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HIGH SCHOOL**

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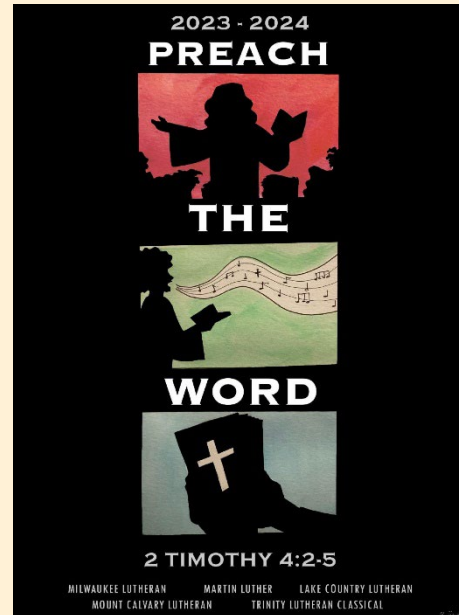
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SPRING BREAK!

Friday, March 15th - Friday, March 22nd.

The school office will be open 9:00AM - Noon

*Easter Break
No School*



- Friday, March 29th - Good Friday - **No School**
- Monday, April 1st - Easter Monday - **No School**

Visual Arts Classic Regionals Results





The Visual Arts Classic is put on by the Wisconsin Art Education Association (WAEA) every year. It is an art competition that consists of a Long Term project (prompts released in November) an Onsite Project, Critical Thinking (a group onsite project), and Quiz Bowl (answering art trivia about selected artists).

Long Term Project

1st Place Ranking (*Qualifies for State VAC*)

- Lauryn Ahmad - Digital Art
- Bella Kulinski - Photography
- Masiya Martinez - Painting
- Lillian Seymour - Mixed Media
- Yori Toliver - Ceramics
- Tessa Traska - Art History
- Kaely Weiser-Besaw - Sculpture

2nd Place Ranking

- Stuart Clemetsen-Hance - Graphic Design
- Aubrey Hemmings-Kadolph - Drawing
- Jessie Liu - Drawing
- Samantha Smid - Mixed Media

3rd Place Ranking

- Bria Jordan - Painting

Onsite Project

1st Place Ranking (*Qualifies for State VAC*)

- Lauryn Ahmad - Digital Art
- Bella Kulinski - Photography

- Jessie Liu - Drawing
- Masiya Martinez - Painting
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Steve Karner

Art Teacher

Assistant Football Coach

Visual Arts Classic Coach

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Symphonic Band Concert **Sunday, March 24** **2:00p.m.**

This award-winning instrumental group will be making this appearance as part of a seven-day concert tour to Florida and Georgia. They will perform a wide variety of traditional band repertoire and sacred music. The 37-member Symphonic Band will perform works from such composers as David Holsinger, Elliot Del Borgo, and Hugh M. Stuart.

Led by Instrumental Director, Jessica L. Kindschi Walter, the Symphonic Band is the top auditioned band at the high school. Since 1969, the Symphonic Band has embarked on an annual concert tour which has taken them to 25 states and Canada.

The public is cordially invited to attend these performances. A free-will offering will be received to help the students defray the cost of the tour.



FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES ONLY

Pre-ACT Assessment Test

Wednesday, April 3rd - **ALL Freshmen** (8:00-11:00a.m.)

AND

Thursday, April 11th - **ALL Sophomores** (8:00-11:00a.m.)

- Students will test with their assigned resource teacher. **Arrive by 7:55.** Do not be late!
- Bring a pencil and calculator!
- Students are released for the day after testing.

PRE ACT SCHEDULE-OF EVENTS

- Test 1: English- 30 Minutes
- Test 2: Math- 40 Minutes
- *** 15 Minute break ***
- Test 3: Reading- 30 Minutes
- Test 4: Science- 30 Minutes

Approx. Total Time: 3 Hours (includes reading instructions, handing out test tickets, prepping students)

*Test must be administered in the order listed above.

SENIORS AND JUNIORS ONLY

Spring Service Days April 3 and 11

See Mr. Leissring's message on Schoology and sign up today to earn up to 10 credits for your graduation requirement, while helping out a local service organization. Register BEFORE Spring Break to guarantee your spot!

