



# BITS & BARKS



SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

January 11, 2018

**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://www.suburbanbethlehem.org)

<http://fastdir.com/sbls/>

Hot Lunch = \$2.80

Reduced Lunch = \$0.40

Milk = \$0.35

Lunch Menu-January 15-19th

**Monday**-Chicken strips, star potatoes, raw baby carrots with ranch dip, gold fish crackers, peaches; **OR** yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

**Tuesday**-Hot dog with optional cheese sauce, baked beans, romaine lettuce salad, warm cinnamon apples; **OR** yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

**Wednesday**-Walking taco, corn, pineapple; **OR** yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

**Thursday**- Macaroni and cheese, green beans, raw baby carrots with ranch dip, scooby snack, pears; **OR** yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

**Friday**- Pepperoni French bread pizza, peas and carrots, romaine lettuce salad, mixed fruit; **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: **Timothy Burridge-Waymoth, Brynne Bevineau, Lukas Alford, Jared Confer, Macy Becerra, Adrian Drummond, Sienna Walker, Keaton Gass, Jack Belschner, Tommy Kidd, Badriyah Eddison, Ben Shaffer, and Mr. Rob Myers.**

## **From the Desk of the Principal Weather Issues**

This week we got a reminder of weather-related issues. Several regular questions come up at this time. The following information may help you keep it straight.

1. We do have latchkey beginning at the regular time on a delay morning.
2. SBLS will post an individual school-specific (SBLS) weather announcement on local media in the event that the weather dictates a change.

3. There is a weather announcement on our SBLS phone system. It is option 4 from the main menu.

4. WANE TV 15 offers the opportunity for receiving texts concerning school closings and delays. You may request getting a text message when SBLS is delayed or closed for weather. This is found on their website.

5. Pre-school and morning kindergarten run on an adjusted schedule on delay days. Check our school handbook for specifics.

While we try very hard to make the best decision possible, do note that cancellation decisions are not an exact science. Please be understanding!

## **Coming Soon!**

**In response to parent and student suggestions, SBL is proud to announce that we are launching a new opportunity for our students called LEEP. Learning Enhancement & Education Program (“LEEP”) will start the end of February 2018. Throughout 5 weeks, students from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be offered opportunities after school (from 3:00 to 4:00) to explore music, art, computer programming, and**

**much more. These activities will be led by SBL School & Church staff, as well as School Ministry Board members. Course selections and further information will be provided soon. Stay tuned!**

## January Chapel Project

For the month of January we will be supporting Camp Lutherhaven as our monthly project. 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.

**Please note that we will be worshipping in our gym on chapel days during the month of January, February, and March due to construction/weather concerns.**

## January Baptism Birthday Celebration

We will be celebrating January Baptism and Dedication Birthdays on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> after chapel in the gym beginning at 8:05. Parents, grandparents, family, and friends are always invited to attend and celebrate with us.

## 2018 Spelling Bee Results

Each year, students in grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> participate in the classroom qualifying spelling bee. The top three spellers from each grade go on to compete in our school championship. This year's class champions were as follows:

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Laney Gerardot, Drew Reynolds, and Luke Yarnelle

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Abigail Norris, Veda Null, and Christian Rogers

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Badriyah Eddison, Dylan Hinton, and Samantha Hoffman

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Kayla Hough, Evelyn Kidd, and Benjamin Shaffer

Suburban's 2018 school-wide Spelling Bee was held on Monday, January 8. Several exciting rounds narrowed down the field until Benjamin Shaffer (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) emerged as our 2018 School Champion. Ben will compete in the Allen County Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 8, at 6:00 pm at IPFW. Laney Gerardot (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) finished as the runner-up and will serve as an alternate.



