



# EVERY FRIDAY NOTE

MARCH 14, 2019

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## Calendar

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March 15	No Preschool: Parent-Teacher Conferences No School: Parent-Teacher Conferences
March 18	Scrip orders due 3:30pm
March 20	Let's Go to Kindergarten 12:00pm Tuition and fee payments due
March 21	PTL Rummage Sale at Church
March 22	7-8 grade dress rehearsal 10:30am PTL Rummage Sale at Church Dessert Theater 6:00pm
March 23	PTL Rummage Sale at Church
March 25	The Digital Culture of Kids 6:30pm
March 27	Kindergarten Readiness Testing
March 28	3-4 grade field trip 10:00am
March 29	No Bussing Popcorn Friday

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 Principal

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Following out accreditation visit, one suggestion made by the visiting team was that Our Savior Lutheran School use a third party to make financial aid award suggestions. The School Board researched two companies that offer this option: TADS and FACTS. This winter, the Board elected to go with TADS. TADS offers far more than financial aid evaluations. The company also has online admissions, enrollment, and payments. It offers a grading component called Educate which seems more user friendly than FastDirect. Over the past two months, Mrs. Mueller and Pastor Swem have been working with TADS to convert our paper admissions and enrollment documents and digital FastDirect records to TADS. I look forward to our school families being able to re-enroll online for the 2019-2020 school year.

## Announcements

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### Let's Go to Kindergarten!

Children who will turn five before September 1 are invited, with their parents, to attend "Let's Go to Kindergarten!" at OSLS on Wednesday, March 20 from 12:00-1:15pm. Please contact the school office to RSVP for "Let's Go to Kindergarten!"

### Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees payments are due on Monday, March 20.

### The Digital Culture of Kids:

#### Protect Young Eyes Presentation

Please join us on Monday, March 25 at 6:30pm at Our Savior Lutheran School for a presentation by Protect Young Eyes. Please follow the [link](https://bit.ly/2twlLwI) to RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2twlLwI>

Technology is a great thing, if used responsibly. But, digital issues like social media, screen time, cyberbullying, anxiety, and depression concern many families. Although many kids use technology well, Chris McKenna and the Protect Young Eyes team want to make sure families are prepared. They will unpack nine practical, actionable strategies families can implement as soon as they get home. These strategies are presented through a strong, Biblical lens. Regardless of your technology aptitude, you will feel equipped and encouraged when you leave. Parents can visit their website at <https://protectyouneyes.com/blog>.

### No Kindergarten

There will not be kindergarten on Wednesday, March 27 for prospective kindergarten readiness testing.

### 3-4 Grade Field Trip

On Thursday, March 28, our 3-4 graders will travel to three homebound members' homes to sing hymns with them. Students will leave at 10:00am and return at 12:00pm.

### No Bussing

There is no bussing on Friday, March 29.

### Spring Break

Spring Break is April 1-5.

## Learn By Heart

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### Baptism Part 4

*What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## Drama

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### 7-8 Grade Dessert Theater: *The Wizard of Oz in the Wild West*

Dorothy and her friends will share with the Old West some of the immortal qualities they acquired in Oz; such lessons as courage, intelligence, and heart! Please join us for the performance of "The Wizard of Oz in the Wild West" on Friday, March 22.

See a 7-8 grade student to purchase tickets for the dessert theater or you may contact the office. This is a fundraiser for the students' class trip in May. The desserts will start at 6:00pm with the play following at 7:00pm. The ticket cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children (12 and under).

### 7-8 Grade Drama Schedule

Monday: 3:45-5:30pm Full Cast

Tuesday: 3:45-5:30pm Dress Rehearsal

Thursday: 3:45-5:30pm Full Cast

Friday: Students should be at school between 5:00-5:30pm

## Library

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### 3x3 Finishers

The following students have completed the 3x3 challenge for the second trimester. Well done, readers!

1-2 grade: Laird Byers, Esther Jeon, Deng Kuot, Eli Norcross, Cecilia Roberts, Peter Roberts, Cody Wigboldy

3-4 grade: Yacob Aklilu, Zoltán Byers, Mena Dagnew, Eleanor Gondick, Anna Homrich, Maria Homrich, Kuek Kuot, Ethan Nicol, Eva Nicol, Rebekah Poppen, Ashley Schafer, Rowan Smithgall, Levi Swem

5-6 grade: Avery Conlin, Elizabeth Reynolds, Abraham Roberts, Daniel Aklilu, Brenna Havemeier, Colin Hop, Isak Swem, Caelen Wigboldy,

7-8 grade: Adela Gondick, Jonathan Koetje, Nathan Mueller, Thomas Roberts, Maddie Wigboldy

### Library Helper

March 20 Mrs. Julie Wigboldy

March 27 Mrs. Pam Homrich

### Reading Programs

Parents, ask your students about the Whitecaps 2019 Reading Club and the Griffins Reading Goals. Forms for these two programs were given to students earlier this month. Both programs have great rewards for reading.

## Resource Connection

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Greetings from the Resource Program! You may be aware of the upcoming Parent Presentation at our school on March 25 entitled The Digital Culture of Kids, regarding how parents can help kids use technology well. While there is no denying that technology has great benefits in the educational setting for students with learning abilities and students with disabilities, as educators with Lutheran Special Education Ministries we often share with each other how technology can negatively affect learning as well. Let's take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the dangers of technology and how to help our students use it "awesomely".

## PTL

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### Scrip

Will you be working on any home improvement projects over spring break? The Home Depot, Lowe's, and Menards are all retailers with scrip. Why not order gift cards to pay for your home improvements and earn rebates toward tuition at the same time?!

Are you ordering scrip for the first time? Please go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to sign up. The next scrip order date is Monday, March 18. [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

### Rummage Sale

The OSLS PTL Rummage Sale is next week. We need volunteers for set-up, running the sale, and tear down: please see the [Sign-Up Genius](#) for volunteer opportunities. Donation drop-offs are welcome on Sunday, March 17, and they will be collected on the east wall of the church fellowship hall. The sale will run March 21-23. We welcome your donations of clean, gently used household items, tools, toys, games, working electronics, furniture, baby gear, sporting goods, decor, kitchen supplies, good-condition clothing, outerwear, accessories, etc. If you are donating clothing, please sort and label your donations by gender and size. Thank you in advance for your generous donations of time and treasures! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45acad2ca4fe3-oslrummage>

## Camp Concordia

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### Summer Camp Early Registration Discount

Summer overnight camp sessions at Camp Concordia, just 40 minutes northeast of Grand Rapids, are available for children heading into grades 1-12 in fall 2019, and *the early registration discount is available until April 1*. See [Summer Camps 2019](#)

## **West Michigan Lutheran High School**

### **Lutheran High Drama Production**

This weekend, 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 7:00pm and March 16 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. You'll enjoy seeing many OSLS alumni in the performances!