Priority will be given to Seniors who need 5 or more Service Credits to graduate on time this May. Then, other Seniors and Juniors will fill the rest of our available spots. Seniors and Juniors who have already completed their service requirement for graduation may participate only if there are additional spaces available after all of the others have been placed.

THIS IS A DAY OF SCHOOL ON THE CALENDAR, SO YOUR PARTICIPATION IS EXPECTED!

If you have questions, please see Mr. Leissring in room 205 or message him on Schoology. Thanks!



- **Wednesday, April 3rd** - Virtual Day for all Sophomores. Juniors and Seniors- Virtual Day/Spring Service Day. Pre-ACT Testing for ALL Freshmen (8:00-11:00a.m.)
- **Thursday, April 11th** - Virtual Day for all Freshmen. Juniors and Seniors- Virtual Day/Spring Service Day. Pre-ACT Testing for ALL Sophomores (8:00-11:00a.m.)
- **Friday, April 26th** - Professional Development Day (Faculty) - No School
- **Friday, May 17th** - Student Help Day (8:00AM-Noon)
- **Tuesday, May 21st; Wednesday, May 22nd; Thursday, May 23rd** - Final Exams
- **Friday, May 24th** - Final Exams Make Up Day & Last Day of Semester 2

- Friday, May 24th - Graduation (6:30PM)

Here is the link for the [2024-2025 Academic Calendar](#)

ATTENTION PARENTS: **2024 -2025 Transportation** **Reimbursement Form**

Martin Luther HS students benefit from Wisconsin law, requiring bus service reimbursement for private and parochial school students in districts that provide bus service to public schools.

By May 15, 2024, our school office must submit a list of students to the school districts who provide transportation reimbursement. Once each school district receives the student list, families will receive a transportation contract to sign and return. For questions, please contact Shari Gastrow at sgastrow@martinlutherhs.org or 421-4000, ext. 201.

CITY OF MILWAUKEE RESIDENTS: Transportation reimbursement is **NOT** offered by the Milwaukee Public School District. The Milwaukee County Transit System provides regularly scheduled routes to Southridge Mall and Walmart. Students who have access to the city bus service will have transportation available from early morning until late at night.

Please complete the form below and email it to sgastrow@martinlutherhs.org , or have your student return it to the school office by Friday, May 3rd. Thank you!

[Public School Districts Transportation Reimbursement Form](#)

2024 Summer Programs **Registration is Open!**

MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL
SUMMER PROGRAMS 2024

Join the Martin Luther Spartans this summer with any of these programs:

FINE ARTS	CHEER & DANCE
BASKETBALL	SOCCER
SPEED & STRENGTH	VOLLEYBALL
FOOTBALL	WRESTLING
TENNIS	

Registration now open!



TO REGISTER...

[Summer Programs Registration - Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee \(rschooldtoday.com\)](https://rschooldtoday.com)



Graduation Program Slideshow Photos Due March 28th

Spring break is a great time to have your senior student choose their 4 photos for the graduation slideshow.

Greetings Seniors!

During the graduation program, there is a slideshow presentation which features each graduate. Please see the information below.

SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION PHOTOS DETAILS:

- 4 digital photos emailed to Mrs. Kulinski
 - rkulinski@martinlutherhs.org. The subject heading for the email should be the **STUDENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME**. If there are more than 4 photos, they will not be included. Send all 4 photos attached to a single email.

- Photos can be from an infant to current age, individual or family photos (your favorite photos).
- Photos should be in JPEG format
- Photos should be rotated correctly and cropped to not include large white areas if scanned from a paper printout. Crop out taskbars/menus from screenshots.

****The deadline for submitting your photos is Thursday, March 28th****

If you need assistance with scanning your photos, please bring your photos to Mrs. Kulinski. She will scan the photos and return them to you.

Safety Update

Martin Luther Families,

The safety of our students, staff and ML families is always a top priority. We are achieving single door entry for all who come into our building.

