



# BITS & BARKS



SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

March 8, 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.”**

Hot Lunch = \$2.80

Reduced Lunch = \$0.40

Milk = \$0.35

Lunch Menu- March 12-16

**Monday-** Chicken quesadilla, refried beans, raw baby carrots with ranch dip, pears

**Tuesday-** Sausage patties, cheesy potatoes, dinner roll, raw broccoli with ranch dip, applesauce

**Wednesday-** Grilled chicken sandwich, green beans, romaine lettuce salad, peaches

**Thursday-** Beef teriyaki dippers, rice, mixed vegetables, raw baby carrots with ranch dip, dinner roll, pineapple

**Friday-NO SCHOOL**

**Yogurt and cheese stick may be substituted as main dish any day!**

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## From the Desk of the Principal

I want to give you a bit of an update on the progress of replacing teachers for next year. As previously announced, Mrs. Fichtner and Mr. Doepner are both retiring at the end of the current

school year. Well done, good and faithful servants!

Mrs. Brittany Brune is moving from kindergarten to first grade. The Call Committee of the School Ministry Board has been actively seeking candidates for these positions and has a number of candidates they will be interviewing in the coming month. **Here is where you can help us, particularly with regard to the first grade position.** Please help us by responding to the registration material sent home earlier. We need to know everyone’s plan for next year. We are praying that we can, and it appears likely that we will, have two classes of first grade next year. Yet we need to have the best information possible to be fiscally responsible.

Please pray for this process and the teachers God will supply us.

## March Chapel Project

For the month of March we are supporting L.A.M.B., as our monthly project. Please pray for this Fort Wayne-based ministry to Burmese people and also feel invited to support it through your own gifts. Pastor Jim Keller was here yesterday to share more information with our students about this ministry.

We welcome visitors to join us at chapel every Wednesday at 8:10 a.m.

## March Baptismal Birthday Celebration

We will be celebrating the March Baptismal Birthdays and dedications at chapel on Wednesday, March 14. Parents and other friends and/or family members are invited to attend.

## DUNKIN' with DAD

With March comes March Madness. Dads take a moment from the madness and come enjoy some donut holes and drinks with your kid/kids before school on Thursday, March 22, 7:00am - 7:45am. Sponsored by the PTO.

## Hearing Screenings

In the morning of April 10<sup>th</sup> our volunteer school nurse, Jodi Belschner, will perform hearing screenings in the library for Students in grade 1, 4 and 7.

## LEEP

It has been very rewarding to see and hear the students talk about the LEEP classes. Some of those started last week. Many will continue throughout the month of March. Some will begin soon. It appears the kids are having a great time.



*Pillow Crafting*



*Painting*



*Weather*

Please give us some feedback on the program through Krista Griewank or the school office. We want to

know how well it is filling your need. Also, we will be conducting a survey with the students in the future to ask them about what they might like to see in future class offerings. You might have that discussion with them to stimulate their thinking.

## Registration Due for 2018-2019 School Year

I am still waiting on Enrollment forms! Thank you to those of you who have let me know they are on the way. If for some reason you have not received your packet please let me know so I can send you a new one or email it to you. If you do have your packet Please return the signed forms with your \$25.00 down payment for each student to the school office today. I pray that no students will be leaving our school family for the next school year. However, if this is the case please let me know so that I am able to plan with correct class counts. Any questions please call, text or fastdirect Patty Macke. Thank you!

## ISTEP Testing Dates

Yes, that time is here 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 notification of the test window for ISTEP testing. Please avoid all unnecessary absences during these times.

**Grade 3 IREAD-3 March 12 – 16**  
**Grade 3-8 ISTEP II Apr 16-May 4**

## Band

Rehearsals and Concert Date  
**Intermediate and Advanced**  
Thursday March 8, 8:00 a.m. -10:45 a.m. CLHS band room **Please note that the band program will provide bus**

## transportation back to SBLS at the end of the rehearsal.

All Bands, Beginning Intermediate and Advanced: Almost Spring Concert Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. CLHS Auditorium.

**If CLHS would have a weather delay or cancellation on the day of the rehearsal/concert, both the rehearsal and the concert will be cancelled that night!**

## Shorts/Skorts/Capris

While it is still some time away, this is probably a good time to mention the following. April 1 is the annual date when shorts, skorts, and capris are permitted for students once again. This year that means right after Spring Break. Please be sure to check the school handbook for further information on the style of shorts permitted. Also be aware of the fact that we typically turn off the heating system around that same time, depending on the weather, so it becomes naturally cooler in the building.

## Spring Picture Day

On Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:10 until noon, Lifetouch photography will be taking every student's picture. Parents do not have to purchase these pictures.

## Yearbook

You still have a couple weeks to fill out the yearbook order form and enclose a check or cash for \$12.00 for each yearbook ordered. On March 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be sending in the orders. Please bring the form to the school office.

## **“Experience 4-H at Purdue”**

Indiana 4-H is sponsoring a science of Sound event for students in grades 6-8. The event will be held at Purdue University in West Lafayette on April 14 from 9am-3pm. Registration cost \$10. Registration closes on April 1.

During the one-day event students will learn all about sound, with topics like what is sound, how do electronic components generate sound, and making sound with all kind of ‘junk.’

The aim of this event is to help reach youth who have an interest in electronics/electrical

engineering/computer science or those who just have an interest in music.

Parents may register at [bit.ly/4hsound](http://bit.ly/4hsound) or contact Arin Weidner at [arin@purdue.edu](mailto:arin@purdue.edu).

## **Garage Sale for the Haiti mission team is Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 in the SBL gym.**

The Haiti mission team will be taking donated items Friday night, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm

## **SBL Youth NCAA March Madness**

All 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited. Join us for basketball trivia and activities of all sorts. Hot dogs, snacks, prizes and laughs will be provided. Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. in the SBL commons/gym. 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

## **The Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School and Church Annual Live & Silent Auction**

to be held Saturday March 17, 2018 at the Allen County Fairgrounds.

No admission cost! Complimentary popcorn and desserts are available. Donations of NEW items or gift cards are currently being accepted. You can find us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/BulldogAuction](http://www.Facebook.com/BulldogAuction). Volunteers Needed If you are interested in helping, please contact Carrie 760-7358 or Angie 710-5558.

## **8<sup>th</sup> grade Fund Raiser**

We are sponsoring a fresh smoked pulled pork dinner on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>. Serving times are 10:30 until 1:00 p.m. in the SBL commons. This is a dine in/carry out event. The meal costs \$8.00 per meal. The meal includes pulled pork, potatoes, and a roll. The students of Mr. Doepner will be selling tickets. The money raised will help these students go to Washington, D.C.

## **Class Baskets**

SBL volunteers are in full swing for the 2018 annual SBL Live and Silent Auction! We need your help. We will, again, have the popular “themed class baskets” for the silent auction. Each class will have one or more baskets and all proceeds will be given back to your child's teacher to spend in

the classroom! Let's show our teachers how much we appreciate them! Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Angie 710-5558 or Carrie 760-7358

Nursery/Pre K	Easter candy
K1 (Mrs. Gottschalk)	Mexican
K2 (Mrs. Brune)	Family Fun Night
1st	Coffee/Tea
2nd	Ice-Cream
3rd	Snacks
4th	Italian
5th	Baking
6th	Chocolate
7th	Snacks
8th	Easter candy

## **Have a Great Weekend! Worship Our Lord!**