

KNIGHTWATCH

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . . God has chosen you to BE THANKFUL

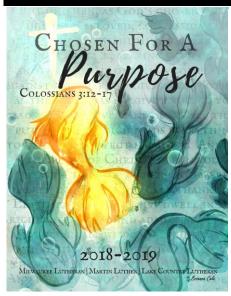
When I was growing up and eating family meals at my grandparent's house alongside my cousins, there were always a list of prayers that had to be recited before eating. Always in the same order, we would pray the common table prayer, the Catholic grace, and end with the returning of thanks (O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and his mercy endures forever). By the time we would get to the third prayer, my grumbling stomach would cause my brain to strategize how I would be able to navigate to the front of the line for food. I never really reflected on the words and it became just a ritual that needed to be completed or face the wrath of my elders.

Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 106:1

In many ways, my thought process hasn't really changed. Often, my focus isn't on the blessings in my life. I struggle with gratitude and giving thanks. And maybe you do also.

I believe the problem is that we are too busy, too inwardly focused, and, ironically, too content. I often don't take the time to contemplate the blessings that God has graciously poured into my life. I get wrapped up in doing the next thing that I forget to thank him for the present. I consider myself and my own challenges rather than thinking about others. That narrow focus limits my ability to exhibit gratitude for what I have. I also think that sometimes we are so content with how things are going that we somehow think we achieved it, rather than recognizing that all we have is a gift. Each of these circumstances can blind us to the reason why we should be thankful – because of the grace that was given us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

As God's chosen people we have much to be thankful for. May God continue to bless us and make His face shine upon us. May God grant us peace and a grateful heart that helps us to live a life of Thanksgiving to Him.



UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

Nov. 21-23	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 1	Choir Concert, 7:00 pm
Dec. 8	Band Concert, 7:00 pm
Dec. 14	Christmas Dance, 9:00-11:00 pm
Dec. 19-21	Semester Exams

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES . . .

Absences must be reported to the Attendance Office at (414) 461-6062 or <u>attendance@milwaukeelutheran.org</u> by a parent/guardian prior to 9am on the day of the absence. A written excuse must also be submitted to the Attendance Office on the day the student returns to school.

ACADEMIC ADVISING . . .

STUDENT/COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS:

E. JANOUSKY: Freshman CUCINELLO: Sophomores OECHSNER: Juniors & Seniors - Career STEINKE: Juniors & Seniors - College L. KOEBERT: Transition



Joel Bahr Assistant Principal



Milwaukee Lutheran's U.S. Army representative, SSGT. Livingston, will be in the cafeteria all three lunch hours every 4th Monday of the month. Please look for him along the windows to answer any questions you may have about serving our amazing AMERICA. Thank you!

OFFICE of SCHOOL CULTURE/Dean of Students

School Culture is a way of life for us all here at Milwaukee Lutheran High School. We serve because we are Chosen by God (Colossians 3:12) to be his servants. We glorify God by serving His people through our lives of Christian Culture.

This week we celebrate our students who have perfect attendance for the year—so far. 60 students received certificates and a BOGO coupon from the Milwaukee Bucks, to attend a Buck's home game this year. We are thankful for your efforts to be here every day. "Great job": to our parent/guardian drivers who ensure that they arrive each day. CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!

On the eve of Thanksgiving I am reminded of 1 Thessalonians 5: 18, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." We easily give thanks to God when things are going well, and we have no big worries, but St. Paul reminds us that all of life's circumstances warrant our thanks to God. Bills to pay, car repairs, working two jobs, lay-offs, doctor bills, kid's need new shoes-- again, detentions, tests, projects, homework, and the list goes on, circumstances can seem daunting, and yet they are signs of life and reminders of God's love. Huh? What? How can that be?

The hymn writer, Julia Cory, put it this way; "We worship you God of our Fathers, we bless you; through trials and tempests our guide you have been. When perils o'er-take us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win." In difficult times we need to be reminded of God's goodness and faithfulness. Our heavenly Father loves and cares for us. We must always focus our spiritual sight on His power to deliver us from the problems in our lives. We must above all, thank God for the salvation we have in Jesus, who endured extreme circumstances on our behalf, "for the joy (us) that was set before Him." So regardless of our external circumstances we have internal peace through our Savior. "O give thanks to the Lord for He is good!"

