



BITS & BARKS



SUBURBAN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

April 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.”

Hot Lunch = \$2.80

Reduced Lunch = \$0.40

Milk = \$0.35

Lunch Menu- April 23-27

Monday-Cheese quesadilla, refried beans, raw baby carrots with ranch dip, raisins

Tuesday-Beef teriyaki dippers, rice, peas and carrots, dinner roll, pineapple

Wednesday-Breaded chicken sandwich, corn, romaine lettuce salad, applesauce

Thursday- Pancake wrap, cheesy potatoes, raw baby carrots with ranch dip, fruit juice

Friday- Cheese stuffed breadsticks with pizza sauce, green beans, romaine lettuce salad, peaches

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

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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:

Logan Bunting, Logan DeWitt, Brant Perl, Hudson Wike, Hailey Wilson, Addy Sklenar, R.J. Coburn, Jeremiah Frederick, Drew Reynolds, Kinsey Helmkamp, Dylan Hinton, Kaya Wolfe and Mr. Brian Kidd.

From the Desk of the Principal

Great News! Recently we received word from Ms. Johannah Miesner that she has accepted the Call to serve as our 8th grade teacher beginning next year. Ms. Miesner is a graduate of Concordia University, Nebraska. She has 13 years of teaching experience, all in Lutheran Schools. The past 10 years she has been at St. John Lutheran School in Lanesville, IN. We look forward to getting to know Ms. Miesner and the blessings she will bring to SBL. Please continue to pray for the work being done for Calling a first grade teacher. The Call Committee has interviewed numerous candidates and hope to soon be extending a Call for that position as well.

8th Grade Honor Students

Each year we have several honors programs that some of our 8th

graders are invited to. They are invited based on their academic standing in their class.

First, we congratulate **Natalie Linnemeier and Tessa Lehman** who will represent SBLS at the Allen County Non Public School Association Distinguished Student Awards Program. This is a breakfast and program at The Orchid in New Haven on Monday, May 14. Typically the top two academic students in every non-public school in Allen County attend this program. Natalie attends as our class Valedictorian. Tessa goes as the class Salutatorian.

Next we have The Lutheran Schools Partnership Honors Breakfast. This breakfast and program is at Concordia High School on May 3. SBLS sends students who rank number 3 through 6 in grade average to this event. Representing SBLS alphabetically are **Evelyn Kidd, Taylor Reiskytl, Ben Shaffer, and Chesney Thomas**. We congratulate these students, as well as all other students, who have worked so hard to achieve their personal best and reach their potential.

April/May Chapel Project

For the months of April & May we are supporting The Liberian Children's Ministry as our monthly project. Joe Boway will be with us on May 2 at chapel to share what is happening in these schools in Liberia. Please pray for this ministry supporting 10 Lutheran Liberian schools.

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

May/June/July Baptismal Birthday Celebration

We will be celebrating the May, June & July Baptismal Birthdays and dedications at chapel on Wednesday, May 9. Parents and other friends and/or family members are invited to attend.

8th Grade Graduation **We have now scheduled 8th Grade graduation for Wednesday, May 30th @ 7:00 p.m.**

Nursery & Pre-k Parents

First, may I say that the collection of fees from pre-school families has been an overall easy task once again this year. Most of you have been very faithful in making your payments on time. **Thank you very much!** As a result of that, I don't think the following is of much concern. Yet, I need to make sure there are no miscommunications.

Throughout the year, tuition is due on the first of each month. The final payment, due on May 1, is not allowed to go past due further than 15 days. On the 16th day of May any child who is not current on all fees will not be allowed to continue

in attendance. While it would be very sad for us to see your child not complete the school year, we find a financial responsibility to collect all fees before the school year is over. Please make note of this policy and plan your payments accordingly.

Reminder for 8th Grade Parents

Graduation is closing in. The big day is almost here. I am guessing the elementary years have flown by and that you can't imagine that high school is right around the corner. I know you are proud of your son or daughter, as you should be. Congratulations!

I want to make sure you are aware of the school policy assuring that all fees must be paid before 8th graders are allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony on May 30. Please be sure to contact the school office to inquire about any outstanding fees that you may still owe.

End of Year Activities 2018

The staff is again planning some end of the year activities for students. The following is a list of activities and dates to look forward to.

May 4 in a.m. Bowling (k-8)

May 4@ 7:05 p.m. SBL Tin Caps Game

May 11 Lutheran Kindergarten Field Day in morning @ CLHS

May 18 VIP Day in morning

May 18 @ 6:30 p.m. Upper Grade Musical

May 29 @ 10:00 a.m. Field Day

May 29 @ 1:30 Yearbook Signing Party in gym

May 30 @ 9:00 a.m. Awards Program in gym

May 30 @ 1:00 Pre-K Graduation in gym

May 30 @ 2:00 p.m. Closing Service

May 30 @ 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation

IMPORTANT SBLs Financial Aid for 2018-19

Every year we have some money available from our own school tuition assistance funds. These funds are distributed based solely on financial need of the recipient. We are no longer using Private School Aid Service. Those who want to apply, fill out an application that you receive from the school office. There is no longer an application fee either.