Congratulations to all of our participants.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Qt. Report Cards

This Friday is the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of school. Report cards will be sent home with k-8 students next Tuesday, January 16. Please sign the envelope for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and return it to your child's teacher promptly. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

## Spirit Week

Each year our cheerleaders organize and sponsor Spirit Week. Thank you, cheerleaders. This is typically the week prior to the beginning of the LSAA Varsity Basketball Tournaments. This year Spirit week will be January 15 - 19. Part of the fun of this week is to make each day a specific type of special dress up

day. The cheerleaders have chosen the following:

**Monday – Pajama Day**

**Tuesday – Favorite Sports Team Day**

**Wednesday – Dress up Day (church clothes)**

**Thursday – Throw Back Day (dress from a prior decade)**

**Friday – SBL Spirit Wear Day, (school colors) concluding with a Pep Assemble @ 2:00 pm**

Please make sure that all clothing is in good taste and modest. Hats may be worn if they are part of a specific costume. Dyed hair is not permitted. If you have any questions please ask before making a decision.

## National Lutheran Schools Week

The week of January 21-27 has been designated by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod as National Lutheran Schools Week. We are planning to celebrate the gift of our own Lutheran school in our church worship services on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. All of our k-8 students will be singing in either the 8:00 or 10:30 services that day.

We ask that you continue to keep Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School and Concordia Lutheran High School, as well as all Lutheran Schools, in your prayers. While the challenges of Lutheran education escalate, we know that God is still in charge and will continue to bless our ministry efforts.

On behalf of all of our students, parents, and staff, we want to thank each of you for your support of our joint educational ministries.

## School Open House

Our Lutheran School Partnership is sponsoring an area-wide Lutheran School Open House on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at noon. SBL will be open that Sunday from noon until 2:00pm. We hope to

attract pre-school – 8<sup>th</sup> grade families to come hear what we have to offer.

This is where we need your help. We would like to invite those who might have any interest in Christian education. All we need from you is a name and address. We will handle the rest. We will send them an invitation and express a desire to share what we already know. Please give names to Patty Macke, Admissions Counselor, through the school office.

## Kindergarten Round Up

We will again be having our Kindergarten Round Up during the January 21st SBLs Open House as we have done the past few years. We will host all parents who are interested in kindergarten for their child next year on Sunday, January 21st from noon until 2:00pm. You may come during any portion of that 2-hour time frame.

This format allows us to have the prospective kindergarten student visit at the same time as their parents. It gives parents more freedom to attend anytime during the two-hour open house. It still gives parents the information they need and allows them to experience the interaction between their child and our staff. It will be held in the kindergarten room on the lower level near the main office.

Please invite any parents who you think might be interested in Christian education for their child to attend this event. Better yet, why not come with them and serve as their host?

## ISTEP Testing Dates

Yes, that time is getting closer once again. In an effort to help our students do their very best (make-up testing rarely produces a child's best results) we want to give you an early notification of the test window

for ISTEP testing. Please avoid all unnecessary absences during these times.

**Grade 3-8 ISTEP I Feb 26–Mar 8**

**Grade 3 IREAD-3 March 12 – 16**

**Grade 3-8 ISTEP II Apr 16–May 4**

## Basketball

### Varsity

Sat Jan 13 @Mt. Calvary  
vs LSU Boys only 10:30 a.m.

Sat Jan 13 Girls at Beth Ossian  
Tournament

Mon Jan 15 @ Home vs LSU  
Girls only 4:15 p.m.

Wed Jan 17 Girls@H vs Precious  
Blood 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls at 4:15  
7/8<sup>th</sup> girls at 5:30

Thurs Jan 18 Girls @H vs  
Maple Creek  
7<sup>th</sup> girls at 5:00; 7/8<sup>th</sup> girls at 6:15

