

EGLS MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

December 9, 2016

DID YOU KNOW...



IS YOUR CHILD PREPARED FOR OUTDOOR RECESS? Middle school **students go outside each day for a recess break**. We have noticed many students without hats, gloves, boots, and winter coats. Please make sure your child is prepared to be outside each day. Thank you.

MID QUARTER FOR QUARTER 2 was Tuesday, November 22. Mid Quarter reports were sent home with your child on Wednesday, November 30. They should have been signed and returned to the homeroom teacher by Friday 12-2.

EIGHTH GRADE KRINGLE SALE If you missed getting a chance to order a Racine Kringle from an eighth grade student, don't worry. There are some available for purchase. There will be limited flavors and sizes available. Contact Mrs. Weymier if you are interested in some of these delicious frozen, unbaked kringle. They are great for a quick, tasty, breakfast treat. Or even better, have one on hand to bake on the first snow day!

MS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH have been decided for November.

The following students were nominated for the category of Christian Leadership: Carter Klein(5) and Mackenzie Netzel(8).

Our Middle School SOTM for Christian Leadership is Mackenzie Netzel(8).

The following students were nominated for the category of Academic Achievement: Brandon Scepanski(5), Parker Marriott(6), Madeline Hedtke(6), and Sophia Akpojisheri(7)

Our Middle School SOTM for Academic Achievement is Brandon Scepanski(5).

Congratulations to all of our nominees, and especially Brandon and Mackenzie! Stop by the middle school hallway to see the plaques with the SOTM nameplates.

L.E.A.D: The Hope House collection is off to a great start! We had a great assembly on Monday to kick things off! Thank you all for your kind and generous donations. Our "house" is filling up with bricks so fast that we may need to add an addition! We will continue to collect items until December 21st. I will announce the upper and lower grade classes with the highest percentage of participation in Chapel next Wednesday. The prize for week one is a "Hat Day" coupon.

We have divided the collections by grades (please do not gift wrap any donations):

K3, K4, and K5 – Stuffed Animals (new)

1st and 2nd Grade - Toys (new - to be given as Christmas gifts to children that may not

get a gift otherwise)

3rd and 4th Grade - Clothes, hats, mittens, gloves and coats (gently used or new)

5th and 6th Grade - Books, games, movies, puzzles (gently used or new)

7th and 8th Grade – School supplies and hygiene items (shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, notebooks, paper, crayons, folders, etc.)

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Corn at hcorn@eql.org.

ATHLETICS



Basketball - Please read the email message from Mr. Paukner regarding CONCESSION & SCORE TABLE volunteering! Our 7/8 girls team continues their season tomorrow at 12pm against St. Martini at <u>St. Peter Immanuel</u> (click the school name to see its location). Our 7/8 boys, teaming up with Beautiful Savior, follow at 1pm against Immanuel-Brookfield at <u>St. Peter Immanuel</u>. They will also play Tuesday at 7:30 pm at <u>Our Father's</u>. Our 4/5 boys host Divine Redeemer at HOME on Tuesday at 4:30pm. Our 4/5/6 girls host Divine

Redeemer at HOME on Tuesday at 5:30pm. Our 6 boys will join our 4/5/6 girls in traveling to <u>Divine</u> <u>Redeemer</u> on Thursday, December 15 with games at 4:30 and 5:30pm. *To see a complete schedule of practices and events, log in to your FastDirect account, click on Planner and then scroll down to Mr. Paukner's name and click on his CALENDAR.*

CLASSROOM NEWS

5th Grade Class: We will have a **religion test on Unit 2**, this Tuesday, December 13. On Monday we will have our last memory for the month of December; The Close of the Commandments. Our memory for the remainder of December, will be our individual Christmas service parts. Mark your calendar (if you haven't already) for Wednesday, December 21, at 6:30pm. We will have our Children-Led Christmas Service and recite our individual verses. *Mrs. Elvers*

6th Grade Class: Monday began Religion Unit 3 titled "Prophets and Kings." December book orders went home last Wednesday. Use our class code L6C77 to order online anytime. Check out the 6th grade page of the EGL website to find our class schedule, Memory schedule/book, Religion study materials, Spelling words, and other important documents as the year progresses. Let me know if there is anything else you would like to see on our class page. Our Memory assignments next week are the Tenth Commandment and Meaning (Monday) and Luke 12:15 (Thursday). Have a great weekend! *Mrs. Paukner*

