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A MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM PRINCIPAL Mr. John Buetow

We Teach Truth

We Teach Truth. These three words serve as a mission statement and tagline for our Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee.

As the calendar flips from November, all eyes turn to December 25 – Christmas Day. It is on that date that we will specifically celebrate when Truth came as a baby into this world. These are the truths we consequently teach:

Truth – *Jesus' birth marks the point in time where God became flesh.*

Truth – *Even with human flesh and surrounded by the sin of the world, Jesus lived a perfect life.*

Truth – *Jesus died for the sins of all.*

Truth – *Jesus rose again and ascended into heaven.*

Truth – *On judgement day, Jesus will return and intercede for all Christian believers – it is through this intercession that all who believe in the above truths will enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

At MLHS, we take our educational product incredibly seriously. We work relentlessly to provide a school climate where students have every opportunity to achieve their earthly dreams which we partner to help set.

But make no mistake. We Teach Truth. As relentless as we are with our educational product, our determination to Teach the Truths listed above is even far more intense.

May you know that truth and, as stated in the Bible in John 8:32, may "the truth set you free." Merry Christmas to you from the faculty and staff of MLHS!

AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP

With the cold weather (and snow) setting in, please remember that students have one of two choices after 4:00 pm on regular school days in terms of dismissal from school. At 4:00 pm students must either leave

campus or report to the cafeteria. If choosing to go to the cafeteria, students will need to pay \$8 (on a daily basis) for supervision. Such supervision ends at 4:40 pm, at which point students must also leave campus.

We ask that MLHS' willingness to allow students to remain on campus for the 40 minutes from the end of school (3:20 pm – 4:00 pm) not be taken advantage of. Students who can leave campus immediately at 3:20 pm should do so. Likewise, students who are driven home, drive home, walk home, or Uber home should also make every effort to leave campus as closely to 3:20 pm as possible.

PARENT SURVEY

ParentPulse Surveys

At Milwaukee Lutheran High School, we are committed to continuously enhancing the educational experience for your student and your family by gaining insights from various perspectives. In our ongoing effort to prioritize the valuable input of parents, we have partnered with ParentPulse, a company that specializes in collecting feedback for Christian schools.

Each parent within our school community will receive an invitation 2-3 times a year to participate in a brief survey. These survey invitations will be distributed at different times via email or text. Expect an email or text from ParentPulse, clearly labeled as originating from Milwaukee Lutheran High School, within the next few months.

We kindly request that you take five minutes to complete these surveys. Unlike many schools that administer lengthier surveys once a year, we have opted for shorter, more frequent surveys to continually gauge your evolving thoughts and sentiments, enabling us to adapt and improve accordingly.

Rest assured that the information you provide is exclusively collected for our internal analysis, and your personal contact details will neither be utilized nor shared by ParentPulse. Moreover, the survey will offer an option to submit responses anonymously.

Thank you for being part of our Milwaukee Lutheran High School community. We value your partnership.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2023

					1	2
					Family Groups Schedule	Choir Concert 5:30
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Chapel Schedule	Regular Schedule	Red Knight Institute/Seminar Schedule	Chapel Schedule	Bible Study Schedule	Band Concert 7:00
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Chapel Schedule	Regular Schedule	Red Knight Institute/Seminar Schedule	Chapel Schedule Student Council Movie Night 6:30	Family Groups Schedule	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Chapel Schedule	Regular Schedule	Final Exams	Final Exams	Final Exams	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	No School – Christmas Break	No School – Christmas Break	No School – Christmas Break	No School – Christmas Break	No School – Christmas Break	
31						

