KNIGHTWATCH



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**FROM PRINCIPAL KIRSCH . . .**

**Harmony through Humility & Empathy**

A few years ago, when I served as an Athletic Director, I wrote an article for the school community where I was serving about the importance and value of the role player. Some of our students had developed the mindset that if they weren’t the best – or at least getting the recognition – that they were going to be upset or quit. We had to share the message that sometimes, in a wide variety of situations, we are all called to humble ourselves. Just as important, is also valuing those who aren’t necessarily thrust into the limelight, and instead carry themselves with humility.

This can be a difficult message for all of us. While we strive to be our best, we are also instructed to humble ourselves and avoid being prideful. We must help our young people understand that sometimes the best harmony is achieved when there is no dominant individual. When we truly humble ourselves, our eyes are opened. We begin to recognize the value of others rather than just focusing on our own accomplishments or needs. We begin to view the circumstances of others with compassion and empathy. We begin to understand that life is less about what we can achieve individually, but how we can use those gifts to faithfully serve our Lord and others around us.

*When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom. (Proverbs 11:2)*

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. (James 4:10)*

*That there may be no division in the body, but that members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. (1 Corinthians 12:25-26)*

While this concept is challenging, Scripture shows that God works to bring us into this mindset. At times he will need to humble us when we are too prideful. At other times he will lift us out of our brokenness for His glory. At times he will give us the opportunity to minister to those around us. At other times He will bring the right individual to provide the words we need to hear. This is what it means to be in harmony. This is what our God is continually working in each of our lives to draw us closer to Him.

**FROM DEAN OF CULTURE KALKOPF . . .**

Greetings,

Hopefully everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Years! Thursday, January 5th was the start of our 2nd semester. If you have any questions regarding school policies, please call me at 461-6000x205 or email me at [jkalkopf@milwaukeelutheran.org](mailto:jkalkopf@milwaukeelutheran.org). Here are some general reminders:

**SCHOOL HOURS**

-The school day begins at 8:00. Please aim to arrive by 7:50 so your child is on time to their first class.

-If your child is going to be absent, please call the attendance office at 414-461-6062.

-The school day ends at 3:20. With the weather being colder, please try to arrange a ride as close to 3:20 as possible.

**PHONES/EAR BUDS**

-Phones are not to be visible/on the student during class periods. They are allowed to check their phone during lunch and during passing periods.

-Ear buds are not allowed during school hours.

**DRESS CODE**

-The most common violations of 1st semester: hoods being up, holes in jeans that expose skin, musician t-shirts, and leggings.

-Student must be wearing their ID to school.

**FOOD**

-Lunches are free during the school day. Free breakfast is available from 7:00-7:40.

-Food deliveries are not allowed.

The verse of encouragement this week as we continue to celebrate Christmas comes from Luke 2:13-14: "Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests'." Have a great weekend!

God's Blessings,

Mr. Joe Kalkopf

MLHS Dean of Culture

**FROM STUDENT ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR VONDERHEIDE . . .**

**Student Council:** Our next Student Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday January 24th during RKI.

**Movie Night:** Come watch “Matilda” with us at Movie Night on Tuesday Jan 17 from 6-8:30pm in the gym. MLHS students only. $3 admission. Snacks and drinks available for purchase. No carry ins. All proceeds will go towards the cost of this year’s Prom.

**Pack the Gym Week:** Let’s celebrate our girls’ and boys’ basketball teams during Pack the Gym Week February 6-10! Fun will include themed dress days, a pep rally, and a performance by the Milwaukee Flyers! Pack the Gym shirts will be sold January 18-20 for $5.

**Save the Date:**

* Feb 21 – Bowling Night @ Bowlero (please note date change)
* March 13 – Staff vs Student Basketball Game
* April 18 – Skate Night @ Butler
* May 6 – Prom
* May 19 – Fellowship Day
* May 19 – Senior Farewell

**Yearbook Orders: Yearbooks can be ordered by going to www.jostens.com**



**Juniors and Seniors** – every Wednesday morning, Mr. Hantak will be in the cafeteria from 7:15-7:45 to meet with any students who want to get involved with Urban Education Academy. This does allow you to “double up” between your own Academy/Advisory group and Urban Ed Academy! If your career plans involve teaching, coaching, or simply working with kids in general, come on over for a chat.