7th Grade Class: We have begun working on the Christmas Service this week. About half of the 7th grade students have speaking parts. Please work with them a bit at home on helping with memorizing them as well as speaking them. We will work on them in school as well. I will be sending a letter home about the Christmas Party in the 7th grade so watch for that. We will have some fun theme days that last week before Christmas break. I will also be working on some contestants for the Spelling Bee in the next week. *Ms. Corn*

8th Grade Class: * Everyone is participating in Carol Fest this Sunday. It will be great hearing the bells ring and the students sing. The service starts at 1:30pm. Students should arrive in the church at 1:15pm. See the notes that have been emailed home for further information. * I sent a note home before Thanksgiving indicating where your payments/profits for the class trip were at. I hope your dear child showed this note to you:) The next payment of \$250, per person, is due on January 15. * Christmas service parts have been sent home with your child. Please make sure your child is working on the memorization of this part. Not all students have a speaking part for the service. All of the students are involved in the service either playing in the band, the bell choir, or carrying a banner. Please have Wednesday, December 21 on your calendar. The service starts at 6:30pm so students should arrive in the fellowship hall by 6:10pm. * *Mrs. Weymier*

COMPUTER

5th Grade: We will continue with lesson 7 in Typing Town.

6th Grade: We will continue work on lessons 12-16 in PAWS Typing Town. Mrs. Paukner

7th—8th Grade: We will be presenting our Powerpoints in class for the remainder of the quarter. Ms.

Corn

LANGUAGE ARTS/SPELLING

5th Grade: Spelling - Lesson 13 Test will be next Friday. **Language Arts -** We are working on grammar and expanding our sentences.

6th Grade: Chapter 11 NPA - "Which one? What kind? How much? How many?" Adjectives have been our focus in class lately. It is really important to read each sentence slowly and carefully so that you do not miss any of the adjectives in the sentence. If it helps to mark the nouns(N) and pronouns(P) you might be able to find the adjectives easier. Also, many students are missing the adjectives **a, an,** and **the**. Missing those can add up to a lot wrong on an assignment. Students should remember to do corrections on homework assignments whenever they can. I am planning the NPA test for Monday, December 19. **Spelling** - Unit 15 has been assigned. Test 1 for Unit 15 will be given on Monday, 12-12. Test 2 and the unit book work are due on Thursday, 12-15. Make sure you study for test 1. Then you will not have so many rewrites to do for Thursday. *Mrs. Weymier*

7th Grade: Language Arts - We started to work on pronouns this week in English class. I have been working with the students on using note cards as study aids and I am requiring them to be completed as a homework assignment, but then they will be allowed to use them on their test. We will finish our Christmas writing activity based on the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" this week and then the students will present them the three days before Christmas break. They have come up with some very clever lyrics as well as clever ways to present their songs. I told them that if they sang it when they presented that I would give them extra credit. **Spelling** - Next week, lesson 13 pretest will be on Monday and the test and lesson will be on Wednesday. *Ms. Corn*

8th Grade: Chapter 11 NPA - We have been working adjectives. Remember to read sentences slowly and carefully so that you do not miss adjectives in the sentences. Also, many of you are still missing the adjectives **a, an,** and **the**. Missing those can add up to a lot wrong on an assignment. I am scheduling the NPA test for Wednesday, December 14. **Spelling** - Unit 16 has been assigned. Test 1 for Unit 16 will be given on Monday, 12-12. Test 2 and the unit book work is due on Wednesday, 12-14. Study for the tests so that you can contribute to the class points:) *Mrs. Weymier*

LITERATURE — MRS. ELVERS

All Literature Classes: We will start a new dialogue journal session after Christmas break. For now we are reading our classroom novels, building vocabulary, working in our new My Perspectives curriculum, and building knowledge of how authors use written word as an art.

5th Grade: Our classroom novel is *Hound Dog True*. We are learning about metaphors, and discovering how authors use language in both literal and figurative ways.

6th Grade: Our classroom novel is *Old Yeller*. We are making meaningful connections with our characters,

discovering what foreshadowing means, and exploring how authors use metaphors to create pictures in the minds of their readers.

7th Grade: Our classroom novel is *Lord of the Flies*. We are making text to life and text to world connections between the setting and youth behaviors in our novel and the setting and human behaviors in current society.

8th Grade: Our classroom novel is *Don't Give Up; Don't Give In*. We are finding both literal and symbolic meanings in the text's various sections. This is a wonderful personal narrative about Louis Zamperini, a WWII veteran and olympic athlete. His courage and endurance against all odds is inspiring.