CAFETERIA MENU

Breakfast/ Lunch Menu—December 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Smothered Chicken Rice Pilaf, Baby Carrots, and Fruit Salad Breakfast: Cheese Omelet w/ Hash Browns
4 Spicy Chicken Sandwich Cheetos, Pickle Spears, and Assorted Fruit Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs w/ Sausage	5 Beef Tips w/ Pasta Broccoli and Fresh Fruit Breakfast: Pancake Wrap	6 Hamburger/ Cheeseburger Sliced Tomatoes and Sliced Pears Breakfast: Biscuits w/ Gravy	7 Sliced Turkey Stuffing, Sweet Potatoes, and Pumpkin Fluff Breakfast: Waffles w/ Bacon	8 Pizza Puffs Fresh fruit and Veggies Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich / Hash Browns
11 Baked Chicken Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, and Fresh Fruit Breakfast: Cheese Omelet w/ Hash Browns	12 Fish Sandwich French Fries, Coleslaw, and Mixed Fruit Breakfast: French Toast Sticks w/ Fruit	13 Meatloaf w/Mashed Potatoes Green Beans and Applesauce Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito w/ Churros	14 Chicken N' Dumplings Fresh Fruit and Veggies Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs w/ Sausage	15 Enchiladas Spanish Rice, Pico De Gallo, and Churros Breakfast: Pancake Wrap
18 Sweet and Sour Chicken Fried Rice, Vegetable Egg Rolls, and Fortune Cookie Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich w/ Hash Browns	19 Sliced Pizza Capri Veggies and Ice Cream Cups Breakfast: Pancakes w/ Sausage	20 EXAMS No Lunch	21 EXAMS No Lunch	22 EXAMS No Lunch
25 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	26 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	27 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	28 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	29 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL

ACADEMIC UPDATE

First Semester Exams

A few reminders about exam week:

- Students are expected to be in dress code.
- No breakfast or lunch will be served on exam days.
- All classes will conduct final exams, projects, or activities. Student attendance is required for all classes. There are two exceptions: 1. If a student has a Study Hall scheduled for the first or last exam of the day, attendance is not required. 2. If a student has a scheduled Early Release, attendance is not required for those periods. Students who elect to not attend due to one of these reasons must be off campus, and therefore will not be under MLHS supervision. As a reminder, students who are on campus must attend scheduled classes/study halls.
- Students must take care of any financial obligations prior to taking their first final each day. Students should check the lists posted outside the main office to see if they owe any money.

Wednesday December 20

1st Hour: 8:00 am – 9:00 am

2nd Hour: 9:10 am – 10:10 am

3rd Hour: 10:20 am – 11:20 am

**Campus closes at noon*

Thursday December 21

4th Hour: 8:00 am – 9:00 am

5th Hour: 9:10 am – 10:10 am

6th Hour: 10:20 am – 11:20 am

**Campus closes at noon*

Friday December 22

7th Hour: 8:00 am – 9:00 am

8th Hour: 9:10 am – 10:10 am

**Campus closes at 10:50am*

Contact Class Deans with questions

Freshmen: **Mr. Atkinson**

Sophomores: **Mr. Gutter**

Juniors: **Mr. Janousky**

Seniors: **Mrs. Wimmer**

Transition Education: **Mrs. Koebert**

DEANS' CORNER

From Mr. Atkinson:

Freshman experience so many 'firsts': first day of high school, first high school dance, and first time moving to different classrooms throughout the day in a large school building. This month there will be another first: first high school final exams! While these exams can cause anxiety for many students, we encourage them to be as prepared as possible entering finals week in December. Completing any missing work, having great attendance, and studying final review guides are key to a successful round of finals.

This won't be students' last 'first' of freshman year, but it will provide a an opportunity to learn and grow. We are proud of the hard work students have been putting into this semester so far!



College Acceptances

37 seniors have been accepted into at least one college so far, with a total of 105 school acceptances. Seniors are working hard on their applications every day and are excited their goals and dreams about their future are becoming realities.

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 placement test.



We want you to become a
RED KNIGHT

Free to apply!



[www.milwaukeekeelutheran.org/
get-started](http://www.milwaukeekeelutheran.org/get-started)

Choice Application
MPCP - Feb. 1-20, 2024
WPCP - April 1-20, 2024



<https://dpi.wi.gov/choice>

 **MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL**

Calling All Future Red Knights!

