



# EVERY FRIDAY NOTE

DECEMBER 7, 2018

Our Savior Lutheran School  
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Grand Rapids, MI 49506  
[www.oursavior-gr.org](http://www.oursavior-gr.org)

## Calendar

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December 11 PTL meeting at 2:30pm  
December 12 Advent Service at Church 7:00pm  
December 17 PRC Ingathering  
December 19 Preschool Christmas Celebration 9:30-11:30am  
Advent Supper 6:00pm  
K-8 Advent Service at Church at 7:00pm  
December 20 Preschool Christmas Celebration 9:30-11:30am  
Tuition and fees due  
December 21 No preschool  
½ day of K-8

Visit our [online calendar](http://www.oursavior-gr.org/school) to find out what's happening at OSLS. [www.oursavior-gr.org/school](http://www.oursavior-gr.org/school)

## From the School Board

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Dear Our Savior School OSLS families,  
We thank God for the wonderfully committed and involved community we have at this school. Starting with the last year's survey until now, we have made an effort to determine and define what our school families thought about our dress code. Prior to Thanksgiving break we proposed a dress code based off the feedback from our town hall meeting. While we believe that was a positive forum for discussing this subject, based on feedback received since then, and pursuant to our mission statement, we believe it is optimal for our school families to work together as a community to define the dress code.

We as a school board are not making a decision regarding dress code policy at this time but are forming an ad hoc committee to address this, comprised of families that have expressed interest along with a faculty member, and school board member. Pastor Fleming will moderate this group with the goal of writing a revised dress code for next school year by early in 2019.

## Announcements

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### Offerings

For the month of December, Matins offerings will go to support the work of the Pregnancy Resource Center.

### Matins Singing Schedule

December 12 grades 5-6

### Illness

If your child is experiencing one or more of the following, please do not send him/her to school: a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, sore throat, diarrhea, vomiting, strep throat, and pink eye.

A student should be fully recovered before being sent back to school. Students should stay at home until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). Also, the ability to participate in all school activities including recess is a good measure of whether a student is ready to return to school. If a student is determined "not ready for school" or should a student become ill during the class day, a request will be made to have the student taken home until fully recovered. If the cause of absence is a communicable disease, the school must be notified. A phone call to the office on the day of the first absence is needed, and then a written excuse is required when the student returns.

### December 19

Parents, on Wednesday, December 19, instead of dropping off your K-8 grade children at school, please drop them off at Our Savior Lutheran Church (2900 Burton St SE). The students will start the day with Matins at Church, and then they will practice for their Advent Service.

Students that use morning extended care will be transported to Church. Bussed students will be dropped off at Church.

### K-8 Advent Service

All families are invited to the K-8 Advent Service on Wednesday, December 19. The service will be held at CHURCH and will begin at 7:00pm. Families are also invited to join the church members for soup supper which begins at 6:00pm and is served in the Fellowship Hall.

### Christmas Break

Please mark your calendars for the last day of school before Christmas break.

- Wednesday, December 19—Last day for PS4
- Thursday, December 20—Last day for PS3
- Friday, December 21 —Last day for K-8. This day is a half day of school. Students will be dismissed at 12:00pm. There will be bussing.
- School Resumes on January 7.

## Learn By Heart

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### **The Lord's Prayer: The Lord's Prayer: 1st Petition**

The First Petition: Hallowed be Thy name.

*What does this mean?* God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

*How is God's name kept holy?* God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

2 Peter 1:21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## Room Parents

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Your children love to see you at school. Please consider volunteering to help with your students' classroom parties. Mrs. Patty Conlin, our head room parent, is looking for room parents for the 1-2 grade classroom. Parents are also needed to help with Christmas parties for grades K-8. If you have questions about room parent responsibilities, please contact Mrs. Conlin. Please watch [SignUpGenius](#) for items you may be able to donate to the class parties.

## PRC Ingathering

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As an alternative to class gifts, classes at Our Savior Lutheran School will be collecting donations for the Pregnancy Resource Center during the final days of school before Christmas break December 17-21. Unwrapped items should be dropped off in the classrooms. They will be taken to the Pregnancy Resource Center when the Center reopens after Christmas. Thank you for your generosity as we seek to provide gifts to families in need! Items that may be donated include:

Baby cereal, especially rice, Formula  
Diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream  
Baby bottles and feeding items such as bowls/spoons and sippy cups  
Infant and toddler clothing sizes infant to 4T  
Winter pajamas size infant to 4T  
Winter coats and snow suits size infant to 2T  
Baby blankets  
Pacifiers, bibs, and burp clothes  
Baby wash and lotion  
Infant and toddler toys  
Toddler books, Bible story books, Children's Bibles

## Library

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**Library Volunteers:** December 12 Mrs. Karen Koetje

## 5-8 Grade Ski Day

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We're already looking forward to this year's Ski Day which will be Monday, February 11. This year we will be going to Bittersweet Resort in Otsego, MI.

[http://skibittersweet.com/pages/ski\\_school.cfm](http://skibittersweet.com/pages/ski_school.cfm)

Bittersweet has a "Gym Day Program" that allows us to borrow equipment in advance for hand-on training at OSLS with students prior to our Ski Day. The advantages of this program are that it explains many of frequently asked questions before arriving at the ski area, and it makes the experience more enjoyable for our first-time skiers because they know what to expect.

The cost for students is \$20. This includes a lift ticket, ski equipment, and one lesson. The students will be required to rent a helmet which is an additional \$10. Bittersweet is not offering lessons or equipment for snowboarders this year. Students who are experienced snow boarders may bring their own equipment.

The cost for adults is \$20 for the lift ticket and \$20 for ski rental. Helmet rental is \$10. Adults, we ask that you set a good example for the students and wear a helmet.

Please mark your calendar for Monday, February 11 and watch for additional information to come home in the weeks ahead.

## Basketball

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Please see the online sports calendar for more information: <http://www.oursavior-gr.org/school/athletics/calendar/>

Please sign up to work at our home games at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45acad2ca4fe3-bboysbasketball1>

### **B Boys Basketball Schedule**

Tuesday: home games  
4:00pm Our Savior Lutheran vs. Holy Trinity  
5:00pm Holy Trinity vs Tri-Unity  
6:00pm Our Savior Lutheran vs. Tri-Unity

### **A Boys Basketball Schedule**

Monday: AWAY game at Barry County Christian at 5:00pm.  
Tuesday: No practice  
Thursday: practice 3:30-5:00pm