

SCHOOL VISION COMMITTEE MEETING: A meeting date has been chosen! The next meeting of this group is scheduled for **Monday, November 18th, at 6:30 PM.** This group is working to find ways to improve our school, better meet the needs of our parents and our community, improve our school programs, and expand what we offer. Your input is needed. Please consider attending the next meeting and offering your counsel. You should see the announcement of our next meeting shortly.

GIRLS' "B" TOURNAMENT: Our "B" girls participated in a tournament this past Saturday. They played hard and had a great time. They almost had a victory in their last game but lost a nail biter by one point. Great jobs girls! Thanks coaches!

GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

Practices: Practices are from 3:00 to 5:00 unless otherwise noted.

Monday, November 4th

Thursday, November 7th

Games: (Game times are 5:30 unless otherwise noted.)

11/5 vs. Trinity @ Trinity

11/12 vs. Tawas @ Bethel

11/15-16 BALL Tournament @ Trinity

11/19 vs. GS Burton @ Bethel

12/6-7 MLS Small School Tournament

12/13-14 MLS Large School Tournament

CHOIR SCHEDULE:

(Cantate = Grades. 4-8; Cherub = Grades 1-3)

11/10 Pre/K

11/27 1-8 – Thanksgiving

12/15 Cantate Choir

12/19 Pre-8 – Children's Christmas Service

COMING UP:

11/6 Report Cards Sent Home

11/11 Faculty In Service in AM, Parent Consultations in PM – No School

11/18 Girls' Club
Educational Vision Meeting @ 6:30 PM

11/22 MLS Play

11/23 Board Game Night

11/27-29 Thanksgiving Vacation – No School

12/6-7 MLS Small School Girls' BB Tourney

12/8 Congregational Caroling @ 11:00 PM

12/13-14 MLS Large School Girls' BB Tourney

12/14 Christmas for Kids 9:00 to 12:00 Noon
12/19 Last Day before Christmas Vacation ½ Day
Children's Christmas Service @ 6:30 PM

12-20-1/5 Christmas Vacation – No School

1/6 Classes resume after Christmas Vacation

1/10 Principals' Conference

1/17 End of 2nd Quarter
Faculty In Service – Dismiss at Noon

1/19 CEA Business Meeting @ 11:00 AM

1/20-1/24 Lutheran Schools' Week.

1/22 Report Cards Sent Home

1/26 Lutheran Schools' Sunday
Chili Cook off

1/27 Map Testing Window begins

CEA SPONSORED EVENTS: The CEA has decided to sponsor more events this year to help create school family bonding and fun for all. Below is a tentative list of what is being planned as well as those heading up these various events. Obviously there is a lot of work for these events, so contact those listed if you are willing to help. Put these events on your calendar and plan to attend! Thanks!

11/23	Board Game Night	Herrera, Crites
12/8	Coffee Hour	Crites, MacDougall
12/14	Christmas for Kids	Figley, Crites
2/9	Coffee Hour	Powers, Killinger
2/22	Trivia Night	Thunberg, Wilson
2/26	Soup Supper	Herrera, Crites
3/22	Coffee Hour	Wilson, Crites
4/11	Easter for Kids	Figley
4/25	School Plays	Faculty
5/3	Confirmation	Willard and Co.
5/29	Awards Presentation	Faculty
5/31	Church Picnic	Willard and Co.

The CEA is also likely to be sponsoring the following events but no firm date has been chosen. Watch for future announcements and volunteer to help with those heading these events up.

Mother/Son & Father/Daughter Events: Thunberg,
Killinger, Figley
Pine Car Derby Powers

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: This week preschool will begin the theme *Once Upon a Time*. They will learn about fairy tales, castles, kings and queens, and mythical creatures i.e. dragons and unicorns. The letter is G, the color brown, the number 7, and the rectangle shape. The 4 year old Bible lessons this week are *Crossing the Red Sea* and *God's People in the Desert*. They will learn God used his power to save his people and gave his people food and water. The Bible Words to Remember are Psalm 68:20 *Our God is a God who saves*. The 3 year old Bible lesson this week is *Joseph Forgives His Brothers*. They will learn Joseph forgave his brothers. The Memory Treasure is Colossians 3:13: *Forgive as the Lord forgave you*. The November Scholastic Book order is due **Wednesday, November 6**. You can order online using the code: J6CQC. This coming Sunday, November 10 the preschool and Kindergarten children will be singing in the worship service which begins at 10 a.m. The children are to meet in the classroom no later than 9:45 a.m. *The children are singing in a worship service and therefore no flash photography or videotaping is requested.* Following the service there will be a coffee hour (snacks for all) in the gym, stay and enjoy the treats. Parent teacher conferences will be next

Monday and Tuesday November 11-12. If you have not signed up for a time that works best for you please do so today. The schedule will be sent home with your child this week.