Senior Retreat deposits are due December 16. See Mr. Kirsch or Miss Siebarth if you have questions.

**JUNIORS AND SENIORS** – Now is the time to start thinking about COLLEGE!!  The following colleges will be visiting our school in the near future. You MUST sign up with Mrs. Ebben in the Advising Office at least 2 days prior to the college visit.

* Tuesday, January 10th during advisory period- **UW-Parkside**
* Tuesday, January 17th during advisory period- **Edgewood College**
* Tuesday, January 24th during advisory period - **UW Platteville**

“Come and see Milwaukee Lutheran’s winter play, *The Bad Seed*, a murder mystery and psychological thriller! It’s a dessert theater, so for $15 dollars, you get prime seating, hot drinks, and tasty desserts. Regular prices are adults ($10), seniors ($8), and students ($6). The play is January 27th and 28th at 7 pm, and January 29th at 2; reservations can be made to Carissa Wilks at [cwilks@milwaukeelutheran.org](mailto:cwilks@milwaukeelutheran.org), so come out for a great show!”



**SOFTBALL**- Softball will continue to lift weights on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting January 10th through the month of February.  Open Gyms will also begin Thursday, January 12th from 4:30pm to 5:30pm in the field house. These open gyms will happen every Thursday now through the month of February.  Tryouts will be held in March. Please be sure to check TEAMS for any messages from Mrs. Tonn

**\*\*\*\*\*\*ATTENDANCE POLICY for the 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR\*\*\*\*\*\***

Please contact Ms. Adams in our attendance office at [**attendance@milwaukeelutheran.org**](mailto:attendance@milwaukeelutheran.org) or by calling the attendance line at 414-461-6062 to report any absences. Please **LEAVE A MESSAGE** on the attendance line with **YOUR NAME, YOUR CHILD’S NAME, and REASON FOR ABSENCE or TIME OF PICK UP.** To request an early pick up, we kindly ask for you to call at least **ONE HOUR** prior to picking up. Calls made less than one hour to pick up will result in a **DELAY** in releasing your child. We do understand that there may be extenuating circumstances that do not allow you to provide at least one-hour notice for early pick-up. If this is the case, **PLEASE BE PATIENT** with us as we are trying our best to accommodate you. **YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO LEAVE A MESSAGE AS THE ATTENDANCE PHONE LINE IS CONSTANTLY BUSY.** Please allow time for messages to be checked and for students to be dismissed.

On December 14th and 15th, the Physics Students of Milwaukee Lutheran under the direction of instructors Mr. Josh Mertz and Mr. Eric Pankow competed in the annual "Self Propelled Car" contest.  Making cars out of common materials, the students powered their cars by rubber bands, mouse traps, measuring tapes and gravity. The cars had to move on their own (internal energy sources) without pushing, blowing, ramps, or sling shots.  This year's winner was Junior Taniah Holmes, whose car broke the school record rolling 39.56 meters (almost 130 feet!). The school record was from 2021-22 and was formerly held by Steven Ross.

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**NEXT WEEK’S BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU**

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| **9**  **Spicy Chicken Sandwich**  Steamed Carrots & Cherry Tomatoes  Oranges & Chilled Pears  **Breakfast:** Pancakes/ Breakfast Corn | **10**  **Calzones**  Steamed Peas & Fresh Cauliflower Melon & Chilled Peaches  **Breakfast:** Scrambled Eggs /Sausage | **11**  **Stuffed Potatoes**  Steamed Peas & Fresh Cauliflower  Melon & Chilled Peaches  **Breakfast:** Breakfast Burrito / Churros | **12**  **Chicken Tenders**  Steamed Corn & Cucumber  Grapes & Chilled Pineapples  **Breakfast:** Pigs n Blanket / Hashbrowns | **13**  **Mac n Cheese**  Mixed Vegetables & Fresh Broccoli  Grapes & Chilled Pineapples  **Breakfast:** Biscuit n Gravy/ Scrambled Egg |