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The Purple Note

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February

25th and 26th History Alive presentations by 3-5th graders

Reading Month all-school story is shared.

"Slimation" takes place.

28th National Lutheran Schools Week begins!!

March 1st-5th
National Lutheran Schools Week!



THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FAMILIES

This week we remember the families of Mrs. Severson, Isaiah R, Noah R. and Kasen K . If you know of a family you would like us to include in our prayers, please let the office know.

Chapel will be led by Pastor Les Wolfgram Wednesday, February 3 at 8:30 am.

Chapel services will be live-streamed on the Martin Luther Facebook page .

(Please note it is NOT the Martin Luther 2020-2021 group)

National Lutheran Schools Week 2021

The first week in March we will join with the 1000's of other Lutheran Schools across the country as we

celebrate Lutheran Schools Week!

Our theme for this is "Sent to Serve," based on Matthew 20:28 which says:

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

We will include opportunities for our students to serve others, as well as participating in fun activities with a "homecoming" sort of feel. We truly get to celebrate the fellowship of Lutheran education around the world!



Sent to Serve
2021 NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Here are a few of the activities that are planned for National Lutheran Schools Week:

Monday Crazy Day! (also know as "Wacky Day")

We are crazy about Lutheran Schools!

Focus: Jesus was sent to serve.

Special All school devotion lead by Kristin Nistler

Escape Room activity for each class

Tuesday Pajama Day

Focus: Teachers and pastors are sent to serve.

5th grade will prepare and serve a breakfast lunch to the school.

Pastors and teachers will be recognized.

Wednesday Sports Team Day

Focus: We serve together on God's team!

Chapel with a special focus on how each one of us, big and small all play a part on God's team.

Thursday Future Occupation Day

Focus: We recognize those who serve in home and community.

Thank you cards will be made and delivered to those who serve in our community.

Friday School Spirit Day! Wear your school t-shirt the blue "Be Still" shirt and show your school spirit!

Focus: We are sent to serve in the world!

All school Pepfest in the afternoon!

Our chapel offerings and Hat Day dollars collected during the 3rd quarter will assist Adopt-a-Block!

"And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:40



Adopt-a-Block Food Distribution

As part of The Banquet's affiliation with the Dream Center Network we introduced the Adopt-a-Block program. The Dream Center Adopt-a-Block Food Distribution Truck visits 6 locations each week distributing grocery product to those in need. You will be asked to fill out a short intake form at the Adopt-a-Block truck location-it's easy!

**Money Saved On Groceries
Means More For Life's Other Necessities.**

Help for Today & Hope for Tomorrow



Monday 4:30-6pm South Central High School East Parking Lot 406 S. Anderson St. Bismarck	Tuesday 4:30-6pm Lewis & Clark School South Side of School 600 14th St. NW Mandan
Wednesday 4:30-6pm Jeannette Myhre School East Parking Lot 919 S. 12th St. Bismarck	Thursday 4:30-6pm New Song Church Parking Lot 3200 N. 11th St. (Behind Menards)
Friday 4:30-6pm Tatley Place (Just South of Tatley Meadows) Corner of West London Ave. & Manchester Street Bismarck	Saturday 3-5pm River of Hope Church Parking Lot 1996 43rd Ave. NE Bismarck

For information contact Jim Barnhardt at 701-955-2150 or e-mail jimbarnhardt@msn.com



Thank You to Our Partners:

**Bismarck Emergency Food Pantry
River of Hope Church
Jack's Food Pantry**

MAD about Reading!



Reading Month!

The READING HAS BEEN CRAZY!!! We may have to up the ante on what will be necessary to earn the sliming of Mrs. Wolfgram and Mr. Luke!!



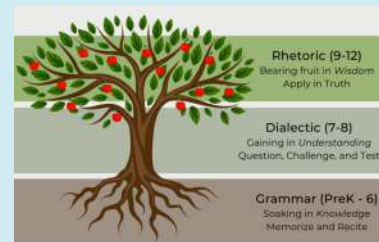
Reading month will include some extra time in the Word! Morning devotion time has the students in the Word not only for devotions, but also to find some clues with their Latin!

We are also reading about some great scientists and inventors. We may even see a visit from Albert Einstein one of these days!

(We promise that no staff or students will be harmed in the celebration of this event! :))

Classical Education Update

Classical education is having a rebirth across our nation and even within our state. Our teachers have the opportunity to observe a school in Minot that is in its fourth year of implementing the classical model. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to observe a classical school to help us be the very best we can be as we continue in the transition to classical education.



It has been exciting to see how successful the new history curriculum has been, as well as how students have been receptive to Latin. They make connections with Latin roots both in and outside of class. It is just amazing!