Kindergarten: Hard to believe but we have finished the first quarter of the school year. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday. Please sign the envelope and return it to school on Thursday. Please be sure to sign-up online for a conference time. If you are unable to find a time that works for you, please speak with me soon. In Word of God the children will be learning how God teaches the Children of Israel to trust in him to take care of them. The children are continuing to learn how to blend letters and sound out simple words like sad, dog, gas, and dad. This week they will continue to work on unit s. For each new unit I will be sending home a list of words that the children are able to read on their own. Please practice reading these words with your child every night for 5-10 minutes. The more they practice the better readers they will be. In math the class has also begun a chapter on adding numbers 0-10. Our sight word for this week will be the word *is* and our color will be black. Show and Tell for this week will be things that begin with the letter s or are black. Have a great week!

Memory Work:

Tuesday, November 5 – 6A Proverbs 3:5

Wednesday, November 6 – none

Thursday, November 7 – none

Friday, November 8 – 7A John 1:29

Monday, November 11 – No School

Grades 1-2: The end of the first quarter was last Friday; if your child has any redo assignments or make up work, please return as soon as possible so that they can receive their report card. I look forward to meeting with parents on November 11 to discuss your child's progress. Second grade will take a math test on data and graphs on Thursday. We will take our social studies test on maps and our world on Thursday. November reading logs are being sent home as well as Scholastic Book orders. Please order online using code Q4X4B. Please check your child's homework folder for Memory Treasures and this week's spelling words.

Grades 3-5: Thank you to those who helped with or donated to our Costume Day party and especially to our room moms, Sara Nitz and Aubrey Dean, for their work with the party! The second quarter of the school year starts this week. Report cards will be sent out on Wednesday; please have your child bring back their signed report card envelope the next day. On Wednesday, hymn #474 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* will be due. On Friday, memory work will be due and spelling unit 8 will be due. Both fourth grade and fifth grade will have tests in math this week. All three grades will be finishing up or be close to finishing up their personal narrative writing projects this week.

Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly work. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: Thank you to all my room mothers for a great Costume Day party last week on Thursday! Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday. Please note that your child's chapel contribution slip will accompany the report card. Please send back only the signed report card envelope. Parent Consultations will be on Monday, November 11th. Please remember to sign up on line right away.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

BLOOD DRIVE: The MLS Student Council is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, November 7, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. If you are 16 years old or older, you may donate. Think about helping others who are in need and how you could save lives with your donation! If you would like to donate, please visit our website www.mlsem.org for more information.

MLS FALL BAND/SHADOWS CONCERT: On Sunday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m. the MLS Band will present a concert in the gymnasium. We invite you to come and enjoy the pieces played by our band as they use their musical abilities for our enjoyment and God's praise. Following the concert, the MLS a capella group Shadows will perform. The concert is free to the public.

MLS FALL PLAY: Turn the game of "Clue" into a play and you get "**Murder's in the Heir!**" Who did it? You decide during intermission! This murder mystery with a comedy twist will be presented Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23, at 7:00 PM and Sunday, November 24, beginning at 2:30 PM. Tickets will be available online starting October 21 at 10 a.m. by visiting www.mlsem.org/fall-play. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children up to 8th grade.

LIGHT UP A STUDENTS LIFE: During the holiday season, the MLS Foundation sponsors a special giving program to benefit MLS and its students. Contributions will support the Foundation's ongoing financial assistance to the students who attend MLS now and in the future. Donors to the ***Light Up A Student's Life*** program have an opportunity to make a gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person. These gifts will be recognized by the lighting of a large Christmas tree that will be located in the commons. For a \$10 contribution, a white light ornament will be placed on the Christmas tree with the name of the individual being remembered or honored. A special Christmas card will be sent to the family or honoree recognizing your caring gift to MLS and its students. Please visit mls-foundation.org/luas/ for details.