



BITS & BARKS



SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

January 18, 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://fastdir.com/sbbs/>

Hot Lunch = \$2.80

Reduced Lunch = \$0.40

Milk = \$0.35

Lunch Menu-January 22-26th

Monday-Ravioli, green beans, raw baby carrots with ranch dip, breadstick, pears; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Tuesday-Popcorn chicken, french fries, romaine lettuce salad, applesauce; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Wednesday-Cheese omelet, peas and carrots, raw broccoli with dip, dinner roll, orange juice; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

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

Friday- Sausage pizza, corn, 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: **Edden Carter, Delilah Bilger, Audriana Archer, Isabella Freimark, Abe Brown, Connor Maloney, Smith Tha Wah, Kade Green, Lily Boatwright, Caylee Lolmaugh, Victoria Tha Wah, Chesney Thomas, and Mrs. Wendy Reynolds.**

From the Desk of the Principal

Due to the cancellation of school last Friday, January 12, we now have to use our first make-up snow day as a day for classes. That will be on President’s Day, Monday, February 19. **We now have school on Feb. 19!**

Coming Soon!

I hope you are following the information about the new adventure we are starting called LEEP. The plan is for LEEP clubs/classes to be offered once in the fall and again in the spring of each year. The activities will be on various days of the week from 3:00 - 4:00 pm and meet from 2

– 5 weeks depending on the specific class.

We are very excited to offer new opportunities for our students and trust you will want to participate.

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.

January Baptism Birthday Celebration

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

Seeking Teacher Candidates

The School Ministry Board is seeking candidates to fill the 1st and 8th grade classroom vacancies for next school year. Preferred candidates should have a deep love for children, be Lutheran, Synodically trained or willing to seek that training, committed to

Lutheran education, willing to become an active member of SBLC, and hold Indiana state Teaching license in the appropriate level. Candidates should speak with Mr. Brune before the end of January.

National Lutheran Schools Week

Next week, 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 21st. 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

We also have our annual SBLS School Open House this coming Sunday, January 21st, beginning at noon. SBLS will be open from noon until 2:00pm. We hope to attract pre-school – 8th grade families to come hear what we have to offer.

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 Mrs. Gottschalk's kindergarten room on the lower level.

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

Thurs Jan 18 Girls @H vs

Maple Creek

7th girls at 5:00; 7/8th girls at 6:15

Pre-K & Nursery Needs

Please save your 1 lb plastic containers for Mrs. Hobbs. She needs cottage cheese, butter and sour cream containers. Thank you.

Stressed? Be sure to attend a one-time event titled "Stress & Worry in the Life of a Christian" on Monday, February 12, 2018, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 106. We will explore stress and worry, including the causes, effects and strategies to manage them. It will equip you through God's Word to look to Him as the source of strength. RSVP to the church office, or Deb Myers at 260-413-8624.

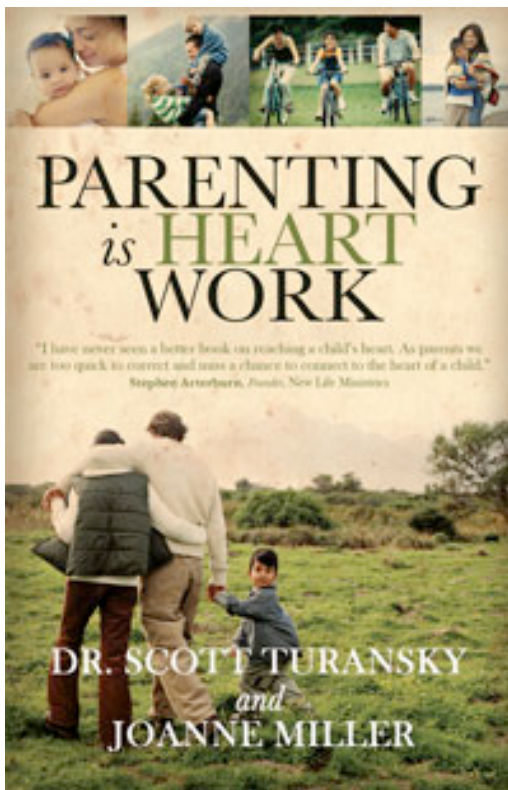
Tickets now on Sale !

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.

Couples Date Night! Moms and dads, are you looking for some quiet time? Drop the kids off at the SBL Commons for free childcare, and go on a date! February 24, 2018 from 4-8 p.m., your family ministry team will engage the kids in fun activities while you enjoy date night. This was very popular a year ago and we're happy to bring it back again this year. Spots are limited so RSVP to the church office, or Deb Myers at 260-413-8624 now!

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.



529 College Savings Plans Are Not Just For College Anymore!

The federal tax reform bill signed into law on December 22, 2017 includes several provisions related to 529 plans that may be of interest to you. This includes Expanded Qualified Higher Education Expenses.

Effective for distributions made after December 31, 2017, the definition of Qualified Higher Education Expenses under the IRS code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") is expanded to include **expenses for tuition in connection with enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school.**

The amount of cash distributions from all qualified tuition programs with respect to a beneficiary during any taxable year shall, in the aggregate, include not more than \$10,000 in expenses for tuition incurred during the taxable year in connection with the enrollment or attendance of the beneficiary as an elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school student.

At this time, it has not yet been determined whether and how the State of Indiana statute that establishes the Plan may be modified to include this expanded definition.

You should consult your tax advisor regarding your individual situation.

Box Tops Are Needed

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.

SBL 59th Annual Fish Fry and Bake Sale

Saturday February 10, 2018
4-7 p.m.

Bake Sale will include homemade baked goods, noodles and apple dumplings with sauce.

Stop by the bake sale for your dessert after your fish dinner.

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.

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Fish Fry Volunteering

Saturday, February 10. Please sign 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

Have a Great weekend! Worship Our Lord.

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!

Dear Parents! I oversee Family Ministry and just want to encourage you to attend our parenting enrichment class starting Sunday, January 28th, "Parenting is Heart Work." (See article in this newsletter for more information). I know this would be a blessing to you, in content and also in relationship building.

Reminder also of "Kid's Corner" (2yr-5th grade) and youth Bible study (6th-8th grade) held the same time for your children. Look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

God bless,
Pastor Alex

