

BITS & BARKS



SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

October 25, 2017

Deeply Rooted to Grow - "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news"

Our Mission: "Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School disciples each generation to grow deeply, serve humbly, and go boldly in Christ to advance God's Kingdom."

SBLS Websites:

www.suburbanbethlehem.org http://fastdir.com/sbls/

Hot Lunch = \$2.80 Reduced Lunch = \$0.40 Milk = \$0.35

Lunch Menu- 10/30/17-11/3/17

Monday, Ravioli, green beans, raw baby carrots with ranch dip, bread stick, peaches, OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Tuesday- Popcorn chicken, corn, romaine salad, pears; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Wednesday- French toast sticks, tator tots, raw broccoli with dip, orange juice; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Thursday- Breaded pork sandwich, baked beans, raw baby carrots with ranch dip, mandarin oranges; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish Friday-Cheesy garlic French bread pizza, mixed vegetables, romaine salad, fruit cocktail; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

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We are Praying for You!

Each Monday our staff gathers together and prays for members of

the SBLS family. A list is posted on the bulletin board near the school office. This week we prayed for: Charlotte Stahl, Lillian Lively, Madilyn Johnson, Tyson Labit, Cameial Mays, Brooke Mertens, Haley Hoffman, Collin Johnson, Zach Johnson, Veda Null, Brayden Reid, Chesney Thomas, and Mrs. Kathy Butts.

From the Desk of the Principal

From Reading Connection *Time for a story*

Want to spend time with your youngster, build her reading skills, and help her learn to love books? You can do all three when you read aloud. Here are suggestions.

Read regularly

Try to read to your child every day. You might aim for 10-15 minutes of bedtime reading for a peaceful end to the day. Bring along a book and read to her during a sibling's sports practice. Or curl up together with a book when you get home from work.

Take turns choosing books

Your youngster may want to hear old favorites again and again. Use your turn for new titles and variety.

Let her participate

Ask your child to turn the ages while you read. Also, she can finish

sentences that rhyme or fill in the words she knows. Go slowly so she has time t understand the story and look at the illustrations. She'll enjoy read-aloud time more if she plays an active role.

Be playful

You can use different voices for different characters. Or substitute your youngster's name for the main character's name, and use family member's names for other characters.

Note: You don't have to be an expert reader—your child will love it when you read because it's you.

End of Shorts Season

We are at the end of the time in which students are allowed to wear shorts to school. According to school policy, students are permitted to wear shorts, skorts, and capris in August, September, and October at the beginning of the school year. They may also wear these items during the months of April, May, & June. Please be sure that beginning next Wednesday, November 1 your child is dressed in long pants once again.

November/December Chapel Project

For many years our school has selected the Food Bank at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on Goshen Road as our chapel project for the months of November and December. Over the vears our students have collected many food and clothing items and donated immeasurable funds to support the needy in this area. We are doing that again this year. During the months of November and December we will be collecting food items, new or gently used winter clothing, and money for the food bank. Our 7th grade students will be delivering the food to St. Matthew's before Christmas Break. They will also stock shelves and help in various ways that morning. Please pray for this project and also feel invited to support it through your own gifts.

We welcome visitors to join us at chapel every Wednesday at 8:10 a.m.

November Baptismal Birthday Celebration

We will be celebrating the November Baptismal Birthdays and Dedications at chapel next week on Wednesday, November 1. Parents and other friends and/or family members are invited to attend.

Report Cards

1st quarter report cards were sent home with all students in grades k-8 earlier this week. Please review these reports, bring them along to P-T Conferences tonight if you want to refer to them and please return the envelope to the teacher. Parent-Teacher Conferences Are Scheduled for tomorrow after school, Thursday November 26th.

There is no school on Friday of this week!

Strings Rehearsals and Concert

On Tuesday November 7th at CLHS: Beginning strings students have a rehearsal at 5:30 p.m.

Intermediate Strings rehearsal at 6:15

Advanced Strings Rehearsal at 7:15 On Thursday, November 9th at 7:00p.m. All string students will perform in a strings concert at CLHS in the auditorium.

