



BITS & BARKS



SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

January 25, 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-Jan 29 thru Feb 2

Monday-Nachos, mixed vegetables, raw baby carrots with ranch dip, peaches; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Tuesday-Cavatini, peas and carrots, breadstick, romaine lettuce salad, mandarin oranges ; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Wednesday-BBQ ribette sandwich, baked beans, broccoli and carrots, pineapple; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Thursday- Cheese toastie, tomato soup, corn, applesauce; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

Friday- Cheese pizza, green beans, 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: **James Germann, Simon Bohnke, Beatrice Burridge, Connor Green, Hudson Carter, Lily Freimark, Preston Straub, Ava Johnson, Grant Bowen, Addison Myers, Penelope Null, Kaya Wolfe, and Mr. Bishop Brown.**

From the Desk of the Principal Seeking Teacher

Candidates – Last Call

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.

BTW, with Mrs. Fichtner retiring, Mrs. Brune will be teaching one of

the 1st grade classes next year and a teacher yet to be determined will teach the other 1st grade. Mrs. Gottschalk will stay in kindergarten.

January Chapel Project

For the month of January we are 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.

February 19 Make-up Day

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!**

Don’t Miss This!

The information, schedule, and registration forms for our new LEEP Program can be found in the Family Folder this week. Here are a couple of important items to note:

🍏 Registration forms **And** payment are absolutely due by Feb. 12. A student is not registered unless payment is made by Feb. 12.

🍏 All activities are held on various days after school from 3:00-4:00

🍏 There are no refunds unless SBLS has to cancel a class.

🍏 If not enough children register for any specific class or club, SBLS reserves the right to cancel it.

🍏 Students will be checked into latchkey at 4:00 pm if no one is waiting to pick them up outside the room they meet in. Our parents have been asking about this kind of opportunity. We pray you will take this opportunity and have your child participate.

Flower Vegetable and Herb Seeds for Sale

The order form to order seeds is in the family folder today. All students as well as teachers and staff may also purchase seeds. Please return the completed form to the school office with cash or a check by Thursday, February 1. Make checks payable to SBLS. Seed packets are 50 cents each and will be delivered the end of April.

Latchkey

Donations of DVD children's movies are needed in latchkey. Please drop them off in the school office or at morning or afternoon latchkey. Thank you.

2018-19 School Calendar

The school Ministry Board recently approved the calendar for next school year. All parents will get a specific calendar this summer but we want to give you the major dates for your early planning. If you need further information before you receive a copy please call the school office.

Aug. 12 Opening Service

Aug. 15 Classes begin

Oct. 26 Fall Break

Oct. 29 & 30 INPEA Conf. No School

Dec. 22-Jan. 6 Christmas Break

April 1-5 spring Break

May 29 **Tentative** Last Day

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

Tax Time

If you are itemizing your federal or state deductions and need a receipt from SBLS for latchkey, tuition or registration fees for calendar year 2017, please contact the school office by fast direct. We are happy to print the receipt for your records.

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.

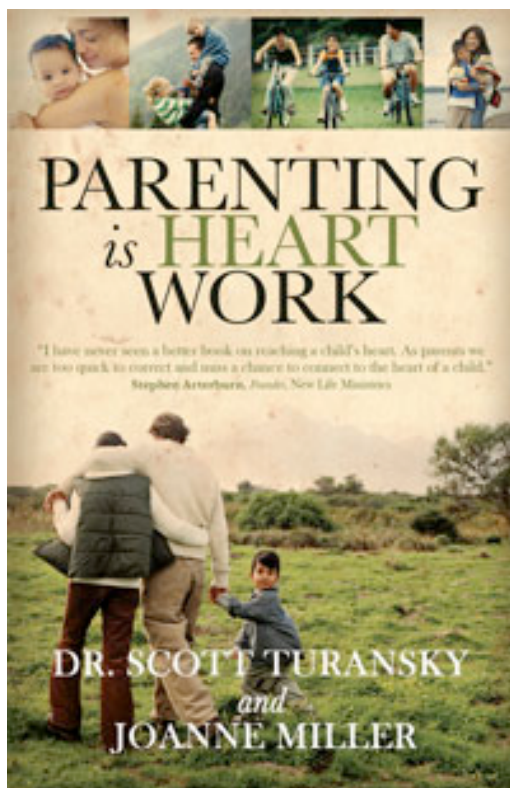
Tickets now on Sale !

Mother & Son Event
"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.**



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.

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 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.

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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

SBL Youth

Ice Skating Trip

All 5th -12th graders are invited.

Join us for a thrilling afternoon enjoying a Fort Wayne tradition at Headwaters Park. Cost is \$5 to skate and \$2. To rent skates. Hot chocolate, snacks fun, fellowship, and maybe a few bruises...will be provided for free.

Sunday February 18th

3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

We will meet at and leave from SBL Commons. Please sign up in the back of church or school commons, or contact: Pastor Alex 260.484.7873, Kayli Greener 260.438-6361 or 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!

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**