With this in mind, we have added an alarm to door #7 which is the maintenance/athletic entrance and exit on the northwest side of the building and door #8 which leads to the band/choir rooms on the northside of the building. Students will not be allowed to use these doors as exits or entrances during the school day as an alarm will sound.

Door #8 will always be alarmed. Door #7 will be alarmed during the school day and during home events. Door #7 can be used as an exit for students after 3:15pm.

Students should always enter the building through the main entrance which is Door #1. During the school day students should exit through Door #1, the main entrance, or Door #9 (WFAC) on the northeast side of the building to the student parking lot.

As we continuously review safety measures at our school the decision was made to alarm these doors. We thank you for your understanding as we continue to make safety a top priority.



Regular attendance at school is essential for successful earning of credits. The school day has priority over outside activities. We understand that absences happen and are sometimes unavoidable. When a student misses school, it puts the student and the teacher in a difficult situation. Education takes place in the classroom and cannot always be made up outside of the classroom.

As we are now halfway through the second semester, this a reminder that course credit may be forfeited for excessive absences, excused or unexcused. You may have received communication from a teacher regarding this policy. Below is the policy as stated in the handbook on page 12.

5.1 THE ATTENDANCE POLICY IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. Course credit may be forfeited on the seventeenth period of absence in a semester course.

Please use Skyward to check your student's attendance. If your student will be absent, please use the following procedures for notifying the front office.

5.2 PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW WHEN AN ABSENCE OCCURS:

A. If a student must miss a school day for an illness or will be arriving later in the morning because of an appointment, please remember: On the day of the absence, parents/emergency contacts should call the school office by 9:00 AM.

B. If a student needs to leave school during the day for any reason, parents/emergency contacts ONLY are to send a note with the student or call the office that morning. Last minute calls may result in a delayed dismissal. Students are then given a pass to leave.

C. If a student will be out of school for an extended time, they need to pick up a Pre-Planned Absence Form from the office. This form must be signed by the parents, all of the student's teachers, guidance counselor and the principal. Also, a note should be sent to the office.

D. In some cases, a doctor's statement may be required before students are permitted to return to class. This is particularly true in the event of communicable diseases or prolonged absences. The office will notify parents when this requirement is necessary.

E. Participants must be in attendance for HALF of the school day to participate in practice or contests on that day. If a personal absence occurs for any part of the day, school administration must excuse the absence to allow a student to participate in a practice or contest.

F. All absences must be accounted for by the home.

G. Parents who leave students under the supervision of another caretaker while out of town, must leave the following information with the school: - duration of their absence.
- name and phone number of person assuming responsibility for the student

Martin Luther High School FORMAL DANCE DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

