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The Purple Note

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October

21 MLS Bells 3:30-4:00

22 No School

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30 10:00am All-school Reformation
Day Bowling Party

1:00pm End of the 1st Quarter.

Early Dismissal

Free ABC Care is available from
1:00-3:15



THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FAMILIES

This week we remember Mrs. Chanda Stelter, Nicholas McKiver, and Nolan and Evan Purdy. If you know of a family you would like us to include in our prayers, please let the office know.

**Pastor Thompson from Holy Cross Lutheran
Church will lead**

Chapel Wednesday, October 21st at 8:30 am.

**Chapel services will be live streamed on the
*Martin Luther 2020-2021 Facebook group.***

**Band, piano, and
Suzuki violin lessons to
resume!**

MANY THANKS FOR THE RESPONSE THIS WEEK!

If you emailed me, you should have received an email letting you know that I we have you in our list to schedule for lessons. We are working on the schedule this weekend to get everyone going



We are excited to once again offer our music lessons through Luther Academy of Music (LAM).

We will take the following precautions regarding music lessons.

- **Pianos will be sanitized between lessons.**
- **Hand sanitizer will be available for use before lessons.**
- **An additional keyboard will be used for teachers to model fingerings or techniques to students to allow for distancing.**
- **Group band will not meet right away. Lessons will be individual only.**

Lessons may be given during the school day when time allows as it fits into the student and teacher schedules. Before and after school are also optional times for piano lessons.

Mr. John Lee (or as we call him, "Music Mr. Lee") will be offering instrumental lessons, piano, as well as Suzuki violin, and guitar.

- Lesson fee for all private lessons is \$12.00 per lesson, payable to the instructor at the end of the month. Because of the fluidity of our situation with COVID and the absences it may cause, we will not have a set amount paid ahead of time with your instructor.
- Students are responsible to purchase their own lesson books and other materials. (We can let you know what will be needed.)
- Just a note: Suzuki violin lessons include parental involvement during the actual lesson. The \$12 fee is for the lesson only. The Suzuki method also involves a group lesson in addition to the individual lesson. Once we are able to host the group session, there is an additional \$12 fee for that lesson as well.
- Mrs. Marge Knudson will also be available to offer piano lessons. Mrs. Wyatt currently does not have any openings.

If you are interested in pursuing music lessons through Luther Academy of Music, please contact Mrs. Wolfgram at wolfgram@lutherschools.org.

Reformation Day - October 31

Reformation Day is an important

day in our Lutheran heritage as it commemorates the day, October 31st, when Martin Luther Nailed the 95 theses or statements on the door of Wittenberg Chapel. These statements based on Scripture indicated that we receive our salvation NOT by our works, but through the grace of God.



We will celebrate **Reformation Day** one day early on Friday, October 30th with our Annual All-school (socially distancing) bowling party!

We'll topple those bowling pins just like Martin Luther liked to do so many years ago!

Bowling as we know it began in Germany sometime during the fifth century. People pretended that the pins were devils and they used a round rock or heavy ball as a weapon to knock them down. If successful, it indicated they were overcoming the temptations of the devil in their lives. If not, their lives still had too many sins. The number of pins used varied from three to seventeen. Martin Luther is credited with deciding on nine pins. A life-size diorama at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in Texas portrays Martin Luther bowling on the single lane at the side of his home. A brochure from the museum states that Luther, an avid bowler, "once preached a sermon that proclaimed Christians 'strive for perfection in life. But when we roll a gutterball, all is not lost.'"

Just a side note: As a school, we do not participate in the celebration of Halloween or some of the traditions associated with it. (Things that evoke fear, monsters, witches, things associated with death, creepy costumes, etc.)

It's COLD OUT!

Now that the weather has turned chilly, please remember to send the necessary clothing items to keep

them warm as they head out to recess.



Coffee and Pie~ Online

As the month of October starts, Martin Luther School is excited to begin plans celebrating and commemorating the Reformation.

