

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 22, 2022

Principal's Message

Pointing to Jesus

As we continue back together, we realize that we have many differences. We are a mixture of different beliefs, family backgrounds, abilities, needs, and so much more. These differences can at times bring conflict. We know what is at the root of our conflict. It has been the same thing since the beginning, sin. Our focus goes to ourselves, and we think of how we are being inconvenienced, bothered, hurt, or even sabotaged by others who are many times absorbed with the same focus of self or what seems an uncaring or unaware attitude of how they impact those around them. That unfortunately results in us getting in the way of each other. In every situation we must always keep in mind that there is a third Person with us and that is Jesus. When we are feeling angst or at odds with another person, we must see that Christ is there also and He wants us to learn and practice what we know from Him. He was the ultimate example of self-sacrifice, giving up His life for us-while we were against Him. It is the fundamental mystery of Christianity. Great love, self-sacrifice and holding true to all His promises. God's example helps us forget self and focus on how we can trust God to overflow our hearts with grace and satisfaction by focusing on helping others. We cannot attain what we want until we help others along the way attain their needs. That beautiful skill of the building up of others versus seeing only the faults is what we are called to do. When our focus is on self, we serve as obstacles that lead to offense and disgruntlement, but if we dare to live our life pointing others to Jesus, we will find a joy and peace that passes understanding of our circumstance because we see that God will provide for us in ways that are unexpected. Just like any other skill, whether in sports, math or reading, some of us are naturals and others of us must work and practice, so, we do. We practice to further be open to sacrificing self and make pointing to Jesus the guide for all we say and do.

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

In Our Prayers This Week

Nursery: Kenslee Dimit
Preschool: Kolbi Spurling and Izzy Cripe
Kindergarten: Theodore Ihnen
First Grade: Serenity Gehring
Second Grade: Arya Brown
Third Grade: Edden Carter
Fourth Grade: Simon Bohnke
Fifth Grade (A): Summer Kline
Fifth Grade (B): Lincoln Boatwright
Sixth Grade: Brooklynn and Hailey Norris
Seventh Grade: Jacob Jones
Eighth Grade: Haley Hoffman
Support Staff: Mr. Bishop Brown
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 26 to September 30

MONDAY: Cheeseburger Sandwich, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Kiwi and Milk

TUESDAY: Walking Taco, Corn, Lettuce and Cheese Cup, Pears, Pico De Gallo and Milk

WEDNESDAY: Macaroni and Cheese, Romaine Salad, Cooked Carrots, Mixed Berries and Milk

THURSDAY: Corn Dog, French Fries, Cauliflower, Peaches and Milk

FRIDAY: Meat and Cheese Tray, Bell Pepper Slices, Celery with Peanut Butter, Whole Grain Cheez-Its, Apple Slices, Milk and Cookie

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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Dates To Remember:
PTO Meeting - September 22

5-8 Grade Students Singing In Church - September 25
Second Annual Bulldog Walk-A-Thon - September 30

New Announcements

For Your Information

Please keep Mrs. Greener in your prayers as she will be out of the building this Thursday and Friday as she attends the Indiana Nonpublic School Administrators Conference in Indianapolis.

Men's Bible Study

Bishop Brown and Rob Myers are facilitating another round of the men's bible study called, "33: The Series" by Authentic Manhood. It'll be held for 6 weeks beginning October 2. Men, become who you were created to be by joining us for the bible study "33: The Series" by Authentic Manhood. This study is made up of six volumes with six sessions per volume. Volume 1 is entitled: "A Man and His Design" and it introduces God's clear design for Authentic Manhood. Each man will discover a Biblical definition of manhood, learn the four "faces" of manhood and also learn how to anticipate and transition through the specific seasons of life. Classes for Volume 1 will meet on Sunday Evenings at 6PM from October 2 through November 6 in the Church Fellowship Hall. RSVP your spot at <https://forms.office.com/r/ruCxeVd9>. Materials are only \$15.

Dr. Marcus Warner (Deeper Walk International) Presentation

You're invited to a free event on **Wednesday, October 19 at 6:30PM at St. John Kendallville**. They are hosting Dr. Marcus Warner (Deeper Walk International), author of The 4 Habits of Raining Joy-Filled Kids. Dr. Warner has been described as a neuro-theologian, connecting brain science with our faith-life and development. There is a fascinating relationship between how the brain works and joy! Join us to learn more! The presentation begins at 6:30PM, a light supper will be offered at 5:30 and childcare will also be provided. Pre-Registration will be needed, especially for childcare. Below is the link to register. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1EHRJfAFKItO-el2H0nj-laHDbH4UZ5HMTRmavulwOIA/viewform?edit_requested=true.

Snacks in Latchkey

Snacks will be offered in Latchkey in both the morning and afternoon for purchase. Please see the flyer and permission slip for more information.

Latchkey Study Room

Thank you to Mrs. Blaugh who has volunteered to supervise a quiet room on **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00PM in the School Library**. Students in latchkey that would like to do homework or read, can request to be able to go into the library during that time with her. If there are other parents who would like to volunteer to help, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Plant and Flower Show

Our blue ribbon plant growers from our school were invited to participate in the City-Wide Blue Ribbon show held at McMillen Community Center. We want to congratulate Briella Hicks for earning a 2nd place ribbon on her umbrella plant, Jordan Hicks a 3rd place with his Coleus, Sophia Myers earned a 3rd place on both her Asparagus Fern and Spider Plant, Kaidence Taylor with earning a 2nd place on her 4th year plant and Kyla Adair a 2nd place on her Begonia. Way to go! We are proud of your work and efforts!

Repeated 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.

LEEP

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. Registration forms are to be 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! Please see the flyer attached for more information.

SBLS Second Annual Walk-A-Thon

We are a little under two weeks away until the event! As a friendly reminder this is scheduled on **Friday, September 30. Pledge packets are due to the school office by Friday, October 7.**

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. Jennifer Anderson

Position: Pre-K Teacher

Hometown: Reedsburg, Wisconsin

Favorite Restaurant: Casa Grille

Favorite Sport: Gymnastics or Football

Favorite Subject: English or Spelling

Favorite Color: Purple

Fun or Interesting Fact: My birthday is on Valentine's Day.

Favorite Bible Verse: "Love is patient, Love is Kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others. It is not self-seeking... Love never fails... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13

Happy Birthday!

We want to wish a very special and happy birthday to our students who are celebrating 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