



Every Friday Note

April 13, 2018

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Learning Fair Tonight!

Our 5-8 grade students have been hard at work completing their Learning Fair projects. Our 3-4 grade students have been working to memorize Bible passages and hymns. Please come see the fruits of their labor at the Learning Fair Tonight from 6:00-7:30pm. We would love to have you come and see all the various topics our students have researched.

Open House Tonight!

Our Savior Lutheran School provides an education that makes a difference! The Open House is tonight from 6:30-8:00pm.

April 20

Friday, April 20 is a half-day of school. Preschool will be dismissed at 11:45 am. K-8 will be dismissed at noon.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees payments are due on the 20th of each month.

Matins Singing Schedule

April 18	3-4 grade
April 25	1-2 grade

Offerings

Third trimester matins offerings will go to support the work of West Michigan Lutheran High School.

Learn by Heart for the week of April 16

Confession and Absolution

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Psalm 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

National Lutheran School Accreditation

For the past year Our Savior Lutheran church members, school board, and faculty members have been working on completing the reports necessary for our accreditation. On April 16-17 a visiting team made of principals, teachers, and pastors from across the state, will come to see our school in action. If you see visitors on those days, please warmly welcome them.

Extended Care

On Monday and Tuesday, April 16-17, before and after school extended care for grades K-8 will take place in the art room. .

Thank you

We received a thank you from our Preschool Director, Mrs. Stephanie Tuinman.

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, I've told people before that I'm so fortunate to have two church families. That's truly the way I feel. Since my accident. I feel this even more. Thank you for all the prayers, love, and support my family has received. Thank you to everyone who brought us meals—what a blessing you have been! Thank you for loving me and my family,
Blessings, Stephanie Tuinman

Music Recital

You are invited to come to a Music Recital given by the advanced band student musicians. The students have prepared solos that they will perform at the recital. The concert is on Wednesday, April 25 at 7pm in the OSLS gym. We would love for you to join us.

Registration

Preschool and grade school registration packets have been sent home. To help our church and school with planning for next year, please return the completed packet as soon as possible.

Tuition Reduction forms are available from Pastor Swem or the office. The due date for the return of all documentation for approval by the school board committee that awards additional aid to families is May 29, 2018.

Calvin 5K Spring Classic

What event combines the balmy West Michigan spring air on your face and a chance to grow in fellowship with your OSLS family? The Calvin 5K Spring Classic race! Our Savior Lutheran School would like to put a team of runners together for this race! This is open to family and friends, even they don't attend OSLS. This race is on Saturday, April 28th at 8:30am.

Registration Fees 5K RUN/WALK

- \$15 student: ages 10–24
- \$35 per adult April 2–21

FAMILY FUN RUN

\$8 per child: children ages 3–9; distances range from 100 yards to ½-mile, divided by age group

Please go to www.calvin.edu/events/spring-classic to register for this. After you have filled in your personal information, you will be asked if you are participating in the D&W School challenge. Click 'Yes' and select Our Savior as the school you are representing. Pick that from the drop down menu and you will be included in our team! This is a great opportunity to use the bodies God has given us to exercise, laugh, and grow in fellowship together! Come decked out in all your Our Savior Lutheran School spirit wear! Can't wait to see how fast LuthERANs can run! Please email Miss Alayna Brandt with any questions.

Volunteers

Part of what makes Our Savior Lutheran School so special is the crew of volunteers who give of their time to serve at school. If you would like to help with activities in April, please follow [the link:](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45acad2ca4fe3-april)
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45acad2ca4fe3-april>

Athletics

OSLS Running Club

Running club has started. The kids are motivated and excited! We have already given out some of our first prizes this week. Runners or walkers are able to earn a small prize for every 20 laps completed.

The Running Club is a separate event from the PTL Fun Run. Adult volunteers are needed to help supervise the running club. The volunteers also keep track of the number of laps the students complete. It would be wonderful if a parent/grandparent could pick one day to come for the duration of the running club. What day of the week can you help? Please visit SignUpGenius to volunteer (<http://bit.ly/2nLOV9j>). Please contact Mrs. LaDene Lyon if you have any questions.

