

# 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 1, 2022

### Principal's Message

#### DILIGENCE

Diligence is one of the character traits that will talk with students about during the year. We are describing diligence as God's power for each of us to complete good work. One Bible account that may come to mind is Noah. Noah was given the task to build a boat, a very big boat, in the middle of the desert. He lost friends over his work on this task, but Noah loved God and wanted to do what He asked more than anything else. God helped Noah remain obedient even when it was hard and difficult to do so. We each have important work to do in our lives. Most likely, all of us have also been tempted to quit due to the many reasons that a task can seem too hard. Proverbs points us to the ant and how it will tackle large tasks, work together, and ask for help from its community to accomplish the task. That is why God gives us teachers, parents, and trusted friends. We pray that God will provide each of us protection when we face the storms of life and continue to move forward following and sharing His love in our day-to-day life as we work together, pray for one another, and trust in God to help us each day.

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

### In Our Prayers This Week

Nursery: Keaton Rodenbeck  
Preschool: Oakley Gross & Camden Bauman  
Kindergarten: Nadya Counterman  
First Grade: Alivia Comstock  
Second Grade: Slate Benz  
Third Grade: Lincoln Bowen  
Fourth Grade: Isabella Blaugh  
Fifth Grade (A): Abby Griewank  
Fifth Grade (B): Audriana Archer  
Sixth Grade: Hudson Carter  
Seventh Grade: Elijah DeRose  
Eighth Grade: Josiah Bell  
Support Staff: Miss Stephanie Wilson  
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 5 to September 9

**MONDAY: NO SCHOOL**

**TUESDAY:** Spaghetti and Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, Green Beans, Mixed Berries and Milk

**WEDNESDAY:** Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Carrots, Mixed Melon and Milk

**THURSDAY:** Breakfast Burrito, Hashbrown Potatoes, Orange Slices, Cucumber Slices and Milk

**FRIDAY:** Pepperoni and Cheese Stuffed Breadstick, Baked Beans, 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:

### PLEASE BE ADVISED

#### **After School Change**

Please be advised that the upper and lower gate will be shut after carline is over. If you need to get your child after that point, are coming for a game, or to pick up children after practice, you will need to park on the outside of the gates and walk in to get them. This is being done to ensure protection as Latchkey and players cross to go outside. I understand that it may feel like an inconvenience but hope you will oblige for the safety of all the students.

#### **Morning Carline**

We have had a few moments in the morning carline that the line has gotten backed up. If you see the line is farther down the lane, please circle around the outside of the parking lot which will then provide plenty of space for everyone to get off the road.

#### **Afternoon Carline**

It seems the afternoon carline is going well for the most part. We are opening the upper gate at 2:15 to allow all to pull up before the line gets too long which should help. Please know that there may be kids out, but teachers will supervise any crossings, as cars move up and as they wait. Our other reminder is that we should be in the back parking spaces for that last curve of carline before we need overflow lanes. A map will be attached to the Fast Direct message with the Bits and Bark.

#### **Building Compassion and Understanding of Suicide**

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Suburban Bethlehem invites all adults to join them for a presentation led by Colleen Carpenter, from STOP Suicide Northeast Indiana on "Building Compassion and Understanding of Suicide." Colleen will discuss suicide language, prevalent warning signs and resources. **The presentation will begin at 7:00PM on Wednesday, September 28 in the Church Fellowship Hall. Please enter through Door #8.**

#### **Second Annual Bulldog Walk-A-Thon**

On **Friday, September 30**, we will be hosting our Second Annual Bulldog Walk-A-Thon. We are very excited to have this event this fall. A letter was sent through Fast Direct and our Pledge Packets will be sent home soon with our students. Stay tuned!

### REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### **Free and Reduced Lunch Applications**

**Just as a friendly reminder, Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are due back to the school office no later than Monday, September 19.** If you need an additional copy of the application, please contact the School Office. Thank you!

#### **Bits and Bark Newsletter- Response Needed**

Attention SBLs Families: We would like to hear from you! If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the weekly Bits and Bark instead of receiving it electronically, please contact Mrs. Johnston in the School Office. **We ask that you please let her know no later than September 6.** Thank you in advance.

#### **SCRIP Program**

Join the SBL Scrip Program! Gift card fundraising, also known as scrip fundraising, has been the #1 fundraiser for nonprofit organizations across the U.S. for more than 25 years. Why? Because it's easy and more convenient than selling goods or recruiting volunteers. Earn simply by buying gift cards to use for every day purchases, instead of cash or credit cards. This year, we will be adding additional in-person sales time to align with school and drop off and pick up times.

#### **Save Around Coupon Books**

All 6th-8th grade students are selling Save Around Coupon Books as a way to raise money for their 8th grade trip. Each book costs \$25 and contains coupons for a variety of places throughout Fort Wayne. Interested? Contact your favorite 6th-8th graders, talk to Miss Miesner (email at [jmiesner@sblschool.com](mailto:jmiesner@sblschool.com) or (573) 517-3937, or use the link <https://www.sapaynow.com/89389> to order your coupon book. **All sales should be turned in or completed by Wednesday, September 7.** Thank you so much!

### **GO BULLDOGS!**

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

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### **STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

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

**Staff Member: Pastor Alex Duff**

**Position: Assistant Pastor**

**Hometown: Frankenmuth, MI**

**Favorite Restaurant: Giordanos (Deep Dish Pizza)**

**Favorite Sport: Basketball**

**Favorite Subject: History**

**Favorite Color: Blue**

**Fun or Interesting Fact: I am a University of Michigan and Detroit fan.**

**Memory from School: I made a basket from half court and got out of a PE test.**

**Favorite Bible Verse: "Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for such belongs the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14**

### **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