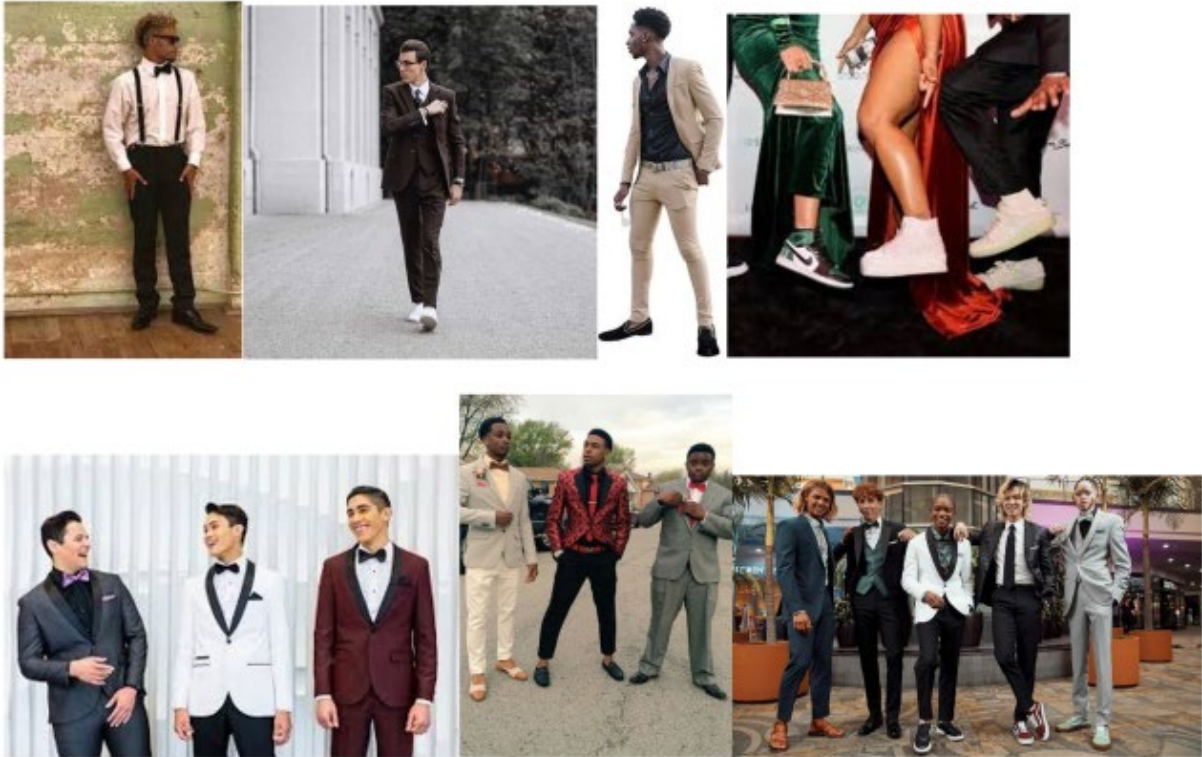
The prom and other Martin Luther dances are school events and reflect the values and standards of our school. ML's Dress Code will be strictly enforced at all formal dances and must be followed by all students attending - both ML students and their guests. Anyone not in compliance with the Dress Code will not be admitted to the dance and refunds will not be issued. There is no loaner clothing option. If you are bringing a date from another school, it is your responsibility to make him/her aware of the ML Dress Code. ML Dress Code requires attire that reflects modesty and good taste. Dance dress should not only be modest and appropriate, but also fit properly and be neat and clean. All students are expected to be well-groomed and reflect good personal hygiene. Following popular fashion trends will likely result in violations of our Dress Code. There are, however, hundreds of beautiful, tasteful, and appropriate dresses that are perfect for formal dances. If you have questions about your dress, it is your responsibility to seek prior approval from the administration. ***Please see Mrs. Herbig, Dr. Jensen or Mr. Wollersheim before purchasing a dress that you might not be able to wear or return.*** You can avoid violations and being subject to disciplinary action by leaning towards modesty. These guidelines may be helpful reminders of ML's Dress Code as applied to formal dances, including the prom.

As with clothing allowed to school, no displays or suggestions of obscene language or symbols, pornography, violence, gang affiliation; illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco; or symbols of death are permitted.

The school administration has the final judgment in determining compliance with the Dress Code and making the subjective determination of modesty. Students are advised to err on the side of modesty and formality. Please do not put school administrators in the difficult position of upholding school standards or let yourself or your date be embarrassed by being called out for violating our school's dress code and asked to leave the dance.

Men

- Men are expected to wear formal evening attire that could include a tuxedo, suit with a tie, or sport coat and slacks with a tie. (Dark blue or black jeans that are free from holes and tears are acceptable.)
- Shirts must be worn and be buttoned and collared.
- No bandannas, baseball caps, or other hats or headwear are allowed.
- Shoes should be dress shoes or nice athletic shoes.



Women

- Necklines of a dress, top, or gown must be cut in a modest way so that no/limited cleavage is shown.
- **No** exposed undergarments or sleepwear.
- Sides must cover the torso, chest should be no lower than a normal bra strap. Cut-outs are acceptable on the back **ONLY**.
- **NO** exposure of chest, midriff, thigh, naval or abdomen. Sheer panels on dresses are not allowed and will not make your dress meet dress code requirements.
- Slits in a dress/skirt or non-sheer areas must be at least a 5 inch inseam.
- The garment should not be excessively tight.
- **No** removable cover-ups (coats, shawls, sweaters) will be allowed over dresses that do not meet the Dress Code. Any additions pinned or sewn onto a dress to make it compliant with the dress code must remain in place throughout the dance.
- Remember, because of differing body types, the same dress may be acceptable on one person, but not on another.