Drama

5-6 Grade Play: A Walk in the Woods

Here are the tales of Goldilocks, the Three Bears, Red Riding Hood, the Three Pigs, and Hansel and Gretel, all blended into one delightful play while staying true to the original stories. Goldilocks, forest-savvy from having to survive in the woods without a family, is on the run from the Three Bears but takes time to help Red Riding Hood, who is leery of her stepmother's motivation in sending her out into the woods at dusk with a basket full of food and a bright red cloak. Along the way, they are saved by the Woodsman (who also happens to be Hansel and Gretel's father) and from the zany Wolf (the same canine who plagues the Three Pigs). By the time you bring in citizens of Mother Goose's village, including Jack Horner, the Butcher, the Baker and the Candlestick Maker, you can see why this fractured fairy tale is sure to be a hit.

Please join us for the 5-6 grade production of "A Walk in the Woods" on Friday, May 11 at 7pm.

5-6 Grade Drama Schedule:

Monday: 3:30-5:00pm pages 1-14

Thursday: 3:30-5:00pm pages 15-31

PTL

Scrip

Will you be working on any crafting projects this spring? Both Jo-Ann's and Michael's offer scrip. Are you ordering scrip for the first time? Please go to www.shopwithscrip.com to sign up. OSLS's Scrip enrollment code is **92L1449118239**. Make checks payable to OSLS PTL. Do you have any questions? Please contact Mrs. Stephanie Norcross stephonorcross@comcast.net, or [616-558-5409](tel:616-558-5409). The next scrip order date is Monday, April 16.

Pre-order Flower Sale

Our Annual Flower Sale starts today! Please ask your student for the flower description page and the order forms. Please feel free to gather orders from your friends as family. Orders will be due with payment on April 27. Checks may be made payable to OSLS PTL. Flowers will be delivered to the school on Thursday, May 10 for pick up-- just in time for Mother's Day and Grandparents Day! Funds raised from the Flower Sale will go into the PTL's general fund and will help pay for Circle Theater membership and school plays. Thank you for supporting our school and our students! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jen Havemeier.

All School Volunteer Day

Serving others and volunteering in our community is a fundamental component of teaching the Christian faith at Our Savior Lutheran School. Surely we are to follow the words of our Lord Jesus Christ who tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves and also we are told that *"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."* 1 Peter 4:10. As part of our yearly curriculum, our students spend one day together as a whole school volunteering, using our gifts to help serve others. In the past, we have served at In The Image and Samaritas Assisted Living.

This year we are working with the Breton Village Neighborhood Association to help a few neighbors in the area spring clean their yard. We will be splitting into our Lutheran Schools Week "houses" and volunteering one hour to help clean the yards of sticks, branches and trash. We will also help to clean out leaves from under bushes and set out summer patio sets, swings and chairs.

When we are finished with the neighborhood homes, we will divide into two groups and head to school and Our Savior church. We will work for an additional 30-45 minutes to clean up our own lawn and landscaping. Afterwards, the PTL will provide a snack to nourish all the hardworking students!

The PTL will provide lawn bags and gloves for everyone. Clothes and shoes may get dirty, so please plan to dress accordingly.

The All School Volunteer Day is scheduled for April 30 from 1-3pm. May 1 and May 3 are the planned rain dates. We will need 6 adult volunteers to drive and help direct the students. Please sign up on the sign up genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45acad2ca4fe3-allschool> Parent volunteers should please bring a rake. Feel free to give Mrs. Jennifer Havemeier a call with your questions.

Popcorn Friday

The next Popcorn Friday is April 20.

Direct your Dollars

Help Our Savior Lutheran School 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. To qualify, it must be the whole, original receipt. We already have \$75,423 in receipts. You can drop off your receipts at school. Thanks for supporting our school.

Spirit Wear

Spirit wear orders have been placed. Look for your order to come home in the near future!

Fun Run

Fun Run Packets were sent home today! The Fun Run is a FUNdraising event that does not involve selling and delivering products! Proceeds from this year's Fun Run will go toward replacing the carpeting in the school library. The Fun Run is scheduled for Thursday, May 17. Friday May 18 will be the rain date. Please look through your family's packet. Complete the permission slip, address envelopes, and return both by Friday, April 20. Please contact Mrs. Stephanie Norcross with any questions.

West Michigan Lutheran

Lutheran High and Culver's

WML Culvers Fundraiser! Wednesday, the **18th of April** is the date for this yummy way to help support West Michigan Lutheran School. From 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at [6300 28th Street SE](#) location. Bring your appetite, family, and friends!