"All I want to tell young people is that you're not going to be anything in life unless you learn to commit to a goal. You have to reach deep within yourself to see if you are willing to make the sacrifices." "God has given me so much; He expects much out of me." Louis Zamperini

MATHEMATICS — MS. CORN

5th Grade Math: We will finish up the chapter working on some graphing skills and we will have a most likely on Tuesday, December 20th. The students are doing much better with note-taking but we will continue to work on those skills. They will have a review test prior to the actual test that is very similar, just different numbers. I recommend they practice that test prior to the actual test.

6th Grade Math: Next week we will be finish up this chapter and I hope to have a test on it by next Thursday. They will have a practice test prior to the actual test and I recommend they practice it at home as well. Remember that the book has a website with many self check quizzes as well. Don't forget to use that for study purposes.

7th Grade Math: We will continue with chapter 4 next week and will hopefully finish and be ready for a test on Tuesday, December 20th. They will have a practice test prior to the actual test and I recommend they practice it at home as well. Remember that the book has a website with many self check quizzes as well. Don't forget to use that for study purposes.

7th Grade Pre—Algebra: We will continue with chapter 4 next week and will hopefully finish and be ready for a test on Tuesday, December 20th. They will have a practice test prior to the actual test and I recommend they practice it at home as well. Remember that the book has a website with many self check quizzes as well. Don't forget to use that for study purposes.

Algebra: We continued with Chapter 4 this week. We will finish it up next week and I plan on getting a test in by next Friday.

SCIENCE — MRS. WEYMIER

5th Grade: Unit E Properties of Matter: We switch books again as we begin this new chapter and new topic in science. We will be covering properties of matter such as mass, weight, volume, density, physical changes, and chemical changes.

6th Grade: The Plant Kingdom: We are now focusing on this kingdom for the next two chapters. This first chapter covers plant processes and plant structures. Students planted seeds on Tuesday, 12-6. Now we wait for germination to occur. We have been learning about the parts of a leaf. There will be two quizzes on leaf vocabulary next week Thursday, 12-16 and Friday, 12-17.

7th Grade: Chapter 2 States of Matter: Make sure you have a sharpened pencil and straightedge in

class each day we do graphing. I had this in middle school news for a few weeks, unfortunately, many students are not looking at middle school news. Please help your child remember to check each week. On Thursday, 12-8, the class ran an experiment on one of the gas laws. After much practice, troubleshooting, and problem solving, the lab groups successfully got their three trials run. Next week we will finish the chapter. I am scheduling the test for Monday, 12-19.

8th Grade: Chapter 15 Skeletal, Muscular and Skin Systems: As we work through this chapter, there will be more quizzes than written homework. That means, that the homework is always to study the new material to make sure you are learning it. There will be a quiz on the bones of the body (spelling counts) on Monday, 12-12. After the bones, it's on to the muscles.

SOCIAL STUDIES — MR. CONWAY

5th Grade American History:

6th Grade World History:

7th Grade Geography:

8th Grade American History:

PE — MRS. PAUKNER

Roller skating continues next week.

Please make sure that your child has a backup uniform and shoes as listed on the school supply list. The backup uniform can most likely be found among your child's clothes at home! **Shoes need to be a pair that can be left in their PE locker and not worn outside.** A backup uniform only allows your child to earn partial credit however, so make sure those uniforms come back on Monday mornings!

REMINDER: If your middle school child is unable to participate or requires limited participation in physical education, they MUST have one of the following:

- 1. A signed note from a parent excusing them from class.
- 2. An email sent to Mrs. Paukner (**Ipaukner@egl.org**) by 12:30 p.m. of that school day.
- 3. A parent stop-in to see Mrs. Paukner before school that morning in the 6th grade room.

MUSIC — MRS. KRUEGER

5th & 6th grade: This week we played Bingo to practice our melodic dictation. Students first check out the rhythm they hear, then the direction that the pitches move, and then determine if they are hearing the bass clef (low) or treble clef (high) example. A fun way to practice an ear-training skill!

7th & 8th grade: The 7th graders continue to work on their piece, called "Lydian Dance." We also took a vote as to which two modal pieces we want to share with our parents at the Informance in March. You'll have to come listen to find out what they chose. The 8th graders continue to create arrangements of student-composed melodies. Some are with boomwhacker accompaniment and some with barred instrument accompaniment.

5th - 8th grades will be singing at the Carol Fest on Sunday, December 11 at 1:30 p.m.!!