We are thankful for all of you, our MLHS families. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Chosen to Serve, Mr. Boettcher, Mr. Kalkopf, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Wylie





Marcus Jackson Dean of Students



Joe Kalkopf Dean of Students

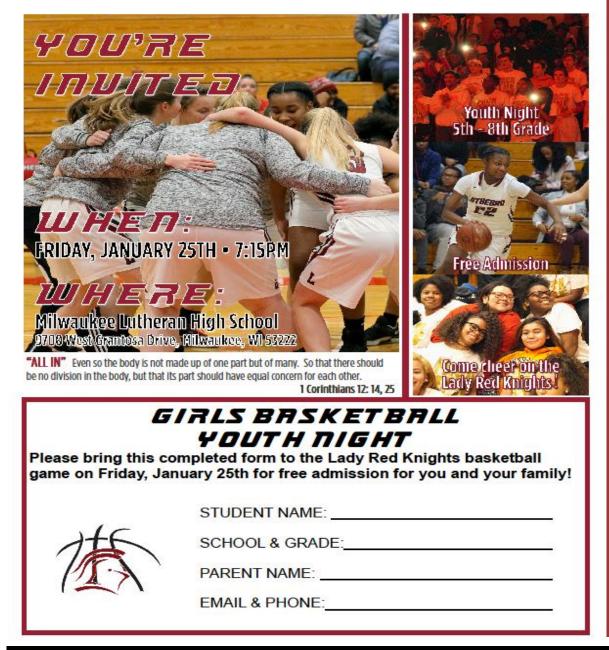


Chip Wylie Counselor

ADMISSIONS...

If you have a family member or friend who is planning to apply to be a freshmen for the 2019-2020 school year, please note that our online applications are open. You can apply online at <u>www.milwaukeelutheran.org</u>. Click on the Admissions tab at the top and then "Get Started." Scroll down and click "Apply Now." A placement test is also required of each applicant. Placement tests are being offered on Saturday, November 17, December 15, January 19, February 16 or March 9. All exams are from 8:30am-12:00pm and cost \$20 in cash. Please call or email Debbie Janke to register at <u>djanke@milwaukeelutheran.org</u> or 414-461-6000 ext. 253.

Attention 5-8th grade girls basketball players: You are invited to come cheer on our Lady Red Knights during our youth night game (against Greendale) on Friday, January 25th beginning at 7:15pm. You and your family will receive free admission with the completed form below.





Rachel Janousky Director of Admissions

STUDENT ACTIVITIES . . .

LOOKING AHEAD AT COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: We have several of opportunities to serve our community coming up in the next 2 months. Please save-the-dates on your calendar for these great events.

Pack the Pantry - Annual Food Drive – The annual Milwaukee Lutheran food drive begins on Monday, November 26th and runs through Friday, December 7th. Each class will compete against each other to win the coveted dress down day for bringing in the most non-perishable food items. The class that is winning at the half way point will be given free cafeteria chocolate chip cookies... yummy!!! All items brought in will be delivered to our local church and community food pantries. Thank you in advance to all those students that bring in non-perishable food items to help those in need.

Pack the Pantry Basketball Game – On Tuesday, December 11th, Student Council will be running a special event to collect more non-perishable food items to be included in our local church and community food pantries drop off. For every non-perishable food item that you bring to the boys' basketball games between 5:30pm-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 \$50 prizes from local businesses. Winners will be drawn at halftime of the Varsity game and you must be present to win.

