

"Mt. Calvary Lutheran is dedicated to teaching God's children" through His Word to be Christ-like witnesses and productive members of society."

Mt. Calvary Lutheran School

Newsletter

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GREETINGS MOUNT CALVARY LUTHERAN FAMILIES

Literacy Night is this Friday, which is a great opportunity to spend time as a family and focus on reading and writing. Much research has been done on the impact of parent involvement, specific to literacy. Did you know that parent involvement in literacy efforts influences student achievement, attendance, motivation, self-concept and behavior? Also, research shows that parents who read to their children, have books in the home, show a positive attitude towards school, and have high achievement goals for their children see higher academic gains for their children. Although all parents/guardians may not be able to come to school for events, your involvement at home can make a life-long impact. In addition, parents/guardians who achieve their own educational goals are great influences on their children.



FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT, TOMORROW

Mt. Calvary's annual Family Literacy night is this Friday, October 12th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Free books, snacks, and literacy activities for home and school at home will all be a part of this event. Don't miss the Family Fun Night designed for readers K4 through 8th grade. The theme is Superheroes.



MORNING DROP OFF - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

53rd Street is very congested in the morning as students are being dropped off. For the safety of students and all vehicles...**PLEASE**...

- 1) Drive from South to North (Center St. toward Burleigh St.) so that students are able to get out of the car on the school side of the street.
- 2) If you leave your car to come into the building, park up the street instead of directly in front of school.
- 3) Do not park along the curb faced in the opposite direction of traffic.
- 4) Drive slowly, being mindful of students and other vehicles. **THANK YOU** for your contribution in keeping the morning drop off safe and running smoothly.



ONLINE SIGN UP FOR PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

1st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences are coming quickly on November 9th & 10th. These conferences are required of all families and provide opportunities for home and school to recognize student successes as well as determine plans for continued improvement. Sign up forms and directions for online registration are included with today's Family Folder.



*PLEASE use the ONLINE system (now through Thursday, October 26th) in order to be able to choose the exact date and time to meet with your child's teacher. Simply go to www.ptcfast.com/schools/Mt_Calvary_Lutheran_School and follow the prompts.

When scheduling online, be reminded of the following: **(1)** Be sure to schedule for EACH of your Mt. Calvary's students. **(2)** If your child work with Mrs. Gruber, please sign up for two consecutive slots with the homeroom teacher. **(3)** If your child works with Ms. Nelson, be sure to sign up for a time to meet with her as well as the classroom teacher

MAP TESTING

Mt. Calvary has adopted MAP testing as one measure of assessing your child's academic growth. Currently, students in Grades 1-8 take the MAP test in fall, winter, and spring of each year. MAP testing continues through the month of October.



What is MAP? MAP is a state-aligned computerized adaptive assessment that measures your child's knowledge of math and reading. As the student answers questions correctly, questions become more difficult. If the student answers incorrectly, the questions become easier, then more challenging. This enables the assessment to identify the full spectrum of a student's strengths and weaknesses. Parents will receive October's MAP scores at Parent-Teacher Conferences in November. sure to sign up for a time to meet with her as well as the classroom teacher.

MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Placement Test: MLHS Admissions Department members will administer the 9th grade placement test for all 8th graders on October 22nd.

Open House: Milwaukee Lutheran High School is hosting an Open House from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on October 29th. Any student at Mt. Calvary is invited to attend and find out more about high school; however, typically 7th or 8th graders usually attend.



Shadowing: Please visit MLHS's website, www.milwaukeeelutheran.org, for information on scheduling an 8th grade visit to their campus.

NEWS FROM 4th GRADE

Fourth grade has started the year off strong. We are really buckling down on building our math and reading skills. Our reading focus has been finding the main idea of single and multiple paragraphs. We also just finished up some of our first guided reading books such as *The Littles*, *The Case of the Food Fight*, *Our Crazy Class Election* and *Count-down to Year 1,000*. Ask your fourth grader what book they read and their thoughts on it. In math we are working on conversions, rounding and multi-step story problems. We are keeping up on all of the skills we are learning by completing math puzzles during any down time. Keep up the great work 4th grade!



MS. NELSON RESOURCES

Looking to connect with other parents? Want a free, confidential place to discuss parenting ups and downs? The Parenting Network offers parent support programs, parenting classes, and links to community resources. Their experienced helpline is available weekdays from 8:30-9:00pm. Call them for more information at (414) 671-0566.



NO TARDIES IN SEPTEMBER?

All students who were on time every day during the month of September received a certificate today to be out of uniform tomorrow, Friday, October 12th. (Be reminded that dress code expectations for shoes and accessories are still in effect even on non-uniform days.) Thank you for making sure that students arrive to school on time!



BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Mt. Calvary participates in Boxtops for Education, coordinated by Sue King. Collected Boxtops can be returned to the classroom teacher or the box located in the school office. Please see the product list and collection sheet for more information. Thank you for your support!



ATTENDANCE

Daily attendance and promptness are two keys to school success. To also help with this effort, please commit to daily and prompt attendance to school. This helps avoid classroom interruptions and ensures that children will not miss any pertinent class information. Thank you for helping us to achieve maximum instructional time in each class. Also, if your child/children will be absent, please call the school office at (414) 873-3466.



Monday 10/22: NEW! Teriyaki Beef
Whole Grain Brown Rice, Graham Cracker,
Carrots with Ranch, Fruit & Milk

Tuesday 10/23: BBQ Chicken on a Whole
Grain Bun, Baby Carrots with Ranch, Fruit &
Milk

Wednesday 10/24: Italian Meat Sauce
Pasta, Breadstick, Romaine Salad with Ranch,
Fruit & Milk

Thursday 10/25: Chicken Patty w/ Bun ,
Baked Beans, Fruit & Milk

Friday 10/26: Cheese Pizza Sticks
w/Marinara Dipping Sauce, Steamed Corn
Fruit & Milk



October 26:End of the First
Quarter

November 1 & 2: Teachers
Convention (No school)

November 8 & 9: Parent-
Teacher Conferences
(Early Dismissal Thursday, No
School Friday)

Nov. 9 & 10: Parent-Teacher
Conferences

