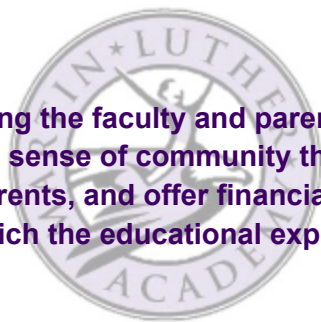


TEAM is dedicated to supporting the faculty and parents of Martin Luther Academy. Our mission is to foster a sense of community through fun and fellowship, provide educational resources to parents, and offer financial assistance for student activities. Together, we aim to enrich the educational experience at Martin Luther Academy.



Together Everyone Achieves More

MLA TEAM Meeting Minutes: September 8, 2025

Steering Committee:

President:	Samantha Griffin	Committee Members:	Megan Abens
Vice President:	Shannon Burns		Jessica Johnson
Secretary:	Elizabeth Gansen		Sarah Burrell
Treasurer:	Kensey Gosch	Faculty Liaisons:	Lisa Martens
			Meagan Miller

Opening Prayer: Samantha Griffin

Principal's & Vice Principal's Reports: Lisa Martens

- New Teachers for 25-26 - Please welcome them!
- Nearly full aftercare staff - if you know someone would be interested, please contact the office!
- Grandparent's Day went wonderfully! 300 to 350 in attendance (students and adults)
- Extravaganza: November 2nd
 - Very close to Halloween; plan for older students (6th to 8th) to help with activities; up to 5th grade is welcome to attend - bring a friend, invite a neighbor
- Movie Night: October 10th (K-4 students and parents)
 - Snacks and popcorn provided; activities; tentative 6:30 to 8:30
- Middle School Dance (5-8th) went very well; everyone seemed to have fun
- Dollar Dress Days are listed on the school calendar
 - All profits go toward the NJHS project (to be determined)

Financial Report: Kensey Gosch

- Current balance is around \$21,000

Room Parent Update: Samantha Griffin (Shannon Burns)

- Look for your child's room parent and expect an email with details
- Room parents should have received an email from Shannon with information/guidance

MLA Annual Auction: Liz Wollberg

- Annual auction helps fund operating costs and teacher salaries - budgeted school items
- March 17th
- Start collecting and thinking of ideas for donations
- MANY areas to help! Please contact Liz or the office if you are interested in joining the auction committee!

Walkathon: Rebekah Ohlde

- October 26; information on pledges to come home by the end of the week
- Updated prizes/incentives
- DJ Twigg will be there to entertain!
- Fundraising for school/student items (playground storage shed, items for specials classes, etc.)

Fundraising Updates:

- **Spirit Wear: Samantha Griffin (Elizabeth Gansen)**
 - We had one Spirit Wear order go out just after the start of school so new students could get MLA gear as early as possible. Profit \$122.16
 - Second opportunity to order will end September 10; often takes about 2-3 weeks to arrive
 - Look for basketball/volleyball/soccer designs
 - Next store to open in October with new designs for Fall/Winter (and Christmas gifts)
- **Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser(s): Jessica Johnson**
 - End of year party = \$184 in profit
 - Lunch fundraiser to be tried Wednesday, October 22nd
 - \$10 for lunch: Chicken sandwich or nuggets (8)
 - TEAM will add cookie, chips, drink
 - Look for information with lunch orders
- **Scholastic Book Fair: Samantha Griffin (Shannon Burns)**
 - Fall book fair just concluded; update on profits at next meeting
 - Thank you to all who volunteered and helped to make the book fair a success!
 - Spring book fair: April 29 to May 1
- **BOX TOPS: Samantha Griffin**
 - BUY – Earn for MLA with HUNDREDS of products from brands you love
 - SCAN – Use the box tops app to submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase
 - EARN – Box tops products are identified, and earnings are credited to MLA
- **RaiseRight Cards: Samantha Griffin (Elizabeth Gansen)**
 - Don't forget to use the RaiseRight app when shopping at your favorite stores; download digital gift cards, and a percentage of the money comes directly back to MLA for YOUR student's tuition.
- **OCTOBERFEST: Samantha Griffin (Jessica Dixon)**
 - Oktoberfest: OCT 3 and 4 **working at the main entrance gate, selling and scanning tickets, verifying guests for admission*
 - At Crown Center; presented by KC Bier Co - staffed with non-profit organizations
 - 30 shifts (4 hours each)
 - Friday (5-11pm) and Saturday (11-11pm); many time slots still open!
 - Sub volunteers needed too (just in case)
 - All volunteers get a shirt and a ticket for the event
 - Check email for more details!
- **SAVERS CLOTHING DRIVE: Samantha Griffin (Jessica Dixon)**
 - Clean out those closets! Make room before the holidays!
 - Any clothing and soft household items in sellable condition
 - Dates to drop off are TBD (possibly November 17 to 21st) - set your items aside now!
 - Paid by the pound - previously raised about \$800
 - Speak with Jessica if you have a large covered trailer