This must be received in our office by May 25, 2018. While a small amount of funds may be available at a later date the majority of our assistance is designated to those who meet the May 25 deadline. Our SBLs Finance Committee will evaluate the applications for need and award funds according to those most in need. Please contact Mrs. Macke in the school office for an application.

Lutheran School Music & Art Festival

The annual TLSP Music & Art Festival is scheduled for this Sunday, April 22 at CLHS.

Artwork of many students will be on display from 1:00-3:30 in the gymnasium area. Selected students from each of our classes will have artwork on display at this event. A vocal concert, in which our own Jr. Chorale will participate along with a band concert, in which our own intermediate and advanced band members will participate, is set for 2:00 pm in the chapel/auditorium. All are invited to experience the talents and gifts of these young people.

ISTEP Testing Dates

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

Grade 3-8 ISTEP II April 23, 24, 25.

Very Important Person Day

Kindergarten through 8th grade students are encouraged to invite ONE special adult to share the school morning and to eat lunch with them. This takes place on Friday, May 18th from 7:55 until after lunch. Please find the reservation form included with the Bits and Barks today. Payment for adult lunches needs to accompany the reservation form. Thank you.

Band Rehearsals and Concert Dates

Beginning Band

Rehearse: Monday April 23, 6-7 pm
CLHS Band Room

Rehearse: Monday May 7, 6-7 pm
CLHS Band Room

May Concert Saturday May 12, 6:00 p.m. CLHS Auditorium

Intermediate and Advance Bands

Fine Arts Festival Concert Sunday April 22, Rehearse at 1:00 and concert at 2:00 p.m. CLHS Gym

Rehearse: Thursday May 3, 7-8:30 p.m. CLHS Band Room

Rehearse: Thursday, May 10, 8 - 10:45 a.m. CLHS Band Room

Parents must make arrangements to get their child to CLHS at 8:00 am. They will be bussed back to SBLS at the end of the rehearsal on the ESM bus.

May Concert, Saturday May 12 at 6:00 p.m. CLHS auditorium

Yearbook

The deadline to order a yearbook has passed. If you would like us to put your name on a list, in case LifeTouch sends extra yearbooks, please send in \$15.00 per yearbook. I will return your money if we do not receive extra copies.

School Children's Flower and Vegetable Association

Volunteer chairperson(s) needed for next school year to oversee the distribution of plants and seeds to students in the spring. Then, in the Fall, set up a plant show here at school. Training will be available. Let the school office know if you are interested.

LutheRun Cross Country Program

LutheRun Middle School Cross Country is open to all Lutheran School students and Lutheran homeschooled students entering grades 4-8. All levels of runners are encouraged to attend! For those participants interested in continuing with the Fall season, it will begin the week of August 13th. Fall season meet and practice schedule will be communicated at a later date.

DATES: June 25-July 26, Mondays & Thursdays, 5:30-7pm

LOCATION: Concordia Seminary - meet at track

- 6600 N Clinton St Fort Wayne, IN 46825

COST: \$60.00 to cover T-shirt, snacks and facility fees

- Checks should be made payable to Janet Smith and mailed to:

10350 River House Lane, Grabill, IN 46741

- OR pay by PayPal at: <https://paypal.me/janetesmith>

REGISTER ONLINE:

www.esmeagles.com/athletics/lutherun

QUESTIONS?: Contact Janet Smith at jsmith@esmeagles.com or Erin Clark at eclark@esmeagles.com.

TinCaps Reading Program

If your child earned a voucher from the TinCaps Reading Program, you must mail in your order.

VBS Needs Seashells

Seashells are needed for a craft project during VBS. Bring the shells to the school office, or give them to Nancy Johnston before or after school in the school commons. Thank you.

Box Tops

Please continue to save Box Tops. Please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

SBL Youth

Visit Camp Lutherhaven

Calling all 5th -12th grade youth and their families. Join us from 9a.m.-2 p.m. on April 21st for a service opportunity at Camp Lutherhaven 1596 South 150 West, Albion, Indiana 46701. We will be helping with various outdoor needs to get their grounds ready for the summer. Feel free to meet us there at 9:00. If you would like to carpool, we will be leaving from the SBL commons at 8:30. After we finish working at 2:00 we will be returning to SBL around 2:30.

Please bring: water, work gloves and rakes. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the back of church or in the commons or contact Pastor Alex 260.484.7873, Kayli 260.438.6361, or Kelsey 260.438.3874

ALSO

SBL Youth Movie Night

Friday, April 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

SBLS Commons/Gym

Join us for movie night. Hot dogs, popcorn and drinks will be provided. Bring a friend and a snack to share. All 5th-12th graders are invited. Please sign up in the back of church, school commons or contact:

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Wednesday Morning

Women's Bible Study:

8-9:30am, in the school library (aka mobile trailer). Please join us.

If you have questions, please call Diana Taylor at (260)413-8157.

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