



# KnightWatch

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM PRINCIPAL

### Are We Winning?

On the last day at my previous administrative role as head of a Christian high school in California, the staff with whom I worked had t-shirts made which had emblazoned "Are we winning or losing?" The reason for such a t-shirt being made? I would frequently ask my colleagues this very question at the end of each day.

Fast forward to the here and now. Though perhaps not as frequently, this is still a question I will often ask those with whom I work. Did you win (or did we win) or lose (or did we lose) today? My reason for asking this question is simple. A school year can feel long. The emotions of one day can blend easily into the next. The successes – and failures – of one 24-hour period too often roll in and then recede like the ocean tide. Looking at the results of each day, in isolation, can paint a much clearer picture of an individual's ministry or a school year's trajectory.

Our active shooter incident at the September 22 football game obviously placed a cloud over these first weeks of school. Sadly, it may be what is most remembered from the beginning of school year 2023-24. Allowing it to be the lens, though, through which we view the full start of our school year would be wrong. The start of the school year has actually been incredibly positive. If looking only at on-campus and regular school-hour events, I would judge our "win rate" to be quite incredible.

What is a win rate based upon? There is, of course, a level of subjectivity involved in determining this. But that subjectivity is based upon objective data. Here is some compelling information to view based upon actual observations of the majority of classrooms on Thursday, Oct. 12:

- 3/608 students had their phones out and were using them outside of the class lesson. **This means that 99.5% of our students were complying with our cell phone expectations.**
- 6/608 students had their heads down and appeared to be asleep. **This means that 99.0% of our students were meeting our expectation of keeping their heads up during class.**
- 10/608 students appeared disengaged. THIS INCLUDES THE 6 WHO WERE ASLEEP. **This means that 98.4% of our students were actively engaged in learning.**
- 17/608 students were out of dress code. In each case, this revolved around their outerwear (jackets, sweatshirts, hoodies, etc). **This means that 97.2% of our students were fully in dress code.** This

is great, but there is no reason it's not at 100%.

- We had 98 students late to school/first period. **This means that 86.8% percent of our students were on time to school.** The next time someone says, "Everyone is late to school," don't believe it!
- 59 students were absent. **That means that 93% of our students were in attendance.**

These data points were collected with the hope of being able to tell a story...one which demonstrates that the daily activity within our school walls – when we are able to directly influence the actions of our student body– is truly remarkable. Our hallways are quiet, classrooms focused, rules steadfastly followed, and God's name lifted high on a very consistent basis. MLHS' building climate is distinctive and intentionally Christian. It's built on 120 years of history. And that fact is worth celebrating. Are we winning? Absolutely. I am grateful for the partnership of so many different individuals in making this a reality. To God be the glory!

In Christ,  
John Buetow

## POINTS OF EMPHASIS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Many, if not all, of these points of emphasis were shared in this year's first edition of KnightWatch. Please read carefully, though, as expectations continue to be honed.

**Demonstration of Buying into the Learning Process:** A baseline minimum behavior regarding academic buy-in requires that students keep their heads off their desks (no sleeping/resting) and an appearance of being engaged demonstrated in class. Additional expectations include the taking of notes and participation in class discussions as teachers direct.

**Timeliness to School and Classes:** Tardy policies are clearly communicated in the student handbook. The majority of students did an excellent job with meeting these baseline expectations during the first six weeks of this school year. Each six-week period sees the tardy counts reset to zero. However, students who continue to demonstrate habitual tardiness from six-week period to six-week period will be held to a different level of accountability. In other words, students should be showing an improvement throughout the year in their making it on time to school and class. Students who do not demonstrate such improvement and instead continue to accumulate large numbers of tardies – even if below policy maximums – will be subject to school disciplinary action.

**Dress Code:** Dress Code compliance is going extremely well. One area which could use tightening, though, revolves around outerwear. Please note that upon entering the building, students are only to wear approved outerwear. There is one style MLHS sweatshirt and one style MLHS quarter-zip which are allowed.