PERFORMANCE GROUPS

Hosanna Ringers (5th grade): Be sure to study for your next Mad Minute on Wed., Dec. 14 - the last one of 2016! No homework assignment this week. You have a very important part in the Children-led Christmas Service on Dec. 21. We will begin working on song to play for NLSW on Jan. 22. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at kbessert@egl.org. Mrs. Bessert

Jubilate Ringers (6th-8th grades): Study for your next Mad Minute on Dec. 14. Be sure you have Carol Fest on your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 11 at 1:30 p.m. You should arrive no later than 1:15. Go straight to the church and check your bells. Wear something "Christmasy!" If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at kbessert@egl.org. *Mrs. Bessert*

Band: We have one more rehearsal before playing for the Children's Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 21. Please continue to communicate upcoming appointments/known absences with Mrs. Bessert kbessert@egl.org so lesson conflicts can be avoided. Don't hesitate to contact me with any other questions or concerns at spaukner@egl.org! Mr. Paukner

Orchestra: Our next performance will be at Carol Fest on Sunday, December 11 at 1:30. Please be in the music room by 1:00 for tuning and warm up. Fifth through eighth graders will be playing "Here We Come a Caroling" and "O' Come Little Children" with some special assistance from the 4th graders. Please remember to check your email each week for your lesson time on Wednesday. Times are also posted near the music room door. Feel free to contact me with any other questions or concerns at kbehring@egl.org. Mrs. Behring

ART — MRS. GRELK

5th Grade: There was no class this week. There is no assignment.

6th Grade: We are finishing our impressionistic water lily project. Sketch #11 is due on Monday, Dec. 12.

7th Grade: We transferred our tree drawing and are ready for printing. Sketch #9 is due on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

8th Grade: We finished drawing our soda can and had the fun of crushing it for the second part of our project. Sketch #9 is due on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

SPANISH — MRS. FICK

7th Grade: Dec. 13 Quiz on Me gusta and worksheet due. Dec. 16 Quiz over Ar conjugations and Ar verbs worksheet due.

8th Grade: Dec. 13 Quiz on Me gusta and sentences due. Dec. 16 - Ar verbs worksheet due.





FACTS/LOCATION

Located in Hartland, WI Established in 1999

Student Body: Approx. 245 students

Average Class Size: 18 Student/Teacher ratio is 14:1

More than 95% of graduates go on to higher education More than 75% of the students participate in at least one of 11

co-curricular programs or 12 seasonal sports teams

Member of the Midwest Classic Conference

Lake Country Lutheran High School nurtures all facets of the student – academic, spiritual, emotional and social. With a smaller student body, there is a true sense of community at Lake Country Lutheran, where students are encouraged to express themselves and their individuality. A strong parent involvement system ensures parents are also a valued part of that community. Lake Country Lutheran strives to shape each individual student into a dedicated Christian leader.





FACTS/LOCATION

Located in Greendale, WI Established in 1968

Student Body: Approx. 365 students

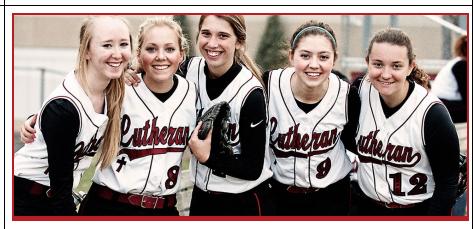
Average Class Size: 17 Student/Teacher ratio is 12:1

More than 95% of graduates go on to higher education

More than 85% of students participate in at least one of the 30

co-curricular programs or 20 seasonal sports teams Member of the Metro Classic Athletic Conference Martin Luther High School prepares students to bring a Christian perspective to all of life's different roles. The dynamic educational experience creates lifelong learners and community-focused Christians. Beyond academic excellence, Martin Luther also gives students the opportunity to live in Christ through other activities. Martin Luther's co-curricular program is in the top percent of Wisconsin schools, offering an array of sports, fine arts and clubs for students to explore.





FACTS/LOCATION

Located in Milwaukee, WI Established in 1903

Student Body: Approx. 600 students

Average Class Size: 24 Student/Teacher ratio is 16:1

Over 95% of graduates go on to higher education

More than 77% of students participate in at least one of the 20

co-curricular and seasonal sports teams Member of the North Shore Conference

Milwaukee Lutheran High School is the oldest Lutheran high school in the nation, teaching what really matters since 1903: the Truth found only in God's word. An education at Milwaukee Lutheran prepares students for college but also for life, guiding them in their journey to full personhood. This exciting passage builds on a strong spiritual core and rigorous academics, as well as various sports, fine arts, clubs and service organizations. The multicultural student body is reflective of the community Milwaukee Lutheran serves and encourages students to learn and grow together in Christ.