

The Eagle's Cry

March 10, 2016

Nurturing students spiritually, emotionally, and academically.

HOT LUNCH

Friday– Pizza, Carrots w/Ranch, Buttered Peas, Cookie

Monday– Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Chips, Corn, Fruit, Brownie

Tuesday– Baked Pasta w/ Meat Sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread

Wednesday– BBQ Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Roll

Thursday– Baked Burrito, Corn, Orange Slices, Oreo Fluff



Don't forget to like us on facebook!

Principal's Pennings by Mrs. Arndt

Tomorrow marks the end of 3rd quarter. It happens four times a year – GRADING TIME! It's not the favorite time for most teachers. It's time consuming, it is difficult, and certainly not the reason teachers teach. You sit there at all times of day and night, with the stack of report cards before you. At best, you know it will take HOURS AND HOURS to make sure all papers are properly graded, entered into the grade book, averaged, put on the report cards, figure out the honor rolls and attendance, and check the "character box."

This would be easier if God had given all children the same abilities and motivation to go with those abilities, but He didn't! Some children are over achievers, some under-achievers, some talented in math, some in reading, some in more mechanical things. You certainly can't compare them – no two are alike. So, you try to grade them. How can numbers give fair grades? How is it fair to penalize a child for having little natural ability, when he can't get a high mark no matter how he tries? And then there is the child who gets an "A" with hardly any effort at all. How can you convince a child who works so hard for a "D" that

you are so very proud of him, and at the same time, try to convince the child who is gifted with the "A" that you'd like to see him work harder?

It is important to help our children NOT to label themselves according to grades as smart or not so smart. Rather, it is important to help each of them to see his God-given talents and to use those talents to the best of his ability. Is it the "A" student that is the most successful in life, or is it the child who learns to work hard and make the most of his abilities? Here is where parents and teachers work together to help each child succeed according to his talents, to use those talents to the glory of God, and to feel good about himself when he works hard and achieves to the best of his ability.

Maybe more questions are raised at grading time than there are answers. It's certainly a prayerful time for teachers as they ask for the wisdom to grade each child fairly. Grades are a "tool of the trade," that need to be handled delicately, carefully, and prayerfully. Through the



grading system, we work together to encourage and motivate the child to try his hardest to develop the skills God has given him. And, as you think about it, the success of the child can never totally be evaluated through the academic grading system. What kind of child is he? Is he empathetic? Does he show kindness to family and peers? There is so much more to the whole child than just the academic. He is a child of God, developing day by day, to discover and use his God-given talents in the way God intends – in whatever area they may be. As a parent and teacher, it is a delight to watch this unfold! And, it can't all be measured by the quarterly A's, B's, and C's!

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LAST WEEK AT MLA

*Second graders made clouds out of cotton balls. (for science)

*Pastor Froiland from Christ Lutheran was our chapel speaker.

*We had a tornado drill. (Yes, even with the basement full of auction donations!)

LOOKING AHEAD

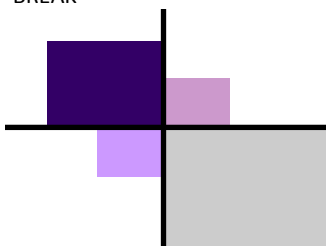
*MARCH 11 – END OF 3RD QUARTER

*MARCH 12, AUCTION!

*SUNDAY, MARCH 13 – Grades K-8 sing at King of Kings (10:30 am)

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME BEGINS (Yawn)

*MARCH 21-28 – SPRING BREAK



FREE HAMSTERS

We have 8 baby hamsters that need a good home. If you are interested, please call 816.804.5605

Charlotte Chandler



Come Support Our MLA Daisy Troop

The MLA Daisy Troop #1493 will be selling Girl Scout Cookies this weekend. A portion of the sales will go toward the costs of sending the scouts to camp this upcoming summer for four days.