**Fighting:** Fighting is obviously not allowed. This extends to "squaring-up" against another student. The physical act of threatening to fight is treated no differently than fighting itself. Expulsion is the likely consequence of such behavior.

**Marijuana Usage/Possession and Vaping:** All illegal drugs are prohibited at school. It is notable, though, that there have been a handful of vaping and marijuana usage/possession in our school restrooms. Such usage/possession will regularly end in expulsion. Please also note we have no reservations about searching students' possessions/lockers/cars for such drugs and/or drug paraphernalia.

**Chapel:** Our gymnasium turns into holy ground during our chapel times. While outstanding behavior is always expected of our students, this expectation rises to yet another level when we are worshipping our Lord and Savior.

**Phones:** Student phones are not to be seen and/or used during school hours. Phones will be confiscated from students should this rule not be followed. Phone usage leads to detention, potential suspension, and ultimately – if the behavior is demonstrated in an ongoing manner – expulsion.

**Propping Outside Doors Open/Opening Doors For Others:** Outside doors are not to be propped open. Outside doors are not to be opened for others. This extends to both during regular school hours and

before/after such regular hours. All visitors must enter through the main entrance (at the end of the canopy). Students who prop outside doors open/open doors for visitors will be suspended/expelled. We are simply this serious about our school safety.

## MONTHLY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2023						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Chapel Schedule	Regular Schedule	Red Knight Institute/Seminar Schedule	Chapel Schedule  Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:30 pm	No School  Parent-Teacher Conferences 7:30-9:30 am	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Remote Learning Day	Chapel Schedule	Red Knight Institute/Seminar Schedule	Chapel Schedule	Family Groups Schedule	Homecoming Dance
29	30	31				
	Chapel Schedule	Regular Schedule				

### Breakfast/ Lunch Menu—October 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>16</b> <b>Salads and Subs</b> Chips and Fruit Salad  <b>Breakfast:</b> Biscuits and Gravy	<b>17</b> <b>Spaghetti w/ Marinara</b> Garlic Bread and Oranges  <b>Breakfast:</b> Waffle w/ Bacon	<b>18</b> <b>Sweet and Sour Chicken</b> Fried Rice Egg Rolls (Veg) Fortune Cookie  <b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast Sandwich/ Hash browns	<b>19</b> <b>Sliced Pizza</b> Capri Veggies Ice Cream Cups  <b>Breakfast:</b> Pancake w/ Sausage	<b>20</b>  <b>No School</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Stuffed Potatoes</b> <b>Broccoli, Chicken w/ Cheese, Peaches</b>  <b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast Burrito w/ Churros	<b>24</b> <b>Lasagna Breadsticks</b> Cantaloupe  <b>Breakfast:</b> Scramble Eggs w/ Sausage	<b>25</b> <b>BBQ Chicken</b> Baked Beans and Potato Salad Fresh Fruit  <b>Breakfast:</b> Pancake Wrap	<b>26</b> <b>Sloppy Joes</b> Tator Tots Apples and Baby Carrots  <b>Breakfast:</b> Biscuits w/ Gravy	<b>27</b> <b>Chefs Choice</b> Assorted Vegetables and Fresh Fruit  <b>Breakfast:</b> Waffle w/ Bacon
<b>30</b> <b>Meatball Subs</b> Chips and Fresh Fruit  <b>Breakfast:</b> Crustables	<b>31</b> <b>French Bread Pizza</b> Italian Veggies Melon  <b>Breakfast:</b> Cheese Omelet w/ Hash Browns			

## ACADEMIC UPDATE

Our first six-week Progress Point was October 6. Progress Reports were emailed; please contact Registrar **Emily Marsho** if you need to update the email address we have on file.

Students and parents are encouraged to regularly



check grades on Skyward. Please reach out to individual teachers with questions pertaining to specific classes; please contact Class Deans with general questions or concerns.