Along with celebrating the Reformation, MLS has always hosted a pie social where friends, families, and supporters of the school gather to eat pie, listen to performances from the children, and support the school through donations and/or purchasing baked goods and craft items. **Part concert, part fellowship, part fundraiser, but always 100% FUN!!**



Unfortunately, given the circumstances, the Board has decided it would be best to replace the social part of this event. Instead, MLS will be hosting an **online auction/sale/fundraiser**.

This will open Friday, 10/30/20, at 12:01 AM and run through Sunday, 11/8/20, at 2:00 PM.

You will have an opportunity to bid on:

- Donated crafts
- Artwork
- Toys
- Tools,
- Sporting goods
- Gift cards, and more!
- There may even be a few PIES up for auction!
- You can also make direct donations.

Finally, you will be able to purchase **t-shirts with the new “Lion” logo**. The shirts are great for MLS students, parents, grandparents, and all supporters. Drive-through pickup of winning auction items will be Sunday, 11/8/20, from 3-6 PM. T-shirts will be available after they are printed.

We will be accepting crafts/artwork/other items for the auction through 10/29/20. Contact your MLS school board representatives or Tom Langer at 202-5520.

We will also have T-shirt order forms and donation slips available at each of the five LCMS congregations if you prefer to order/donate offline.

Proceeds from this event will be used to purchase much needed replacement

I-Pads and projectors (currently 7-8 years old). We hope to be able to gather with all of you in fellowship soon.

Click on the link to check out the some of the great items up for bids once we begin!

[Click here for the auction site!](#)

COVID PROTOCOL INPUT

Thank you so much for sharing your thought regarding the recent changes presented by the NDDOH and BPS. As of now, we will continue to make masks optional for staff and students. This means that we may have periods of class quarantines should we have any positive or close contacts in a classroom setting. We will discuss this further at our next board meeting .

My child's class is quarantined! Now what?

I think it's fair to say that having face-to-face education IN school is what everyone prefers. Nevertheless, temporary distance learning will likely happen at one time or another during this school year. When a positive case or close contact is acknowledged, it means that we'll need to take action quickly.

What you can expect:

When class goes into quarantine, it hits everyone by surprise. Even the best of teachers will need to have some time to get packets ready, most likely a week's worth of materials, for their students. Depending on the age level of the student, they may not have much schoolwork to do on the first day.

The teacher will compile a packet of materials for your child. This will include work sheets, textbooks, and other items needed to complete the schoolwork. If you need to check out a Chrome book to use for the duration of the quarantine, please let us know and we'll get that ready.

Once the packets are ready, you can pick them up at the school. If you are unavailable to come pick them up, let us know and we can make arrangements to get them to you.

Attendance:

Once we get past the first day or two, you will be asked to have you or your child sign in daily for attendance, either through Google Classroom or Seesaw, the platforms our school has chosen to use if we needed to go with distance learning during any quarantine.

Online expectations

The teachers will have an assigned time for a group devotion time with their students as well as some time to assist with lessons that are assigned. Please understand that **this will not be virtual learning**, as in being online throughout the day. Our teachers will have likely at

least one lesson a day (preferably math) done in as way that is either live or video recorded to assist students.

Teachers, (assuming that if are healthy or at least asymptomatic if they are the one with the virus) will be available to assist students if needed.

Do not expect your child to be doing schoolwork for the same amount of time that they would have been in school. Time needed for completing the work at home is typically takes less time than that of a school.

Confidentiality. If you or your family member is the one who tests positive, please do not feel as though you “brought” COVID to the classroom. Even with the safest precautions taken, we can’t control how this disease spreads, or even the validity of the COVID test itself. Please know that we will not divulge identity of the person who has tested positive.