### JV

Fri & Sat Jan 12/13 Girls at  
Wyneken Tournament

Fri, Sat & Sun 1-12/13/14 Boys  
@ St. Paul Tournament

Mon Jan 15 Boys @H vs Woodburn

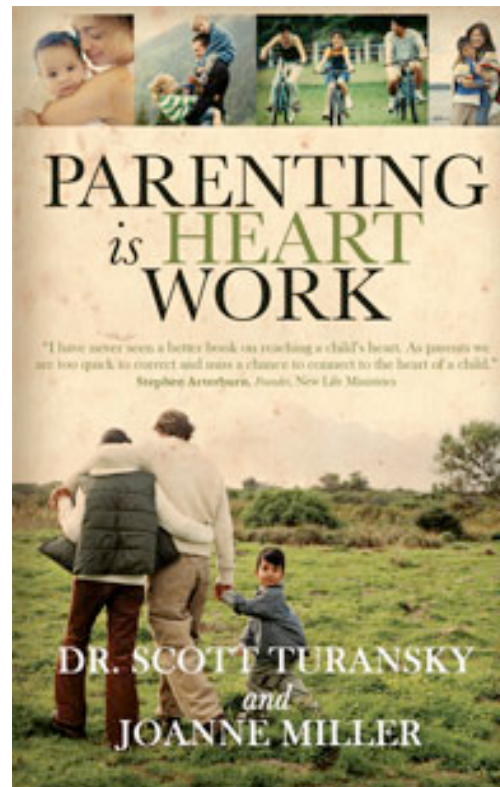
Wed Jan 17 @ Emmaus  
Girls 4:15; Boys 5:30

## Tickets now on Sale !

Mother & Son Dance  
"Super Moms and Sons"  
Saturday February 17, 2018  
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm  
Volunteers needed !  
Contact Bethany Carter 260-740-8200 or Stefanie Umberg 260-452-8437 for volunteer opportunities or questions.

## Parenting Class Offered

Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran's Family Ministry begins a new biblically based class entitled "Parenting is *Heart Work*", a class intended for parents and guardians of children ages 2-18. The class is open to all parents regardless of membership at SBL.



Beginning Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in room 106, it will run for approximately 10 weeks. Previous Family Ministry enrichment classes have been popular and enjoyable, and this class proves to be more of the same. Be sure to follow @SBLFFPN on Facebook for more information. See you there!

## Box Tops Are Needed

Earning cash for SBL with Box Tops is easy! Each one is worth 10 cents. You can find them on hundreds of products. The box tops don't need to be clipped perfectly—parents can cut them neatly or just rip them off the package and send them to school. However, it's very important that each Box Top clip has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date. Expired box tops don't count towards our earnings. Look for bonus box tops certificates, in stores during special promotions, on specially marked packages and at checkout, printed on your receipt.

Please continue to bring in your Box Tops for Education. We will be sending in another batch of box tops the last week of February.

**Have a Great weekend!  
Worship Our Lord.**

## **You're Invited!!**

The Annual Suburban Bethlehem Live & Silent Auction Saturday, March 17, 2018 The Allen County Fairgrounds Doors open and the Silent Auction will begin at 6:00. Live Auction will begin at approximately 7:00. This event is for ADULTS ONLY, must be 21 years old to attend. No admission cost. Nacho Bar and drinks will be available for purchase. Complimentary Dessert Bar Invite family and friends, it's a great evening of fellowship, live entertainment and fun! Hope to see you there! \*\*We are still looking for a few volunteers to help us that evening. Please call/text Carrie (760-7358) or Angie (710-5558) if you are able to work a short shift at the Nacho Bar.

## **SBL jcrew**

### **Fish Fry Volunteering**

We need YOUR help to continue the tradition of junior youth table cleaners for the SBL Fish Fry! Saturday, February 10. Please consider signing up for one (or more!) of the following shifts:

4:00-6:00 5:00-7:00 6:00-8:00

We will meet in the Kindergarten hallway. Thank you for your help in serving the school, church, and surrounding community with this great event! Please sign up in the back of church, school commons, or contact: Pastor Alex – 260.484.7873  
Kayli Greener - 260.438.6361  
Kelsey Greener - 260.438.3874