Boys Basketball Youth Night is on Thursday, December 7th. Join us that evening by showing the image below on your phone and gain free admission to the game for you and your family. If any 5-8th grade boy is interested in meeting with the Boys Basketball Coaches prior to the game, plan to gather by the concession stand at 6:20pm. Game time is 7:00pm. Can't wait to see you there!



YOU ARE INVITED

BOYS BASKETBALL YOUTH NIGHT

THURSDAY, DEC. 7

**7:00 PM @ Milwaukee Lutheran
High School**

5th-8th Grade - Free Admission!

Bring this completed form to the Red Knights basketball game on Friday, December 7th for free admission for you and your family!

To meet coaches, please meet by the concession stand at 6:20pm.



Student Name: _____

Current Grade School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent Email & Phone: _____

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Questions about Choice?

The Board of Directors' meeting for Choice for Milwaukee Lutheran High School is upcoming. 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 Thursday, April 4th at 5:00 pm.

Thursday, April 4 - 5:00 pm

ATHLETIC UPDATE

Athletics Website

Purchase Game Day Tickets

Winter Athletics

With winter sports in full swing, we wanted to share the ticketing procedure. If you have any questions, please contact [Todd Albers](#)

Milwaukee Lutheran Home Game Protocols and Procedures

All tickets must be purchased ahead of time at <http://spicket.events/mlhs-redknights> or on the Ticket Spicket app (Orange app with a Capital T and a Football, Basketball, and Volleyball coming off the letter T). **No cash will be accepted at the gate.**

1. Click on the event you would like to attend.
2. Select Buy Tickets and select the total number of tickets purchased.
3. Click on Checkout (please note that if this is the first time using Ticket Spicket, you will need to register for a new account).
4. Confirm the total is correct. The system will ask you to select Checkout again.
5. After you pay for your tickets, look into the option on the top of your screen labeled MY TICKETS. Otherwise you can click the blue button that is labeled VIEW MY TICKETS AND PASSES.
6. Click on the ticket you purchased.
7. Click on VIEW TICKETS then the ticket itself. When the gate is open, you will be able to click on a green button that is labeled CHECK-IN OR REDEEM TICKET.



Ticket sales will open four days prior to each event and close at 2:00pm the day of the game. Any individual(s) not purchasing tickets by 2:00pm will not be allowed into the game.

Tickets can be printed at home to be scanned at the event or shown in the Ticket Spicket app on cellular devices to be scanned. NO SCREENSHOTS ACCEPTED.

Gates/entrance open 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of the lower-level event. Gates/entrance will lock 30 minutes after the start of the Varsity contest. Anyone not in the game by this time will not be allowed in.

Refunds will only be issued for ticket purchases if the event is canceled.

No re-entry to the event. Once you leave you will not be allowed to go back in.

All middle/elementary school students must be with an adult.

Woodland Conference officials passes are still allowed at the gate for Woodland Conference games only, No digital ticket required.

Red Knight students will need to have a wristband, student ID card, and digital ticket to enter each contest.

Questions?

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

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mark Your Calendars!

Are you looking for a great way to kick off your Christmas Season and get into the holiday spirit? Consider attending and supporting our Music Department's Christmas Concerts!



On Saturday, December 2nd, the choir program will perform at their annual Christmas Concert at 5:30pm in the gym (not the fieldhouse). Admission is free, but donations to the music department are appreciated!



On Saturday, December 9th, the band program will present their annual Christmas Concert at 7:00pm in the gym (not the fieldhouse). Admission is free, but donations to the music department are appreciated!



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Upcoming Events

Food Drive

Student Council is currently hosting its annual food drive! Now until December 8th, they will be collecting donations to refill local food pantries. As a school, if we collect 800 non-perishable food items, we will earn a dress down day. In addition, 1,000 items = 2 dress down days and 1,500 items = a full week of dress down! Donations can be dropped off outside the study center each day.