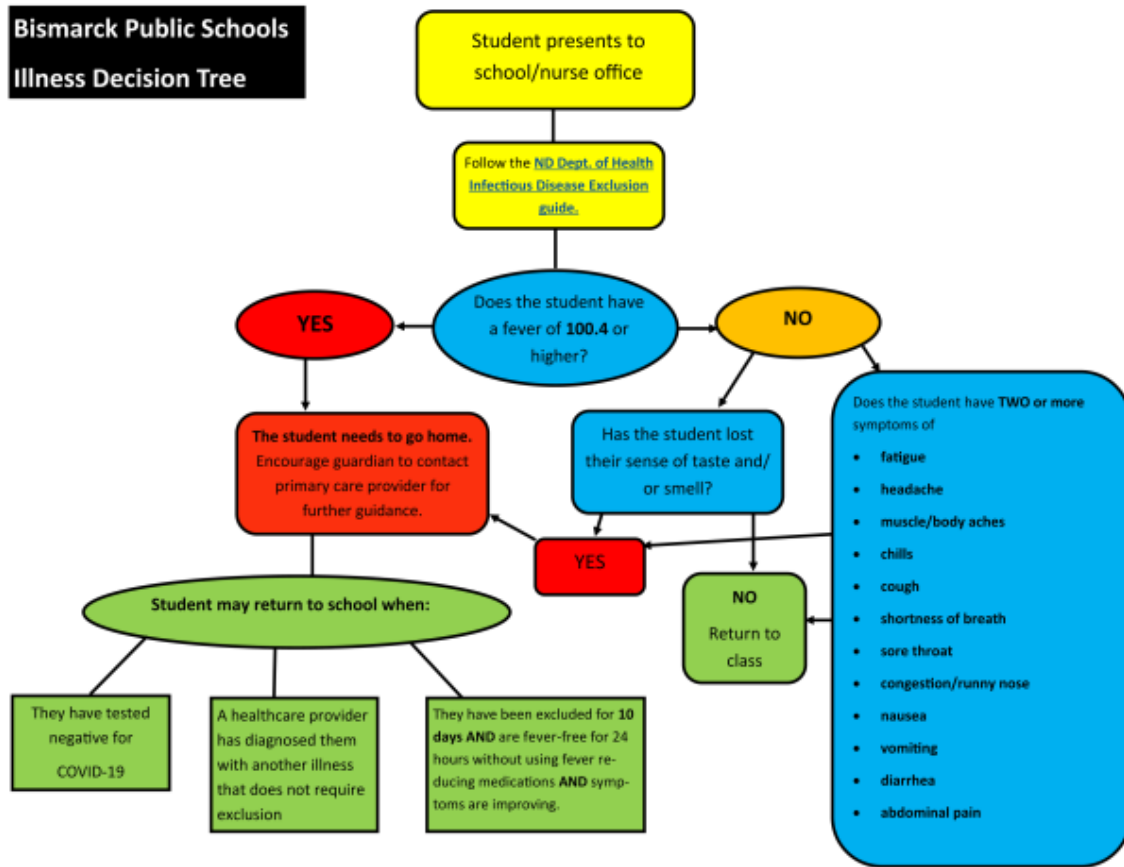
We hope and pray that we can get through all of the COVID concerns soon and get back to normal. Until then, we are taking precautions to help keep everyone safe and healthy to the best of our abilities.

Dealing with the sniffles

BPS has created an "Illness Decision Tree" shown below. We will use this diagram to help direct us as we deal with the illnesses throughout the year.

On the right in the blue box are a variety of symptoms of common illnesses. If your child presents with these symptoms, it doesn't necessarily mean that he or she has COVID-19. However, we need those symptoms accessed by your primary care provider along with a letter of verification before allowing your child coming back to school.

**Bismarck Public Schools
Illness Decision Tree**



**The opportunity to give of our gifts!
TOTAL GIFTS so far: \$120.00!!**

Collecting an offering and supporting local and global ministries and charities has always been part of the ministry at Martin Luther School. Each quarter we have a different emphasis.

