



EVERY FRIDAY NOTE

FEBRUARY 8, 2019

Our Savior Lutheran School
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Calendar

February 11 National Lutheran Schools Week (rescheduled)

February 11 5-8 grade Ski Day

February 12 Presentation by Mr. Ed Riojas

February 16 The Mustang Rivalry 2:00pm

February 18 ½ day of school

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

From the Principal

God's Peace be with you!

I pray that you have fared well through our most recent winter weather. The freezing rain has damaged quite a few trees at school. We'll be scheduling some cleanup of the school grounds once the storms have passed. There have been a few questions in the past two weeks regarding where to get school closing information for Our Savior School.

We post closing information on our School and Preschool Facebook pages. It is also communicated via tv and websites, I recommend using WOOD TV, channel 8, or their website woodtv.com to find out closing information. We also send out an email via FastDirect indicating closings. One of the most convenient ways to get this information is by text message, and this can also be done via FastDirect. This year, we have been using FastDirect blasts which send out closing information through text messages and email. If you haven't signed up for text messages already, please do so! Mrs. Mueller or I can help you with this process.

EFN Announcement

I have spoken with four parents in the last week who have been concerned about how the snow days of the last two weeks will affect our children and their education. The State of Michigan mandates a 180 day school year for all public schools. As a private school we comply with this standard and see great benefit for our students. The State of Michigan also allows 6 snow days each year. We have exceeded that amount with the snow days from last week. Our School Board is aware of this and will be discussing what steps should be taken to ensure that our children receive the highest quality education and are achieving our school outcomes (educational goals). Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. In Christ, Pastor Swem

Announcements

Valentine's Day Parties

Parents, please follow [the SignUpGenius link](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45acad2ca4fe3-valentine) to see how you can help with your student's Valentine's Day party:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45acad2ca4fe3-valentine>

Closings and FastDirect

Would you like to receive text alerts from FastDirect to let you know when school is closed? Login to www.fastdirect.com and click on the button that says "view/edit parent information". Please contact the office if you need help with your user name and password.

Open House

Our Open House has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 26 from 6:30-8:00pm. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

Learn By Heart

The Lord's Prayer 7th Petition

The Seventh Petition: But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

1 Peter 5:8-9 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

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.

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.

Spirit Week

Monday: School Spirit Day

Tuesday: Pajama Day

Wednesday: Crazy Hair or Hat Day

Thursday: Backwards Day (School Spirit Day for PS3)

Friday: House Color Day (Pajama Day for PS4)

Bugenhagen: Red

Chemnitz: Black

Luther: Blue

Melancthon: Green

Dollar Drive

During the month of January, matins offerings were designated for the work of the LCMS Disaster Response, specifically those affected by the California wildfires. During National Lutheran Schools Week, students can earn a point for their House for every dollar bill they donate.

Pop the Top and Read

On Tuesday, 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.

Presentation by Mr. Edward Riojas

On Tuesday, our students will enjoy a presentation by artist Mr. Edward Riojas as part of our NLSW celebrations. Mr. Riojas will speak with our K-4 students at 10:00am and our 5-8 students at 11:00am. Mr. Riojas will talk about the hymn "Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice".

The Mustang Rivalry—Please note the date change!

On Saturday, February 16, OSLS will host two basketball games in our home gym. The 3-4 graders play each other at 2pm. At 3pm the 7-8 graders play an adult team made up of their parents and OSLS faculty/staff. This fun event 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!

Would you like to work concessions during the 3-4 grade game? Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45acad2ca4fe3-themustang>

Library

3x3 library forms are due on Wednesday, February 27.

PTL

Skating Party

The PTL is hosting a skating party at The Kentwood Fun Spot on Tuesday, February 19 from 6:00-8:00pm. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Box Tops Contest

Remember to keep clipping Box Tops. The 2nd trimester contest ends on February 22.

Save the Date

Save the date for a 90s themed Family Dance on Saturday, April 13.

Basketball

Uniforms

Players should return clean uniforms as soon as possible.

West Michigan Lutheran High School

Lutheran High Open House: Wednesday, February 27

West MI Lutheran High School is holding an open house on Wednesday, February 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Come visit with the staff, tour the building and get your questions answered about what our school can offer your student. Academically, there is no other high school in the area that rates higher than West Michigan Lutheran.

Lutheran High Drama Production

On March 15 and 16, West Michigan Lutheran Drama will perform *Miss Buncle's Book* based on the novel by D.E. Stevenson. This delightfully cute and funny production will have audiences watching as Miss Barbara Buncle, played by Maggie Eastland, learns that life can truly imitate art. Be sure to save the date to ensure you get to experience this show come to life on March 15 at 7 pm and March 16 at 2 pm and 7 pm.

Daddy Daughter Dance and Mother Son Game Night

Save the dates for WMLHS annual Daddy/Daughter Dance March 2 from 6-7:30 pm and the Mother/Son Game Night March 8 from 6-7:30 pm.