Pack the Pantry Basketball Game

On Thursday, December 7th, Student Council will be running a special event to collect more non-perishable food items to be included in our local food drive. For every non-perishable food item that you bring to the boys' basketball games between 5:30 - 8:00pm, you will receive a raffle ticket. You can also bring cash donations. \$1 = 1 raffle ticket. Your ticket(s) will be put into a drawing for various raffle baskets. Winners will be drawn at halftime of the Varsity game, and you must be present to win.

Christmas Movie Night

Join us on Thursday, December 14th from 6:30-8:30pm in the MLHS Gym for a Christmas movie night! 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!

Red Knight Before Christmas

Come to school in your Christmas-themed outfits on Friday, December 15th as we celebrate the Red Knight Before Christmas! Ugly sweaters, Santa hats, red and green clothes, and Christmas pajamas are welcome! Students not in the Christmas theme must be in dress code.

Save the Date

This year's Prom will take place on Saturday, April 27th, 2024! More details will be available soon.

SOFTBALL

Softball Pre-Season Expectations

These activities are mandatory for participation. Attendance will be taken and failure to participate will be grounds for cutting you from the team.

1. **Download the TEAMS app on your phone.** This will be how I will contact you for pre-season and in-season information.
2. **Download the Plat4m app on your phone.** Join code: red knights. Create a profile and join off season.
3. **Weightlifting** – this is a **mandatory** part of our training. We will be lifting on THURSDAYS from **3:30 – 4:30pm**. The schedule is listed below. (If you have strength for your PE class, I will be talking with Coach Barth about your participation.)
4. **Open Gyms** – this is a **mandatory** part of our training. This will grow and build the skills you need to participate in softball this year. The schedule is listed below.
5. **Purchase a Softball glove.** If you are right-handed – you get the glove for your left hand. If you are left-handed, you get the glove for your right hand. The gloves should be 12.5 inches long.

Dates:

Thursday, December 7 – 3:30pm – 4:30pm – Lifting in the weight room

Thursday, December 14 – 3:30pm – 4:30pm - Lifting in the weight room

Thursday, January 11 -- 3:30pm - 4:30pm – Lifting in the weight room

4:30pm – 5:30pm – Open Gym in Field House

Thursday, January 18 -- 3:30pm - 4:30pm – Lifting in the weight room

4:30pm – 5:30pm – Open Gym in Field House

Thursday, January 25 -- 3:30pm - 4:30pm – Lifting in the weight room

4:30pm – 5:30pm – Open Gym in Field House

Thursday, February 1 -- 3:30pm - 4:30pm – Lifting in the weight room

4:30pm – 5:30pm – Open Gym in Field House

Thursday, February 8 -- 3:30pm - 4:30pm – Lifting in the weight room

4:30pm – 5:30pm – Open Gym in Field House

Thursday, February 15 -- 3:30pm - 4:30pm – Lifting in the weight room

4:30pm – 5:30pm – Open Gym in Field House

Thursday, February 22 -- 3:30pm - 4:30pm – Lifting in the weight room

4:30pm – 5:30pm – Open Gym in Field House

Choose Your Yearbook Picture

Families - all fall school pictures taken are now available to view online. Please go online to choose which school picture will appear in your yearbook.

To view and select your photo, look for an email sent to you by "Visual Image Photography", or go to vipis.com to search for your gallery. (A student ID number may be required.) If you have any questions or cannot find your images, please contact VIP at support@vipis.com.

Your deadline to make your yearbook picture selection is **December 4th**. After this date, VIP will choose a picture for you.

There is no deadline to order photo packages.

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.**

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
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

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 for more info.

P.S.

- Lots of opportunities exist to support our students as they perform and compete in a multitude of extra curricular activities over the next month. We hope to see you on campus for one or more of these events!
- Please remember that final exams are an important component of a student's grades. Proper rest and preparation are necessary for optimal performance on these academic assessments.
- A shoutout to our very own Ms. Adams who was recognized as the MLHS recipient of the WIAA Service Award.

- God's Blessings to you and your family this Christmas season. We have so much to be thankful for, including our wonderful MLHS family.

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