- **BUTTER BRAIDS:** Kensey Gosch
 - *BIG fundraiser - October 13 to November 3*
 - *Delivered November 12th*
 - *Perfect for the holidays! Only happens once a year!*
 - *Need help organizing and distributing on delivery day (need to be back in freezers)*
 - *Previously about \$10,000 raised*
 - *Each student asked to sell 6*

TEAM-Sponsored Items/Events:

- **AMAZING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:** Samantha Griffin
 - *October 22 and 23rd*
 - *Stock the break room and plan a lunch for teachers*
 - *More information to come on ways to help*
- **FIELD TRIPS:** Samantha Griffin
 - *K – Alldedge Orchard (OCT); puppetry institute; Wonderscope; singing at Gloria Dei*
 - *3rd/4th grade - Truman library*
 - *4th - National Frontier Trails Museum*
 - *6th-8th - Olympic Day at Lutheran High of Kansas City*
 - *7th-8th – School Day at the K*

OPEN FLOOR:

- *Yearbook costs to be discussed at next meeting*
- *Events: Extravaganza (\$500), Muffins for Moms (\$500), Donuts for Dads (\$500), Family Christmas (\$2500)*
 - *motion approved by voters*
- *Liz Wollberg requesting \$200 for subscription to Music Play for music curriculum development*
 - *motion approved by voters*
- **FREE DRESS DAY** (say “TEAM Spirit”)
- **SAVE THE DATES:**
 - *September 21st – Sing at King of Kings*
 - *September 25th - Dollar Dress Day*
 - *September 26th – Walkathon*
 - *October 2nd -3rd – Teacher Conferences – No School*
 - *October 22nd – 23rd – Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School*
 - *October 24th – Professional Development Day - No School*
 - *October 30th – Dollar Dress Day*
 - *October 31st – Reformation Walk*
 - *November 2nd – Extravaganza*
 - *November 3rd – Picture Retakes*
 - *November 9th – Sing at St John’s*
 - *November 10th – TEAM Meeting*

Closing Prayer: Samantha Griffin

ROOM PARENTS:

Grade	Teacher	Room Parent 1	Room Parent 2
Kindergarten	Mrs. Folken	Leslie Ranney	Megan Kassulke
1st	Mrs. Walker	Megan Abens	Sarah Burrell
2nd	Ms. Stengel	Jessica Leite	
2nd	Mrs. Ohlde	Jessica Dixon	
3rd	Ms. Penrose	Shannon Burns	
4th	Mrs. Eckhoff	Meagan Miller	Kristen Nichols
5th	Mr. Pappert	Emily Prachaseri	Mandy Brewington
6th	Mrs. Francis	Elizabeth Gansen	
7th	Mr. Eckhoff	Tammy Williams	Morgan Ellis
8th	Mrs. Denney	Kiran Azielle	Mikayla Crane