



Every Friday Note

January 19, 2018

Our Savior Lutheran School
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Online Calendar

Visit our [online calendar](#) to find out what's happening at OSLS.

Special Reminder

Tuition and Fees are due the 20th of each month. We are now halfway through the school year. Please review your financial statement at [FastDirect](#) and make a prompt payment. If you have questions, please contact the office.

Tax Time

Tax time has arrived! If you use OSLS extended care, you can get tax information on [FastDirect](#). If you need help logging on to FastDirect, please contact the office.

Matins Singing Schedule

January 24 Voce Solida
January 31 1-2 grade

Offerings

For the month of January, offerings will go to support the work of Concordia Mission Society. [Concordia Mission Society](#) recently suffered the loss of 1.5 million copies of the magazine GOOD NEWS in a huge warehouse fire in St. Louis.

Learn by Heart for the week of January 22

The Lord's Prayer 3rd Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.

This is His good and gracious will.

Romans 8:38-39 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

National Lutheran Schools Week

National Lutheran Schools Week provides us the opportunity to celebrate God's work among us here along with many of the other 2,300 LCMS preschools, elementary schools, and high schools across the nation. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve. What a blessing that our children are able to grow in their knowledge and abilities as they are prepared for a life of faithful service and witness to their neighbors.

Spirit Week

Monday: Pajama Day
Tuesday: House Color Day (Pajama Day for PS3)
Wednesday: Crazy Hair or Hat Day
Thursday: Red, White, and Blue Day
Friday: School Spirit Day

House Competitions

House Competitions are back! K-8 students will be divided into four houses named after Reformers: Luther, Chemnitz, Bugenhagen, and Melancthon. Students can look forward to earning points by answering daily trivia questions.

Food Collection

As part of NLSW we will be collecting nonperishable food items for the food bank at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. Students can earn a point for their House with each item they donate.

Pop the Top and Read

On Monday, not only will K-8 students enjoy coming to school in their pajamas, but they can look forward to bringing a favorite beverage to school to enjoy during some reading time. Watch for information regarding other fun NLSW activities throughout the week: church bulletin decorating, donut day, and more!

January Open House for New Students

NLSW is a great time for us to host an Open House! We want others to know about our Lutheran School! Our Winter Open House will take place on Tuesday, January 23 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. This is an opportunity to showcase our school to those in our community who may not know the blessings that are found at Our Savior.

Roller Skating

As part of our NLSW celebrations, please plan have fun roller skating with your school family on Thursday, January 25 from 6-8pm at The Fun Spot in Kentwood. Coupons were sent home with last week's EFN. If you need a coupon, there are extras in the office, and the PTL will have some at the door on Thursday night.

Preschool

We continue to talk about winter in preschool. We made snowmen using the letters of our names and made beautiful winter paintings.

National Lutheran Schools Week Preschool Spirit Days

Monday: Pajama Day for preschool fours
Tuesday: Pajama Day for preschool threes
Wednesday: Crazy Hair or Crazy Hat Day
Thursday: Red, White, and Blue Day
Friday: School Spirit Day (blue, gold, and white)

Preschool Family Night

Please mark your calendars for Preschool Family Night on Friday, March 2 from 6:00-7:30. We will have a pot luck dinner and activities for families. More information will be coming home soon.

The Resource Connection

Greetings and Happy New Year! As we adjust to the school schedule again it seems appropriate to re-consider optimal learning conditions for our students. The Resource Connection this month comes from a featured speaker at the most recent LEA Convocation. Doctor David Walsh spoke about executive function which determines how we learn what we learn. In his presentation he noted that executive function is twice as strong of a predictor of success as intelligence. This is encouraging! Three aspects of executive function are working memory, inhibitory controls and mental flexibility. The link below describes these three aspects in more detail and gives suggestions regarding how, as parents, you can be your child's "executive coach" in order to create optimal learning for our students.

--Mrs. VanEck <http://drdavewalsh.com/posts/149>

Library

The Messengers: Concealed Book Club

The next book club meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25. 5-8 grade students attending book club should bring a lunch that does not require microwaving.

Speaker

OSLS is pleased to have Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller speak with parents about the topic of Christian Conscience on Friday, February 16 at 7pm at school. Pastor Wolfmueller serves Hope Lutheran Church in Aurora, CO.

The following excerpt was taken from Pastor Wolfmueller's website:

<http://www.wolfmueller.co/conscience/>

My Everything Hurts, an Introduction

I remember a time when one of my boys was getting after his brother. "Don't do that," I said, "You've hurt your brother." I hardly finished saying the words, and he burst into tears, the kind of cry that happens when you slam your fingers in the door. I panicked and thought he was physically injured. "Are you okay? What hurts?" "Everything" was his answer, and I realized what happened. "Come here," I grabbed him and put him in my lap, "that's your conscience that hurts." This was a new conversation for me and my children, and very helpful.