THESE TYPES OF DRESSES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.



**LHSAGM Night at the
Milwaukee Admirals!**



Attend a Milwaukee Admirals game on **Saturday, April 20** at Panther Arena to show your support for athletics. \$20 from each ticket sold will support the athletic programs at Milwaukee Lutheran, Martin Luther, Lake Country Lutheran & Mt. Calvary Lutheran! Our athletes appreciate your support!

[Purchase Tickets Here!](#)

Milwaukee Brewers Lutheran Schools Night



Saturday, April 27

New York Yankees vs. Milwaukee Brewers

6:10 PM

Loge Outfield Box - \$25

Field Outfield Box - \$36

Loge Infield Box - \$38

Field Infield Box - \$59

Terrace Infield - \$15

Order your tickets by Friday, April 12.

If you have a group of 10 or more, please contact:
Teddy Sibilsky | Milwaukee Brewers | 414-902-4657

[ORDER TICKETS](#)

Wisconsin Tax Deduction

Beginning with the tax year 2014, the State of Wisconsin introduced legislation (Wis. Stat. § 71.05(6)(b)49), in which private school tuition payments paid on or after January 1, 2014 are eligible for an annual income tax deduction. Qualified taxpayers may potentially claim up to the deduction limit (\$4,000) for each dependent child in grades Kindergarten through 8th and up to the deduction limit (\$10,000) for each dependent child in grades 9th through 12th. Tuition claimed must be paid in the tax year in which it is being filed.

Finalsite

For any payments made for the tax year, you will need to access the tax form from **Finalsite (formerly called SchoolAdmin)**. To obtain your tuition payments, log into your Finalsite account and click the billing tab. The tax statement is a link located within the ledger header. If you have any questions, Student Accounts can be reached at studentaccounts@LHSAGM.org or 414-261-0280.

For more information on how to claim these expenses, click on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue form: [Schedule PS - Private School Tuition](#). In preparing the form, taxpayers will need our **FEIN which is 39-0889672**, as well as the amount of tuition paid last year.

The presented information is not legal or tax advice. The LHSAGM is prohibited from giving or providing tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor for specifics on your personal circumstances.

Denise Barbieri

Student Tuition and Billing Specialist

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Mental Health Counseling

Lutheran Counseling and Family Services (LCFS) is providing mental health counseling once a week here at SCHOOL!

Unsure when you should seek therapy services for your child? Here are just a few signs it may be time to seek counseling:

- Your child may be isolating, withdrawing
- Your child may not seem interested in things they once were interested in or they seem to have low energy

- They spend all their time on devices and/or video games and are not wanting to spend time with family or friends or the activities they enjoy
- They may have had a sudden change or gradual change in behavior
- They may not want to hang out with friends like they used to
- Their grades are declining
- You may receive calls home from school due to their behavior
- They seem more on edge, irritable, like something is constantly bothering them
- They have recently lost a loved one or pet
- They had a serious incident happen to them or someone they love

If you are considering whether counseling is right for your child, LCFS's counselor Tina Popp can meet with you to answer any questions you may have. Please ask Mrs. Hammerling, hammerling@martinlutherhs.org for a packet.



Severe Weather School Closure Alerts

If it is necessary to close school because of severe weather conditions, please watch for a ML email or text alert, if you opted-in the School Messenger Service. Announcements will be made on local television (channels 4, 6 or 12).

The web sites **todaystmj4.com**, **fox6now.com** and **wisn.com** will have a listing of all closings as well. When Milwaukee Public Schools Public Schools close, Martin Luther will automatically close. When Greendale Public Schools close, Martin Luther will not necessarily close. The lack of an announcement means that school will be operating.

If school remains open and you feel that streets are too hazardous, please contact the school office, (414) 421-4000, to let us know if your child will be arriving late or not at all.

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of **"Y"** or **"Yes"** to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with **"Stop"**.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
phone now!**



**Just send
"Y" or "Yes"
to 67587**

i Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

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