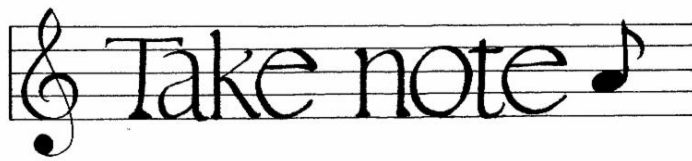
For more information on classical education, take a look at the updated information on our website under "About Us."

www.lutherschools.org

Recital Time!

Luther Academy of music students have been

practicing and are eager to perform for an audience once again! We have set **Thursday, March 18th at 6:30** for our first recital of 2021!



This is for those taking piano, instrumental and/ or Suzuki strings lessons

This will take place at **Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church** 801 East Denver Avenue.

There will be adequate room for families to social distance. We will also be sensitive to any concerns that may arise with COVID in the next few weeks and take any necessary measures needed into consideration.

Musical? Did you say musical?



No, we're not planning on putting on "Hamilton," but I'm hoping this picture DID get your attention!

Grades 3-5 are making plans for "Encore 2" a collaboration of favorites from some of the musicals that we have done over our 26 years! This was in the works for last year, but COVID put a stop to that.

The date is set for APRIL 8th and possibly the addition of the 9th. The plan is to have an actual audience for this event, and we'll have to see how seating capacity might be impacted at that date.

Grades K-2 are also planning a musical. The date for this is April 15th. Get ready for the a stirring rendition of "Stone Soup" to come your way!

We can't tell you how excited we are to be on stage once again and to have you in our audience!

IT'S TIME to ENROLL!!

We are making plans for the 2021-2022 school year and so are you! Registration is OPEN for K-5!

**Reduced Early
Registration!**

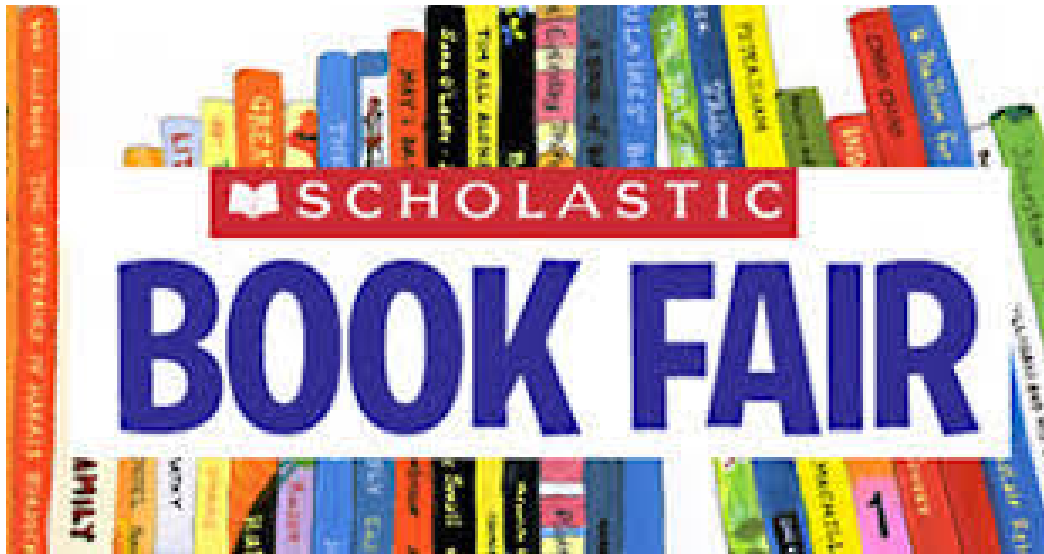
The registration fee is \$125, but is reduced to \$75 if you register by March 1st! (Grades K-5 only)

The extra \$50 will be applied to our technology fee that is required in the fall. For those of you who already registered, we have applied that credit to your account so you did not miss out. :)



We appreciate the early applicants as it helps us **immensely** as we plan staffing for the fall!

Preschool registration is also open. See more information below



Martin Luther School will be hosting a Book Fair, **Thursday and Friday March 11th and 12th**. In order to give people space to safely and easily browse watch for sign up times for parents to check out the books with your child.

Mask Changes

To parents of students in Kindergarten-6th grade.

(This DOES NOT pertain to PRESCHOOL CLASSES.)

The input you have shared with us regarding mask usage has been greatly appreciated. We are blessed to have experienced lower numbers in our community and school. Striving to reach that balance between giving our

families the freedom to make their own choices while also providing a safe a healthy environment for our students and staff can be a bit tricky.

After visiting with parents and staff, we have decided to make changes incrementally. Beginning Monday, February 8th we will make masks optional for students when they are in their classroom or isolated from another class. Our teachers will wear masks when they are within 6 feet of the students.

In order to help us help you as parents, if you prefer that your child wear a mask, please let us know so that we can encourage him or her to do so. Otherwise, we will assume that if they are not wearing them, you are ok with that.