Beginning Band Rehearsals and Concert

Beginning band rehearsal is on Monday, November 13th from 6-7pm in the CLHS band room. On Thursday, November 16th rehearsal for the Concert is at 6:30 p.m. in the CLHS auditorium. The Concert follows at 7:00 p.m.

Concordia H.S. Coffee Chat

An opportunity to learn more about CLHS will take place at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School following morning drop off at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, November 3rd in the commons. This event is for any **parent** to attend no matter what grade your student is in. We will cover information on financial aid & scholarships, application process, and timeline and then Q & A. Attention 8th grade parents: We have added a Priority Deadline of December 15th this year so that if families apply by this date, we will be able to send them their financial aid package by mid-February. We will still accept apps after Dec 15th, but they might not get their financial aid package until April. We look forward to seeing you there! If you cannot attend, please feel free to schedule an appointment with Dawn Schuller, Director of Admissions & Retention at 260-483-1102 ext. 298. We will also be holding Discover Concordia Night on Wednesday, November 15th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Annual Concordia Day Coming November 10th

Every year we take our 8th grade class to Concordia High School for their annual Concordia Day. While not all of our students elect to attend CLHS, the day is still very helpful for all students as they learn about graduation requirements for the State of Indiana, high school activities, and making wise choices. This year Concordia Day is Friday, November 10th.

Intermediate and Advanced Band Students Rehearsals and Concert

Students will rehearse on Tuesday, November 14th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the CLHS band room. On Thursday November 16th rehearsal will be from 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the band room. On Saturday, November 18th the student will perform in the Winter Concert with CLHS in the CLHS auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

Basketball

JV

11-6 Monday @ St. Peter Girls 4:15; Boys 5:30 11-3 Monday @ H v Zion –Decatur Girls 4:15; Boys 5:30

Varsity

11-1 Wed @ St. John Emmanuel Flatrock

Girls 4:15; Boys 5:30 11-3, 4 & 5 Boys SBL Tournament 11-7 Tuesday @ Emmaus vs St. Paul. Girls 4:15; Boys 5:30

Afternoon Latchkey for 11-3 and 11-10

On Friday, November 3rd and Friday November 10th, afternoon latchkey will move to the mobile modular trailer, now the Library, on the upper parking lot due to the Girls and Boys basketball tournaments. Please make arrangements to pick up your child there. It will only be for those <u>2</u> days. Mark your calendars now.

SBLS Gym Closed During Christmas Break

We want everyone to be aware that our gymnasium will be closed during the two weeks of Christmas Break. As part of our ongoing improvement plan we will be adding a fresh coat of paint and maybe an additional logo as well.

Please note that no one will be able to use the gym for practices or activities during this two-week (Dec. 21-Jan.2) time frame.

Graft Basketball Scholarship

With basketball season closing in already, this seems like an opportune time to mention the Graft Basketball Scholarship.

A scholarship to support SBLS male and female athletes in our own basketball program was established in memory of Don & Sue Graft. Mr. & Mrs. Graft had a passion for basketball. Mr. Graft coached at Suburban Bethlehem for over 40 years. This memorial fund was established to help children who might not otherwise be able to afford participation in our own school program, a shooting/skills camp, or other school-related programs in Northeast Indiana. This scholarship is operated through the School Ministry Board and can supply funds to aid students according to their financial need, up to 50% of the cost of these programs. Those in need interested in applying for this financial help should speak with Mr. Brune to request an application.

Live in Concert

Central Lutheran School invites you to experience Christian artist, Jennie Williamson, in concert on Friday, November 3 at 6:30pm. This FREE event for families of all ages will be held in Central's new gymnasium. Jennie travels all across the country sharing her music and message to Pastors, teachers, moms and dads, men and women, and boys and girls. With selling over 750,000 CDs, it is estimated that Jennie has touched the lives of over 2 million people! Make plans now to attend! Central Lutheran is located at 900 Green Street in New Haven.

Small Group Women's Bible Study

A Small group women's bible study is being held on Wednesday mornings from 8-9:30. We are meeting in the portable library. We will be using the book <u>I Am</u> by Michele Cushatt. It is available in some libraries as well as on Amazon. All women are welcome. If you have small children, they are welcome. If you have any questions, please call or text Susan Kanning-260.241.3026.

Have a great weekend! Worship your Lord!