



BITS & BARKS

SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

November 30, 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/sbbs/>

Hot Lunch = \$2.80

Reduced Lunch = \$0.40

Milk = \$0.35

Lunch Menu- December 4th-8th

Monday- Pancake wrap, green beans, raw baby carrots with ranch dip, orange juice; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Tuesday- Popcorn chicken, romaine lettuce salad, goldfish graham crackers, peaches; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Wednesday- Ravioli, peas and carrots, raw broccoli with dip, dinner roll, pears; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Thursday- Breaded pork sandwich, baked beans, broccoli and carrots, applesauce, OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Friday- Sausage pizza, mixed vegetables, romaine lettuce salad, raw baby carrots with ranch dip, fruit cocktail; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer

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: **Kaleigh Costilla –Frederick, Nolan Ratliff, Brant Perl, Alexis Sklenar, Simon Stoops, Addy Sklenar, R.J. Coburn, Drew Belschner, Sarah Snyder, Lizzy Akey, Penelope Null, Evelyn Kidd and Mr. Justin Hoffman.**

From the Desk of the Principal

Absenteeism/Dr. Excuses

This is just a reminder to always ask for an excuse when you take your child to the Doctor, Orthodontist, Dentist, or Counselor for illness or absence. These notes can save you some of the 5 “parent excused” absences for less serious illness days. Then please make sure the excuse gets turned in to the school office.

November/December Chapel Project

We continue to support the Food Bank at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church on Goshen Road as our chapel project for the months of November and December. During

the months of November and December we are collecting food items, new or gently used winter clothing, and money for the food bank. **How can you and your family help?** Please pray for this project and also feel invited to support it through your own gifts.

Mr. Mychal Thom, Executive Director of CLHS, will be here to lead chapel next Wednesday, Dec. 6 We welcome visitors to join us at chapel every Wednesday at 8:10 a.m.

December Baptismal Birthday Celebration

We will be celebrating the December Baptismal Birthdays and dedications at chapel on Wednesday, December 6. Parents and other friends and/or family members are invited to attend.

“UP ABOVE BETHLEHEM”

ADVENT CALENDAR

Advent starts Sunday. This week, Advent pop-up calendars were sent home with families of students in nursery through 5th grade. We pray this calendar offers opportunity for families to prepare for Christ’s birth together. Each day of December, lift up a numbered window to reveal



We are Praying for You!

a surprising message and an image of someone who was present to see God's gift of Jesus with their own eyes. God bless your family as you together focus on the birth of our Savior.

Vision Screening Friday

Mrs. Belschner, our school nurse, will be conducting vision screenings for our 3rd, 5th, and 8th graders on Friday, Dec. 1 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Any other student can be screened if the parent would like to request it. Please let the office know if that is your desire.

Advent Services

Our students will help lead worship services during the Advent season, Worship time each Wednesday night is at 7:00 p.m.

Grades 5-8 will lead on Dec. 6

Grades 2-4 will lead on Dec. 13

Nursery – 1st will lead on Dec. 20

Kindergarten 2018-19

In light of the large number of children who applied for our kindergarten for this year, we are trying very hard to anticipate what enrollment may look like next year.

Thus, we need your help in gathering information now to help assure we have space for all of you later.

We are now in the process of collecting names and mailing addresses for children in that age group. We are looking for children who have a birth date prior to August 1, 2013 who might be interested in attending SBLs. Please take the time now to call the school office with the names of children that should be included on our mailing list for Kindergarten Open House on Sunday, January 21, 2018.

Basketball

JV

12-4 Mon @ H vs St. John-Kendallville

Boys Only 5:30

12-11 Mon @ H vs Emmanuel/St. Michael

Girls 4:15; Boys 5:30

Varsity

11-30 Thurs @ Holy Cross

Girls 4:15; Boys 5:30

12-2 Sat @ St. Peter

Girls 9:15; Boys 10:30

12-7 @ Zion-Decatur

Girls 4:15; Boys 5:30

SBLs Gym Closed

During Christmas Break

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 due to the re-paint job.

SBL Youth

Food Scavenger Hunt

All 5th thru 12th graders are welcome. Join us for an afternoon of fun for a great cause. Teams will race against one another to collect the most non-perishable food items from neighboring homes. Food items will be donated to our food pantry. Sunday, December 3rd from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Meet in the SBL commons. Adult drivers are needed. If you would like to open your home to receive a "visit" from our youth for this event, please contact Pastor Alex 260.484.7873, Kayli Greener 260.438.6361, or Kelsey Greener 260.438.3874.

Have a great weekend.

Worship your Lord!