This quarter our gifts will go to help Central Lutheran School in Newhall, Iowa, a school that sustained quite a bit of damage from the recent derecho that passed through the Midwest. Their roof was blown off in its entirety and landed IN the 2nd grade classroom. Consequently, they are unable to start school as planned. Just another complication to add to COVID and other struggles this year!

[Click here to visit Central Lutheran School in Newhall, Iowa](#)

How to give--

Chapel offerings: Your child may bring an offering that will be collected in the classroom and then collected at chapel.

\$1.00 Hat Day: If you would like to wear a hat on Fridays you may do so by bringing a \$1.00. We collect those dollars and contribute these to the cause, as well.

Pick Up During the School Day and Office Access

One of the hardest adjustments for us to make at MLS **AND** the hardest restriction to have to enforce is to limit parent access to the building. We've always appreciated the opportunity to visit with our parents and grandparents at drop off and pick up time. We appreciate your understanding when we work to reinforce new procedures to help keep all of us healthy and in school.

Just as a reminder for our K-6 grade guardians/parents.

- Parents are to drop off their student at the south door and not enter the building.
- If you need to contact Julie or Mrs. Wolfgram in the office, call the office (224-9070) and we will arrange to let you in and meet with you.
- In the case that you are in the building, we ask that you wear a mask.
- If you need to pick up your child early or for an appointment during the school day, contact the school when you have arrived, and we will escort your child to the front door to meet you.
- **Please note that the NORTH door is for Zion Lutheran Church activity only. Martin Luther families are to use the SOUTH and WEST doors only, NOT THE NORTH DOOR.**

Need to pay a bill, add milk or lunch money to your child's account? You can either:

1) Send the money in an envelope with your child to give to his or her teacher, and the teacher will get it to Julie,

OR

2) Call Julie at 224-9070, and she will arrange a time for you to meet with her.



**World Lutheran
Deaf Outreach**

Unfortunately we were unable to provide livestreaming of our chapel service last Wednesday. Vicar Ramthun from Zion served as worship leader, and Pastor John Reinke from Lutheran Deaf Outreach gave a presentation on American Sign Language, the deaf culture, and how we we can reach out to share God's word with both hearing and deaf people alike!

Our chapel offerings during the second quarter will go to support Lutheran Deaf Outreach.

[Click here to see what we learned in chapel with Pastor Reinke and Lutheran Deaf Outreach!](#)

IMPORTANT INFO----SNOW DAYS!?!?!

We've already had our first bit of cool weather, and soon we'll be seeing snow in the forecast. To be informed about any cancellations due to weather, we will be using the "Remind" program and will contact parents via text.

To be included in the system, enter this number: (Like the phone number to whom you are texting) **81010**

Text the message: **@mrswolfg**

If you do not text, simply send an email to the following address:

mrswolfg@mail.remind.com.

Thank you for participating We don't want to leave anyone out in the cold!
(No pun intended. It just happened.)

After School ABC Care Notes

We welcome Isaac Woodside to our ABC Care staff. He is brother to one of our current childcare providers, Luke Woodside. Welcome, Isaac!

"Are you a vir, femina, puella or puer?"

Prior to the COVID outbreak Martin Luther School made the decision to implement philosophies and methods of classical education. Even though we are facing various challenges dealing with COVID-19, we have decided to move forward and make the necessary changes to gradually transition into a classical school.

Learning Latin is one of the basics in classical education. While our students in the past have learned Spanish and even a little French, we are going back to the common denominator of the two-- Latin.

School Lunch



We are LOVING the good eats that our cook, Miss Beverly, has created for us! From the office and kitchen staff, we apologize for any menu changes that

have taken place as we have gotten started. We will try to announce those changes earlier to allow you time to make any arrangements as you see fit. We sometimes need to make substitutions as we navigate through this new program with the "Summer Lunch Program" which allows us to provide these meal at no cost to you.