The hours and location for the sale this weekend are:

March 13 from 12:00 pm to 2:pm at Jo-Ann Fabric and Crafts

2201 NW Barry Road
Kansas City, MO 64154

If you would like to purchase cookies, but can't come to either of the sales, please email your request to mlagirl-scoutstrop1493@gmail.com



ENROLLMENT LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME.

Dates to remember:

*Registration fee prior to March 15 - \$150/student

*Registration fee from March 16-May 15 - \$200/student

*Registration fee after May 15 - \$300/student

Athletics



Our track season has started. We are having a lot of fun at practices! We will be having extended run time at the end of some practices. This portion is purely optional. If your child is interested in participating, please send a text to Coach Smith at 816-616-4717 on the days they will be staying after to run.

Our final meet schedule for this season is as follows:

April 16– Hope Lutheran Track Meet

April 23– Trinity/alma Track Meet

April 30– Calvary Cross Country Meet

May 3– LHS Track Meet

May 14– Bethany Cross Country Meet

Details will follow on times and addresses.

Coach Smith



We are currently looking for some GREAT pictures of your MLA students for our year-book and website. If you have any pictures from sports, events, parties, etc... please send them to Mrs. Meier at

mmeier@mlakc.com.

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SINGING ENGAGEMENTS AT ASSOCIATION CHURCHES

March 13 – King of Kings, 10:30 am

April 24 – St. John's, Farley

We appreciate your efforts to get your children to these churches so that we can be a part of their worship service on these dates. These churches contribute both prayerfully and financially to our school, and we appreciate the opportunities to be a small part of their congregation.

END OF QUARTER is Friday, March

18. If you have a calendar that says there is no school on Friday, Mar. 18, that is INCORRECT. We DO have school as usual on Friday.

FINANCIAL AID – If you are needing financial aid for the coming school year, please go through the TADS process soon. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Arndt in the school office for clarification. It is our purpose and intent to make sure MLA is affordable for you. More information will be emailed on Friday

Other News



Save the Date!

Mar. 11 – End 3rd Quarter

Mar. 12 – Auction

*Mar. 13 – K-8, King of Kings, 10:30

Mar 21-28 – Spring/Easter Break

Mar. 30 – Heits Point Presentation, (Teachers: 7:15 am, Students: 9:00 am)

Apr. 1 – TEAM Meeting

Apr. 14 – Chapel Family Activities, 1:00 pm

Apr. 18-22 – ITBS Testing

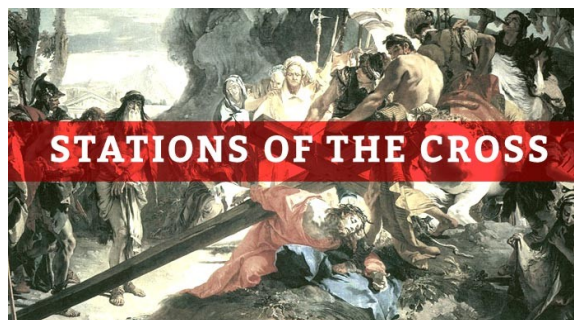
*April. 24 – K-8 @ St. John's, Farley

Apr. 28 – Spring Extravaganza

May 12/13 – 7/8 Grade Class Trip

May 19 – Kindergarten and 8th Graduation

May 20 – Last Day of School



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday, March 18, the 7th and 8th graders will be presenting the Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm. This will be a very meaningful way to introduce Holy Week. Parents are invited!

Auction News



Help! We need more volunteers for the night of the auction! We are specifically looking for more cashiers, someone to run the grub grab board, and someone to help with the student volunteers here at the school. Please take a look at the below sign-up genius and consider the way you can be of assistance.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c45aeaa23ab9-mlaauction>

If you have questions about the duties described, please contact Mrs. Smith at auction@martinlutheracademy.org We need your help!



Plan on taking fun pictures the night of the auction? Do you use social media like Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter? Hashtag us in your favorite pictures to help tell the story of our fun night at MLA! Use these hashtags for the fun!

#mlaeagles and/or #lutheraneducation