Freshman Class Dean: [Mr. Atkinson](#)

Sophomore Class Dean: [Mr. Gutter](#)

Junior Class Dean: [Mr. Janousky](#)

Senior Class Dean: [Mrs. Wimmer](#)

Transitional Education Advisor: [Mrs. Koebert](#)

**October 19, 5pm-7:30pm**

**October 20, 7:30am-9:30am**

Parent-Teacher Conferences are held in the Fall and Spring of each school year. Parents may visit all or selected teachers during the specified time periods; no appointment is necessary. When entering the Field House Lobby, parents will be given their student's schedule with teachers listed. Teachers are seated alphabetically in the Field House. Please limit discussions to five minutes; appointments can be made with teachers if longer conversations are necessary.

## DEANS' CORNER

### Attendance Reminder

A new six-week period was started on Monday, October 9. Therefore, the tardy count for both 1st hour tardies and 2nd-8th hour tardies has reset. Please note the following attendance policy:

- At 10 tardies to 1st hour within the six-week period, students lose credit and are removed from their academic class and placed in a study hall.
- For periods 2-8, students receive a phone call home after 10 tardies. Students with 15 tardies will receive a suspension, and at 20 tardies the student is dismissed. Our goal is for all students to be in class on time.

### College and Career Fairs

On October 18 2023, Mr. Gutter will be heading to Mount Mary University for a college fair.

On that same October 18, 2023 date, Mr. Janousky will be taking students to the Manufacturing Trade and Career Expo (MTCE). The mission of the MTCE is to assist in the development of a future workforce by raising student awareness of the companies and opportunities in the local manufacturing and trades industries and the corresponding educational pathways.

Local manufacturers and trade representatives are in attendance providing interactive and engaging displays. High schools from the surrounding area counties are invited to bring their students to this FREE educational career expo as a field trip.

If you are interested in attending a college or career fair, reach out to [Mr. Gutter](#) or [Mr. Janousky](#).

## ADMISSIONS UPDATE

### Class of 2028

Online applications are NOW OPEN for the class of 2028!

If you know any current 8th graders who would like to attend next year, encourage them to visit our [website](#) to apply and sign up for our required



## Open House

Thursday October 12 - 6:00-7:30 pm

Thursday, November 2 - 6:00-7:30 pm

[Pre-Register for Open House](#)

placement test.



## Questions about Choice?

The Board of Directors meetings for Choice for Milwaukee Lutheran High School are coming up. Members of the governing body of our school will be present, and parents can meet and communicate with the members regarding Choice. Join us at Milwaukee Lutheran High School on the following dates:

Thursday, October 26 - 5:00 pm

Thursday, April 4 - 5:00 pm

## ATHLETIC UPDATE

[Athletics Website](#)

[Purchase Game Day Tickets](#)

### Winter Athletics

Winter sports registration is now open! All winter athletes should be registered online, have turned in a current physical, and have paid the \$60 sports fee **before** the first day of practice/try-outs. The directions below walk you through the registration process. There is also a physical form and "which form do I need" attached. Please note: if your athlete is on the alternate year of a physical, the alternate year card is built into the registration (there is not an actual card).



Athletes who participated in a sport last year need to login to their existing family account, select the student they wish to register, and fill out any missing details. You should not create a "new student" if the registrant participated in a 2022-23 sport. The only stipulation to that is if child "1" participated in 2022-23 sport and now child "2" wants to participate in a winter sport, the family should still login to their existing account, then create a new student within their family account. Athletes that did not participate in a sport last year and new students (including freshmen) should create a new family account.

Please use the steps below:

1. Go to [redknightathletics.org](https://redknightathletics.org)  
Select "Activity Registration"

2. Set up a Parent Account



Once the account is set up, please go to your email that you entered in the set-up and follow the directions to confirm your account. This must be done before you can proceed.

3. Now you will be at the point where you will fill out the registration.  
Please note: you will need to enter your students full name and date of birth.  
Ex: If your student's name Johnathon Smith-Walker you must enter exactly that.  
Not: Johnny Smith or Johnathon Walker
4. In step 4 you will be prompted to upload your physical form completed and signed by your doctor and parent. You may skip this step if you plan to bring your physical to the office.
5. Complete all seven steps in the registration. At the end of the registration is where you will pay the sports fee by credit card. Please note: that until the sports fee is paid, your registration is not complete. If your athlete does not make a team, your sports fee will be refunded.
6. Once you have submitted your registration, you will be sent a confirmation email notifying you of your registration completion. Your registration will say "pending" until it is cleared by the Athletic office.

