



# BITS & BARKS



SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

January 4, 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 8-12th

**Monday**-Cheesburger sandwich, cooked carrots, romaine lettuce salad, applesauce; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

**Tuesday**-Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner roll, raw broccoli with dip, peaches; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

**Wednesday**-French toast sticks, tater tots, romaine lettuce salad, pears; OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

**Thursday**- Chicken quesadilla, refried beans, raw baby carrots with ranch dip pineapple, OR yogurt and cheese stick as main dish

**Friday**- Cheese pizza, green beans, romaine lettuce 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: **All Nursery Children, All Pre-K children, Ethan Yoder, Linkoln Boatwright, All 1<sup>st</sup> grade children, Ian Bricker, Emma Wike, Jeremiah Costilla-Frederick, Brianna Beard, Kinsey Helmkamp, Samantha Hoffman, Taylor Reiskytl and Mr. John Yarnelle.**

## From the Desk of the Principal

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff I want to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to the SBL family for all the prayers, well wishes, encouragement and gifts you shared during the Christmas Season. Your love and concern shows in your actions. We thank God for each of you. Have a blessed New Year!

## 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. Some of the camp staff were here on Wednesday, January 3 to lead our worship and share information regarding Camp Lutherhaven. 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.

## **Retirements Announced**

Mrs. Ann Fichtner and Mr. Nate Doepner have both announced their retirements after this school year. We will celebrate their careers later this year. At this time we invite the SBL family to share this information with any candidates who they feel would be possible staff members at SBLs. We anticipate filling first and eighth grade positions. Candidates should hold an Indiana Teaching license in the appropriate level, be committed to the SBL Ministry, and be willing to become part of our church. If interested, the candidates themselves should contact Mr. Brune.

## **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 – SBLs 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.

Some parents and students have asked for more notice than just the prior week so they can plan their attire with a little more thought, so here it is, Early.

## **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. SBLs 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.

## **PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD**

In your family folder today is an Open House postcard. I am asking that you please hand out or mail this to a family that might be looking for a Christ Centered Education. We will also have our Kindergarten Round-Up that day. I will be happy to send postcards direct or supply you with more if you need them. Thank you so much for all your help. Patty Macke

## **Kindergarten Round Up**

We will again be having our Kindergarten Round Up during the January 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> from noon until 2:00pm. You may come during any portion of that 2-hour time frame.

This format allows us to have the perspective 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

### JV

1-8 Monday @ Wyneken

Girls 4:15; Boys 5:30

1-10 Wed @ St. Paul

Girls 4:15; Boys 5:30

### Varsity

1-4 Thurs Boys only @H

vs Ascension @ 5:30 pm

1-6 Varsity Girls at Crusader  
Shootout at St. James-Lafayette

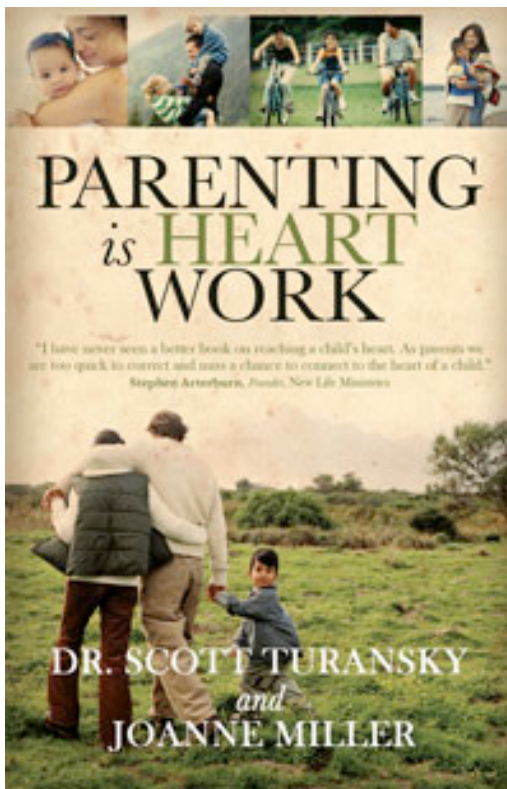
## Save The Date

\*\*\* 1st Annual \*\*\*  
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! SPECIAL SNEAK PEEK: Parents, join us for treats, games and a fun introduction to this parenting topic on January 7, 2018, 9:30 a.m. in room 106!

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