is to use each of them to build us up spiritually. Picture a tightrope walker. How do they cross over distances on such a narrow path? Think about where they place their eyes. Are they looking down, watching each step or is their focus always looking ahead? They know their focus must be ahead of them and not each step. That is the same for us. Courage is being strong in the Lord and knowing that we have the strength of His might. May God give you the time with Him, in His Word and in Worship, so that you can be filled with Him and have a perspective of courage.

*God's Blessings on your week,
Mrs. Greener, Principal*

In Our Prayers This Week

Nursery: Harper Cornman
Preschool: Berkley Hormann and Logan Cornman
Kindergarten: Holden Gordon
First Grade: Zola Duncan
Second Grade: Connor Brackmann
Third Grade: Timothy Burrige-Waymoth
Fourth Grade: Gryffen Boatwright
Fifth Grade (A): Micah Johnson
Fifth Grade (B): Aspen Benz
Sixth Grade: Noah Archer & Matthew Nichols
Seventh Grade: Carson Gass
Eighth Grade: Kate Griewank
Support Staff: Mrs. Rachel Comstock
Teachers: All Teachers

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven." Matthew 5:16

What's For Lunch?

Week of September 19 to September 23

MONDAY: Ravioli, Salad, Green Beans, Pineapple and Milk

TUESDAY: Spicy or Regular Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries, Bell Pepper Slices, Grapes and Milk

WEDNESDAY: Cheesy Scrambled Eggs, Hash brown Potatoes, Broccoli, Mixed Berries and Milk

THURSDAY: Bean Tostada, Cucumber Slices, Corn, Pears and Milk

FRIDAY: Chicken Strips, Tater Tots, Mixed Vegetables, Mixed Fruit and Milk

Peanut Butter and Jelly Uncrustable Sandwiches can be substituted for the main dish

Yogurt and Cheese Stick can be substituted for the main dish

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Water Bottles

When Covid hit a few years ago, the need for students to have water bottles became a need since water fountains were closed. The need was for students to have the necessary access to water when needed. Unfortunately, the wants of drinks have taken over the need. We are seeing many come in with other types of drinks. Although there is nothing wrong with other drinks, they should not be brought to the classroom for students to drink in class. If you are stopping and picking up other kinds of drinks for your child, please understand that those should be finished by the time they come in or go to the classroom. Water is the only approved drink during class unless there is a special party or circumstance. Lunch does also allow for juices or other drinks besides soft drinks.

Pastors, Principal and Pie

On **Tuesday, September 20**, you are invited to come to the **Fellowship Hall from 2-3PM** and spend time chatting with the Pastors and Principal. This is a time for fellowship, to learn more about each other or our place and discuss things on your mind. We hope you can stop in and join us!

Blaze Pizza Fundraiser

Go to **Blaze Pizza at 401 E. Coliseum on Wednesday, September 21 from 4-9PM** to support the 8th graders as they raise money for their Washington DC trip. Present the flyer (please see attached) if you order in store. If you order online, please use the code: **1200A** if you order online or use the app. Thank you so much for your support!

PTO Meeting

PTO will be meeting on **Thursday, September 22 at 6:00PM** in the **Church Fellowship Hall**. Please enter through Door #8. We hope to see you there!

Students Singing In Church

Our **5-8th grade** students will be singing at Church on **Sunday, September 25 at our 8AM** service. On **Sunday, October 2**, our **Pre-K-1st grade** will be singing at our **10:30AM** service. A note was sent home with your students this week.

LEEP

In the Fall and Spring, SBLs offers LEEP (Learning Enhancement and Education Program) classes for students to sign up and enjoy. It is a wonderful opportunity to support your child's growth and foster creativity-beyond the classroom. **Classes will be held October 3-November 3**. Please look at the registration forms (these were sent home with our students and attached here), return them to the office along with payment (cash or check payable to SBLs). **We ask that these are returned no later than Monday, September 26**. Classes do fill up fast, so don't delay! We will cap the class when the maximum is reached.

Building Compassion and Understanding of Suicide Presentation

Parents, please plan to attend this informational presentation for adults on **Wednesday, September 28 beginning at 7PM in the Church Fellowship Hall** at Suburban Bethlehem. Here are two questions to consider ahead of time: Would your child know what to do if another peer confided troubling thoughts with them? What types of changes might you notice in your child that indicates they are troubled about something? Come to the presentation to find out!

SBLs Second Annual Bulldog Walk-A-Thon

We are just (2) weeks away from our second annual, Bulldog Walk-A-Thon! We are still in **need** of volunteers for this event on **Friday, September 30**. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up using the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17oF0mkqoajliNDSKn7rVGR6i-WbVX-Ju4Afm82ToVU/edit>

REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Grades 5-8: Alive and Well Classes Starting Soon

Alive and Well is a Christian organization that we have come out every other year to cover our health and wellness standards. Their goal is to partner to help our students make wise choices in all areas of life, relationships, technology, sleep and entertainment. If you would like to see the curriculum tops that will be covered, you can go to their website and view the information. The classes will also include Parent Talk assignments. Those can also be found under the Parents tab of the website. The website is:

liveandwellteens.com. There are sessions that will address the topic of puberty, love, boundaries, abstinence, and similar topics. Please look at the website and materials. If you do not want your child to participate in those specific sessions you will need to mark and return the bottom of the permission form that is attached in this week's Bits and Bark. If the slip is not returned, then the student will participate.

Here are the list of dates your child will participate in Alive and Well: Friday, September 23, Friday, September 30, Thursday, October 6, Wednesday, October 12, and Thursday, October 27 - Puberty Day (5th and 6th grade will be separated), Friday, November 4, Thursday, November 10 and Thursday, November 17.

GO BULLDOGS!

Our Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Soccer has begun. Good luck to our SBLs Bulldogs!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Get to know your Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School and Church Staff!

Staff Member: Mrs. Maryanne McClure

Position: Nursery Teacher (Tuesday and Thursday Morning)

Hometown: Columbia City, IN

Favorite Restaurant: Noodles and Company

Favorite Sport: Baseball

Favorite Subject: Science

Favorite Color: Blue

Fun or Interesting Fact: I am an Oma (grandma) to 6 wonderful grandchildren.

Favorite Bible Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding" Proverbs 3:5

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We want to wish a very special and happy birthday to our students who are celebrate their birthday during the month of **SEPTEMBER!**

Hudson Carter
Teagan Sims
Claire Oren
Gemma Schmenk
Kaleb Thomas
Guinevere Burkett
Elise Bohnke
Skylar Smith
Mrs. Stacie Gass
Thu Rein
Noah Archer
Matthew Nichols
Remington Shaw
Abigail Tieman
Lillian Satterthwaite
Miss Alena Lahey
Madilyn Johnson
Camille Johnson
Kourtnee Johnston
Emma Nichols
Brooklynn Norris
Hailey Norris
Camden Bauman
Benjamin Merritt
Georgia Lee
Brooklyn Schroeder
Dexter Schaefer
Rylie Mertens
Brooke Mertens
Kyla Adair