## Questions?

Contact [Laurie Radewahn](#) or [Todd Albers](#).

### Winter Sport Start Dates

**Parent/Student Athletic Meeting:** November 1, 6:00pm

**Basketball (Girls):** November 6

**Basketball (Boys):** November 13

**Swim (Boys):** November 13

**Wrestling:** November 13



***Join us for Registration Night for the 2024 Season for  
your State Champion Red Knight Trapshooting Team***

**When :** Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> and/or Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30 pm (you only need to attend one session)

**Where :** Waukesha Gun Club (N22W23170 Watertown Rd, Waukesha 53188)

At this session, we go over the requirements to be on the team, talk about any changes for our upcoming season, and fill out required registration paperwork for sign-up. A \$300 deposit (which will be applied to the 2024 team fee) will be required at sign-up.

**Some fast facts about the team**

- Is a co-op team with athletes from our 3 high schools (MLHS, LCL, and ML) along with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from our feeder schools. Selected 6<sup>th</sup> grade athletes may be considered after discussion with Coach Patterson.
- High school athletes may earn a Varsity letter
- A team fee to participate is required
- Athletes must provide their own 12 gauge shotgun, shooting/safety glasses and hearing protection

Any questions prior to the registration sessions, please contact  
Head Coach Brad Patterson at [bspatterson@yahoo.com](mailto:bspatterson@yahoo.com) or at 414-254-0521

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### Save the Date!

MLHS Music Boosters presents the **43rd Annual Artisan Craft Fair and Bake Sale** on November 11 from 9:00am-3:00pm in the Field House. All proceeds support the Milwaukee Lutheran Choral and Band programs. Find one-of-a-kind gifts, jewelry, artwork, hand-sewn and knit crafts, home décor, woodwork, stained glass, sweet treats, photography, soaps, candles, and many more artisan items! Many NEW vendors will be participating this year! Shop at

## ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE

- One-of-a-kind Gifts • Jewelry • Stained Glass
- Home Décor • Hand-sewn & Knit Crafts
- Artwork • Woodwork • Soaps
- Candles • Photography
- and more!



RAFFLE!

Start your  
Christmas Shopping!

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 11**

**9am to 3pm**

Milwaukee Lutheran  
High School Gymnasium  
9700 W. Grantosa, Milwaukee  
**Only \$3 Admission**

the Bake Sale and participate in the raffle.

Admission is \$3.00. See you there!

# YEARBOOK

## Yearbook Ads!

Do you want to give a shout-out to your 12th grader in the yearbook to provide a personal, lifetime memory? Do you want to advertise for your company/business? You can purchase a full, half, quarter, or even an eighth page full-color ad. Contact [Mrs. Tennies](#) for more information. **Yearbook ad deadline is February 24, 2024.**

## Attention Class of 2024!

### Senior Picture Information

Seniors/ Senior parents, the ONE image you choose to be included in the yearbook must meet the dress code rules and requirements listed below. Please email the JPEG to [Mrs. Tennies](#) by **Friday, November 24.**

**\*\*NO PHYSICAL COPY PICTURES WILL BE ALLOWED - ONLY SEND DIGITAL FILES\*\***

Again this year, Mrs. Tennies will be offering her photography services for the seniors. For the low cost of \$55, she will gladly take your child's senior picture so they don't have their student ID as their senior picture. Please contact her if you are interested in senior pictures taken before the deadline of **NOVEMBER 24.**

### Photo Preferences:

- Head and Shoulders Shot
- Your Photo MUST BE a Vertical Image
- No Black and White Photos
- Traditional/Plain Background
- JPEG Format (at least 300 dpi)
- No Snapchat or Screenshot Phone Photos will be Allowed

### Dress Code Rules:

- No Midriff
- No Cleavage
- Modest Short/Skirt Length
- No Hats
- No Clothing with Offensive Message
- Minimal Ripped Clothing
- Minimal Display of Tattoos