DECK THE HALLS – Do you have old Christmas décor sitting at your house? If so, consider giving it to your student to bring to school and decorate our hallways. All students will have the opportunity to decorate designated locations throughout the school to bring some Christmas spirit to our building. Freshmen will decorate by the stairway entrance to the math hall. Sophomores will decorate by the Red Knight Statue at the start of the maintenance hallway. Juniors will decorate by the stairway outside of Mr. Forke's room. Seniors will decorate outside of the study center. Decorating will take place either before or after school the week of November 26th – November 30th. All décor must be taken down before students leave for Christmas break on Thursday, December 20th or it will be thrown away/stored for next year. Here are the décor rules: ITEMS ALLOWED: Artificial Christmas tree, Plastic Ornaments, Tree skirt, Tree stand, Lights, Fake poinsettias, Artificial garland for mantels and/or staircase banisters, Stockings and stocking hooks, Nativity scenes, wooden nutcrackers, or other seasonal decorations, Wreaths, Extension cords, Christmas flag, Bows, Masking tape only. ITEMS NOT ALLOWED: No real Christmas trees, No Glass Ornaments, No Tinsel, No Lawn figures, No Scotch tape and No Duct tape.



ATHLETICS . . .

Milwaukee Lutheran Athletics Week of November 19th to December 1st :

Please refer to our website for Athletic events:

www.RedKnightAthletics.org



Jerad Luedtke Athletic Director

CURRENT NEWS.

DONATIONS NEEDED: The physical Education department is looking for used roller blades or roller skates. If anyone has them laying around their garage and wants to donate them to us, we will take them off their hands.

Remember your years here at MLHS... Order your yearbook today! It's not too late to order the 2019

YEARBOOK! Orders for the yearbook will now be taken <u>only</u> online by visiting <u>www.jostensyearbooks.com</u>! Ordering online is fast, easy and 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. The price for the yearbook from <u>now until May 31st, 2019 will be \$65.</u> So, make sure to buy your yearbook online now so you can cross that off your list of things to do this school year and *cherish your years here at MLHS for a lifetime!*

FREE ENTERPRISE ACADEMY: There will be no Business Club meeting this week for either Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning. Due to the holiday Business Club is cancelled for next week, as well. An announcement will be made in the future for when Business Club meetings will begin again. Thank you.

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT MLHS? Come and join us, a group of parents of ML students, as we pray for staff and students. In John 14:13-14 we read, "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in My name, and I will do it." Please feel free, Moms, Dads, and anyone who wants to pray, to join us. We meet from 7:45-8:45 in Room 212 every Friday that school is in session. For questions or more information, please call or text Julie Goodman at (414) 731-7890 or Trish Kirkendoll at (414) 406-2275.



MLHS Annual Citrus Fruit Sale

It's that time again. The citrus fruit sale is back! Offered this year are Navel Oranges, Juice Oranges, Mandarin Oranges, Grapefruit, Pears and Apples. <u>All orders must be received by November 16th, 2018.</u> <u>Pick-up dates are still being determined, but will happen within the first two weeks of</u> <u>December.</u>

Ordering is simpler than ever. You may place an order by either:

1. Visiting <u>http://www.riversweetonline.com/mlhs18</u>

This is the easiest, fastest way to order!

2. Pick up an order form in the Milwaukee Lutheran High School main office.

If you have any questions, send an email to Mr. Bryan Oechsner at <u>boechsner@milwaukeelutheran.org</u> or call 414-461-6000 x260



MONDAY, Nov. 19 – BBQ Ribs, Mac & Cheese TUESDAY, Nov. 20 – Spaghetti, Bosco Sticks WEDNESDAY, Nov. 21 – No School, Thanksgiving Break THURSDAY, Nov. 22 – No School, Thanksgiving Break FRIDAY, Nov. 23 – No School, Thanksgiving Break MONDAY, Nov. 26 – Brats TUESDAY, Nov. 27 – Cheeseburger, Hash Brown WEDNESDAY, Nov. 28 – Chicken Patty THURSDAY, Nov. 29 – Stir Fry, Egg Roll FRIDAY, Nov. 30 – Pizza

<u>PARKING LOT SAFETY:</u> For the safety of all our students and parents, please find below a few reminders about dropping off/picking up your student(s) in the morning and after school.

- 1. When picking up after school, please DO NOT park between the orange cones. This area is designated for the buses.
- 2. When dropping off in the morning, you may pull up next to the canopy or next to the parking lot. Please DO NOT stop in the middle of the driveway this causes congestion.
- 3. Please drive slowly at all times and watch for pedestrians crossing.
- 4. Please use extra caution between 7:40am to 7:50am.

"THANK YOU FOR BEING A COURTEOUS AND SAFE DRIVER"