It was helpful, first, to know what to call that thing inside of us that hurts when we do something wrong. It was further helpful to consider together how it worked, why it mattered, how it is a helpful tool from God to guide and guard us. I began to pay closer attention to the conscience in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions (where they have a central place), and I found that any insight was almost immediately helpful to my children and the youth of the church, and this has also proven true when I've been able to present to youth in small and large groups outside the church. Whenever I've taught about the conscience people's attention is perked, even teenagers, and it seems to me that the Biblical teaching of the conscience is a missing piece they need to answer some of the puzzles of their own lives.

We are all wrestling with that inner voice, but many people don't know what it is called, and most people don't know why it is there. The state of our conscience determines the state of our lives and every part of it. A bad conscience destroys, but a good, clean, and free conscience brings forth life and truth.

We look forward to this opportunity for Pastor Wolfmueller to share a Biblical understanding of the conscience with us.

Field Trips

1-4 Grade Honest Abe

On Tuesday, January 23 the 1-4 grade students will travel to the Ford Museum to see the 10 am Circle Presents performance of "Honest Abe".

5-8 Grade Ski Day

We are looking forward to this year's Ski Day at Bittersweet on Monday, January 29.
http://skibittersweet.com/pages/ski_school.cfm

5-8 Grade Field Trip

On February 6, 5-8 grade students will travel to East Kentwood High School to see a performance of "Four Score and Seven Years Ago". Students will leave OSLS at 11:30am and return at 2pm. Drivers are needed.

5-6 grade Outdoor Education

5-6 graders will be at Camp Pentalouan for Outdoor Education February 13-15. Information and forms were emailed to families.

Central Registry Clearance

Parents, please remember that you must have completed central registry forms if you plan to drive for field trips. This includes ski day and Outdoor Education.

Volunteers

Valentine's Day

Parents, please begin checking [SignUpGenius](#) for ways that you can help with Valentine's Day parties. We thank you in advance for your willingness to donate treats, drinks, and paper goods. We're thankful that you are willing to assist room mothers on the day of the parties.

The Mustang Rivalry

OSLS has two basketball games in our home gym on **Friday, February 2**. The 3-4 graders play each other at 6pm. At 7pm the 7-8 graders play an adult team made up of their parents and OSLS faculty/staff. This fun evening celebrates our 8th grade students and their parents. Both games are for any student who wishes to participate, regardless of whether they played on the team during the year. Come and be part of the fun!

PTL

Save the Date

January 22-26 National Lutheran Schools Week
January 25 Roller Skating Party
March 9 Daddy Daughter Dance
March 10 Mom Prom

Direct your Dollars

Help OSLS earn \$1,000 through the Direct Your Dollars program! We're collecting receipts from local SpartanNash stores (D&W, Family Fare, and Forest Hills Foods). OSLS will receive \$1,000 when we collect \$150,000 in receipts. At this time we have collected \$57,354 in receipts. To qualify, it must be the whole, original receipt. Thanks for supporting OSLS.

Scrip

Free money! That's what SCRIP is. You buy gift cards to places you already shop, and SCRIP gives you a rebate to use toward your child's tuition! What are you waiting for?

Please go to www.shopwithscrip.com to sign up. The next Scrip order will be placed on Monday, January 29.

Popcorn Friday

The next Popcorn Friday is January 26. Parents, can you help with Popcorn Friday in February? Click on the [Sign Up Genius](#) link to sign up.

Box Tops

Keep clipping box tops. The 2nd trimester contest ends Friday, February 23.

Shoparoo

Parents, grandparents, friends and family of an OSL student, do you shop? Then please help us support our school by using www.shoparoo.com. It's really easy. Just add the shoparoo app to your smart phone, choose Our Savior Lutheran as the school you wish to support, and then take a picture of your receipts every time you shop. That's it! Your receipts earn OSL entries into sweepstakes and points that add up to cash for the school. If you have any question please contact PTL.

Sports

Please see the online athletic calendar for more details:

<http://www.oursavior-gr.org/school/athletics/calendar/>

“B” Boys Basketball Schedule

Tuesday—AWAY games at West Shore Muskegon

4pm West Shore vs Holy Trinity

5pm Holy Trinity vs OSLs

6pm West Shore vs OSLs

Friday--AWAY game at St. Mark Kentwood

4pm OSLs vs Anchor Point/Trinitas

West Michigan Lutheran

What? Open House

When? January 24 from 5-7pm

Where? 601 36th St SW Wyoming

Questions? 616-455-2200 or secretary@wmlhs.org

More information? www.wmlhs.org

Camp Concordia

Summer Camp Early Registration Discount: Summer overnight camp sessions at Camp Concordia, just 40 minutes northeast of Grand Rapids, and about 2.5 hours west of Detroit, are available for children entering grades 1-8 in 2018. Students who register before February 1 are eligible for a discount of \$60 off their total fees.

www.campconcordia.org