# Student Yearbooks - 2024

## ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

The price for student yearbooks this year is \$60 until October 27. After October 27, the price will go up to \$68. You must order your yearbook online and follow the below instructions:

1. Go to this website: [www.jostenyearbooks.com](http://www.jostenyearbooks.com)
2. Click on "Choose Your School".
3. Choose/type in Milwaukee Lutheran as your school.
4. Once you have Milwaukee Lutheran chosen, go to the tab labeled, "**2024 Yearbooks.**"
5. There are several options listed. Please choose the "**Yearbook- \$60**" option. There is also another option to add the "**Signature Package**". This is an extra cost but it includes: *personalization, color autograph section, and colored markers for signing.*
6. Add either option to your cart and follow the prompts to complete your order and proceed to checkout. **You can add personalization & ICONS as well.**
7. You can choose to spread out your payments for the yearbook. You will be able to make 3 equal payments over 3 months to help make the book more affordable if you choose to do so.

**If you have any questions, please let me know!!!**

**Miss Siebarth**

[msiebarth@milwaukeeelutheran.org](mailto:msiebarth@milwaukeeelutheran.org)

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

### New Members!

Congratulations to the newest members of the Milwaukee Lutheran Chapter of the National Honor Society! The following members were inducted at the NHS banquet on October 10:

#### Class of 2024

Za'niya Avant

E'mera Harris

Oyedenmola Ogunsina

#### Class of 2025

Temiloluwa Adekanbi

Aniya Bonner

Alesiah Davis

Aniyah Gibbs

Aireion Grant

Cherish Howard-Barnes

LaShay Hunt

Jayla Johnson

Anailha Myrick

Ameriah Namavong  
Brianna Patton  
Chelsea Thompson  
Ke'mya Trotter

Five juniors were also chosen to be representatives on the Executive Board. Joining seniors Nia Rittmon, Alana Yang, Kathryn Brown, Ayo Adeniyi, Alivia Allen, and Jeremy Hood, please congratulate Temi Adekanbi, Aniya Bonner, Alesiah Davis, Aireion Grant, and LaShay Hunt.

## SMS Text Opt-In



## Parents and Guardians

### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

We recommend saving this short code and Caller ID to the contacts on your phone. This will help prevent any 3rd party call blocking systems from interfering with your receipt of important messages sent by the school or district.


SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



Opt-In from  
your mobile  
now!



Just send "Y"  
or "Yes" to  
67587.

 Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes: SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers.

*If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.*

\*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [schoolmessenger.com/tm](http://schoolmessenger.com/tm) for more info.

- It's official!!! Our rescheduled Homecoming Dance will be held on October 28, 2023. Details will be provided to students as this event approaches.
- "You Got Caught!" Last month, we started recognizing students for the amazing things they do each day in our school. Teachers and staff nominate students who go above and beyond, and each day a student is chosen to be recognized on the announcements. Our "You Got Caught" winners have their picture taken (which is then displayed outside the Main Office), and receive a Starbucks gift card.
- Quick procedural reminders:
  - No one is allowed to be admitted into the building from 3:00pm - 3:30pm.
  - Once school is dismissed at 3:20pm, students may either go to the gymnasium, immediately leave the school premises by foot, or head directly to transportation waiting for them to exit the school grounds. Students MAY NOT wait outside for their transportation to arrive.
  - At 3:40pm, students who were waiting in the gym will be moved to the gym lobby area. Once again, the same choices remain. Students must either stay in the designated location, exit campus by foot, or head directly to transportation waiting for them. At 4:00pm, remaining students will be required to go to the cafeteria and sign-in as to their attendance. An \$8 fee will be charged for supervision. Library behavior will be expected. Students not meeting this expectation will be required to leave campus immediately.
  - At 4:40pm, all remaining students will be required to immediately leave campus.
  - On days which are run with a shortened schedule, this same routine with equivalent time periods will be followed (for instance, students will have to move from the gym to the gym lobby after 20 minutes).
- The Christian learning climate in our building has been exceptional! Parents... encourage your students to keep up the great work!

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