We will still require masks for:

- The bus ride to gym
- Anytime we mix the classes such as:
- Before and after school care (This is important!)
- Chapel

Any group events or activities, such as reading buddies, or an all school event in the fellowship area.

We will begin to have our students not so distanced in chapel if they are wearing masks and look to find a time and criteria for when we could once again open it up for parents to attend. We truly miss having parents be a part of school life at MLS. We realize that we need to have some goals to help us indicate when we can start to normalize once again.

We have been pleased with how conscientious our parent have been when it comes to keeping their children home when they aren't feeling well and getting the appropriate feed back from medical professionals before returning to school. We realize this can be a great inconvenience. We want to let you know that your cooperation has been greatly appreciated!

Keeping our staff and students healthy is of utmost importance to everyone at MLS. We realize that there are differing opinions when it comes to how to address COVID issues, and navigating this has been a challenge. I am hopeful that we can celebrate our freedoms while also showing care for the concerns of our neighbor.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. (wolfgram@lutherschools.org or 400-1179) As always, I welcome your input.

In His service,
Denise Wolfgram

One last thing--

Please remember to have your child come to school prepared with mask, especially if they will be spending any time in before school ABC Care as we are seeing more students who do take advantage of that service and it can get a little crowded, so masks are needed.

We will order more masks for those students who do not have a mask. The fee for these will be charged to either your TADS account or ABC Care account.

Chapel Services



The Martin Luther Chapel services will be live streamed on the **Martin Luther Facebook Page**. This is a change from the Martin Luther School 2020-2021 group. This will allow more people the opportunity to worship with us. We know that there are

grandparents, family members, and other MLS supporters who appreciate seeing the services and hearing any special music that the students provide.

Watch for chapel every Wednesday at 8:30 AM!



**Lunches are still at
NO COST TO OUR STUDENTS!!**

We are LOVING the good eats that our cook, Miss Beverly, has created for us! From the office and kitchen staff, we apologize for any menu changes that have taken place as we have gotten started. We will try to announce those changes earlier to allow you time to make any arrangements as you see fit. We sometimes need to make substitutions as we navigate through this new program with the "Summer Lunch Program" which allows us to provide these meal at no cost to you.

RECENT CDC QUARANTINE CHANGES

Public health experts locally and at the national level are always analyzing data and making changes as new information becomes available. As a result, the CDC issued new guidance reducing the number of days close contacts will need to quarantine following an exposure to a COVID-positive individual.

- The new guidelines allow close contacts of those infected to reduce their quarantine period from 14 days to 10 days.
- If the close contact receives a negative result from a COVID test, they can reduce their quarantine to seven days.
- Residents at long-term care facilities and other congregate living settings are exempt from the new guidance and should continue to quarantine for the full 14 days.
- "Individuals will be able to end their quarantine after seven days if they receive a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test, are symptom free and wear a face covering or after 10 days without being tested," explained Howell.

- To test out of quarantine, a person can either do a PCR test or a rapid antigen test. The earliest a test should be done is 48 hours before being released from quarantine. Individuals must continue to quarantine while awaiting test results.
- Individuals should continue to monitor their symptoms and wear a face covering for the full 14 days.
- The NDDoH will be working to update the website and factsheets with the new information. For more information on COVID-19, visit health.nd.gov/coronavirus.
- [Click here for a printable version on the new guidelines](#)

Pick Up During the School Day and Office Access

One of the hardest adjustments for us to make at MLS **AND** the hardest restriction to have to enforce is to limit parent access to the building. We've always appreciated the opportunity to visit with our parents and grandparents at drop off and pick up time. We appreciate your understanding when we work to reinforce new procedures to help keep all of us healthy and in school.

Just as a reminder for our K-6 grade guardians/parents.

- Parents are to drop off their student at the south door and not enter the building.
- If you need to contact Julie or Mrs. Wolfgram in the office, call the office (224-9070) and we will arrange to let you in and meet with you.
- In the case that you are in the building, we ask that you wear a mask.
- If you need to pick up your child early or for an appointment during the school day, contact the school when you have arrived, and we will escort your child to the front door to meet you.
- **Please note that the NORTH door is for Zion Lutheran Church activity only. Martin Luther families are to use the SOUTH and WEST doors only, NOT THE NORTH DOOR.**

If you need to visit in person with Julie, our office manager, call her at 224-9070, and she will arrange a time for you to meet with her.

IMPORTANT INFO----SNOW DAYS!?!?!

We've already had our first bit of cool weather, and soon we'll be seeing snow in the forecast. To be informed about any cancellations due to weather, we will be using the "Remind" program and will contact parents via text.

To be included in the system, enter this number: (Like the phone number to whom you are texting) **81010**

Text the message: **@mrsdwolfg**

If you do not text, simply send an email to the following address:

mrsdwolfg@mail.remind.com.

Thank you for participating We don't want to leave anyone out in the cold!
(No pun intended. It just happened.)
