



KNIGHTWATCH

December 21, 2022

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,

Final Exams are Dec 19-21. This will signal the end of 1st Semester. Please take note of the schedule on those days. Exams begin at 8:00 sharp. If a student arrives late, they will not take their exam. On Monday and Tuesday, exams end at 11:20. On Wednesday, exams end at 10:10. Please arrange for rides to occur as close to those dismissal times as possible.

MLHS was recently given a number of BOGO movie tickets along with two free drinks at the theater. I gave out a number of those tickets to students who have done an outstanding job getting to their classes on time. There were approximately 100 students who finished the semester with less than 5 tardies to classes for the entire semester. Great Job!

Our November Students of the Month were announced last week. A few of the phrases that described these students were creative, kind, servant heart, improved over the semester, positive leader, and "I wish every student was like her" etc. The following students were the Students of the Month:

Ciana Duckworth (Spanish)
Olivia Bellinger-Newberry (PE)
Destiny Addison (Transition)
Boubakar Sow (Business)
Kathryn Brown (Social Studies)
Caleb Gepner, Natasha Nash-McCarty (Religion)
Lamars Dunson (Tech Ed)
Armon Anglin (English)
Evelyn Schlie, Carjereia Byrd, Cherish Howard-Barnes (Math)
Krisha Patel (Music)
Armani Chambers, Shatyra Porter (Art)
Kenya Montgomery, LaShay Hunt (Science)
A couple of reminders:

1-I would encourage you to tell your child to not bring ear buds to school. They are not allowed during school hours (8:00-3:20).

2-Hoods are not allowed to be worn up in the building.

3-Continue to make sure your son/daughter has their ID with them.

4-Please drive safely in the parking lot. Do not stop in the middle lane. If you are stopping, pull over to the right or to the left.

The verse of encouragement this week comes from Isaiah 9:6 -"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." 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: Join us on Tuesday, January 17th from 6-8:30pm in the MLHS Gym for our second movie night of the school year! This event is only open to current MLHS students. The cost is \$3 per person, and IDs must be shown at the door. Treats and drinks will be available for purchase. No carry ins allowed. The money raised for this event will go towards this year's Prom, so please come out and support!

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Save the Date:

- Feb 6-10 – Pack the Gym Week
- Feb 15 – Bowling Night @ Bowlero
- 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

Cafeteria Update - Our most recent cafeteria audit revealed that there is no reimbursement for water bottles – only milk. Therefore, bottles of water are no longer given out with a meal. Free milk is available with each lunch meal. Water bottles are still available for purchase in the cafeteria vending machines or water filling stations are accessible for students if they prefer to bring their own water bottle.

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

Need help studying for exams? NHS is hosting exam study sessions in the study center next week from 3:30-5.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 – math and science

Wednesday, Dec. 14 – English and social studies

Thursday, Dec. 15 – religion, Spanish, electives

DEAN OF ACADEMICS STEINKE...

Thank you, students and parents, for your efforts in making this a great semester. I pray that you and your family have a Blessed Christmas!

Final Grades for 1st semester will be finalized and available in early January. Parents and students will be notified when final grades are ready to view.

Students should view 2nd semester schedules prior to our return to school in January. Paper copies of 2nd semester schedules will be available in the gym upon arriving to school on Thursday, January 5.

"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@milwaukeeelutheran.org, so come out for a great show!"

Christmas Decorations Needed

The Music Boosters parent organization is looking to update the Christmas decorations that are used for the Annual Craft Fair & Bake Sale. We would love donations of shatterproof ornaments, Christmas lights, and other holiday decorations! If you find any good sales after Christmas or have used ones in good condition, please bring them to the school office and mark them "Craft Fair." We are also taking donations of nice artificial Christmas trees in new or good condition!

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.





NEXT WEEK'S BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

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Christmas Break	Christmas Break	Christmas Break	Hot Dog Steamed Corn & Cucumber Grapes & Chilled Pineapples Breakfast: Pigs n Blanket / Hashbrowns	Hot Turkey Sandwich Mixed Vegetables & Fresh Broccoli Grapes & Chilled Pineapples Breakfast: Biscuit n Gravy/ Scrambled Egg

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

Please contact Ms. Adams in our attendance office at attendance@milwaukeeelutheran.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.

THERE IS NO EARLY RELEASE OR ENTRY INTO THE BUILDING BETWEEN 3:00-3:20PM