

PANTHER PATTER

A weekly newsletter of St. Paul's Lutheran School
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The Lutheran Influence on Education

The influence of Martin Luther and Philip Melanchthon on education is still evident in today's schools, likely in ways unfamiliar to most people. Of course, Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism as a tool for fathers to use as they train their children in the basic teachings of Scripture. His Large Catechism served as somewhat of a teachers' manual for fathers. However, the types of reforms Luther and Melanchthon brought to education went far beyond fathers teaching their children at home.

Perhaps the most significant contribution of Luther and Melanchthon was the strong encouragement that primary education be compulsory and universally available. It is no overstatement to suggest that today's worldwide expectation that all children receive formal education began in Wittenberg.

Universal education included girls. Education of girls admittedly differed from that of boys. Girls were typically educated separately. Their education did not have the goal of preparing them for university education, and it was more practical in nature. Nonetheless, extending education to girls dramatically broadened the scope of primary education. ... Schools for girls were not common in this period, and Luther was among the earliest to recommend them. If students showed ability in studies, Luther and Melanchthon desired that provision be made to remove all obstacles to further study. To this end, scholarships were given to students of modest means within Reformation lands. The idea of having the state, individual donors, or local congregations help families pay for the education of their children became an established part of the Lutheran ethos.

"The Lutheran Influence on Education," by Paul T. Prange, taken from *Reformation 500: The Enduring Relevance of the Lutheran Reformation* (NPH, 2017)

Principal, Ben Bain

SCHOOL DRESS



Beginning Wednesday, October 1, shorts are no longer allowed during the school day. In case of unseasonably warm weather, Mr. Bain may grant special permission on certain days via ParentSquare.

From the handbook: Jeggings, leggings or yoga pants may be worn. *For those students in 5th through 8th grade, the top garment must cover to the top of the inseam of the jeggings, leggings and yoga pants.*

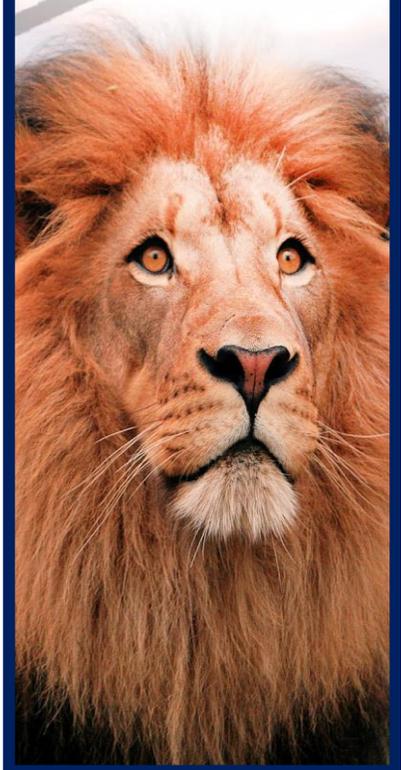
SCIENCE AND FINE ARTS FAIR

Entries for the fall fair should be given to the teachers by October 4. Students will be selected by their teachers for the Math, Chess, and Spelling portions of the fair. Please keep November 4 open on your calendar. For additional information regarding guidelines and events go to the La Crosse Area Lutheran Schools website (www.lalschools.org). Under resources select "Science and Arts Fair." Then select "Fall Fair!"



BE BOLD BE STRONG

"THE RIGHTEOUS
ARE AS BOLD AS A
LION."
PROVERBS 28:1



Chapel Thought

God assembled our bodies in a beautiful way, giving us different parts for different purposes, all with ways to be used to glorify him.

"God has arranged the parts of the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be."

TESTING GRADES 3-8

This year, our students will be taking Measures of Academic Progress (MAP Growth) in the areas of language, reading, and mathematics. Tests are taken on Chromebooks, and results are available very quickly. MAP tests allow students to be assessed several times during the school year. Our plan is to test students in fall, winter, and spring. Please see the attachment for more information about MAP Growth.

How can you prepare your child for testing? While a test is only one measure of a student's abilities, it is much more beneficial for students to do his or her very best on each test. Encourage your child with ideas you remember using when trying to answer difficult test questions. Otherwise, prepare them for learning as you would every school day: a good night's sleep & a healthy breakfast.

Testing will begin soon. Look for ParentSquare messages to inform you of the schedule.

SINGING SCHEDULE

Grades 3 and 4 will sing in the 10:30 am service Sunday, September 24. Sunday, October 1, grades 5 and 6 will sing at the 8:00 am service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Holmen. Preschool and kindergarten will sing in the 10:30 am service Sunday, October 22.

BAND NEWS

Please note that band lessons will be billed through our school office. Please make your checks out to Luther High School, but submit them to Lori or Elaine in the school office. **Both bands** will have a concert at the Science and Fine Arts Fair.



Proceeds Benefit:
Luther High School
Onalaska Food Basket

1st annual

5K

run/walk
and mini trot
chip timed event

Register Online
www.RunSignUp.com
Race Name: Knight Gallop 5K

Fees:
5K Run/Walk
July 1 - Sept. 23 \$10
Sept. 24 - Oct 7 \$15
1K Mini Trot
(8 and under) Free
Shirts
Long Sleeve C2 Sport. \$15
*Order by Sept. 23rd

Not a trotter?
We need Volunteers!

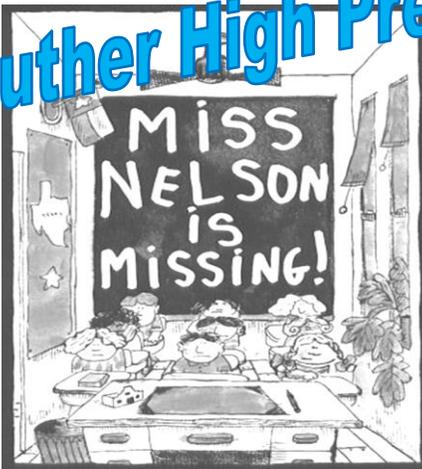
Questions
Contact us at
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1K kids run free!

Saturday OCT. 7TH 4pm



Luther High Presents



- ❖ **Miss Nelson/Viola Swamp** – Carissa Falkenberg
- ❖ **Pop Hanson** - Levi Cox**
- ❖ **Mr. Blandsworth** - Sam Wetzel**
- ❖ **Al Catraz** – Shawn Bjerke
- ❖ **Detective McSmogg**- Elliott Schroeder
- ❖ **The Kids of Room 207**- Shelby Cary, Bitty Cina**, Drew Dravis, Rachel Fabian, Sidney Falkenberg, Tia Gray**, Katie Kirsch, Julianne Reedich, Grace Shepard, Abigail Wierzbicki, Cole Zenke

Luther High School presents "Miss Nelson is Missing" Sunday, October 15, at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children grades PreK-12. Tickets may be purchased at the theater the day of the performance. Grades 1 through 3 will be attending this production on Monday, October 16.

**** (Former St. Paul's Student)**