

WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES

January 19th – 23rd, 2026



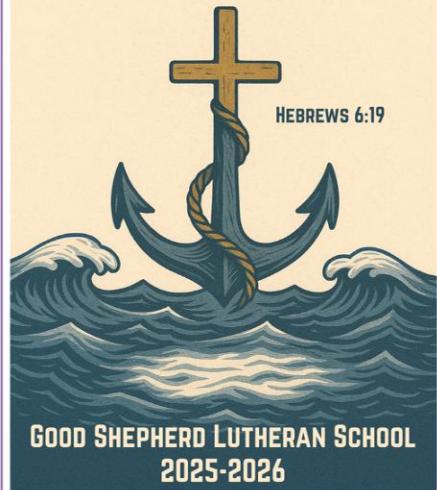
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General News and Notes

- Thank you to everyone who was able to take part in our Dining Out event at Chipotle! Thank you for supporting Good Shepherd Lutheran School!
- A reminder that there is **no school** this Monday, January 19th (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).
- This week, we welcome two student teachers to Good Shepherd: Miss Emma Grace Kramer, who will be working with Miss Crowl, and Mr. Zachary Pausma, who will be working with Mrs. Hopfensperger! Miss Kramer and Mr. Pausma are both seniors at Martin Luther College and will be with us for the next ten weeks. Welcome to Good Shepherd!
- There is no basketball practice this Tuesday, due to several conflicts. We will resume practice on Tuesday, 1/27.
- In partnership with the VNA, we will conduct our annual health screening on Thursday, February 12th. We'll be screening for hearing and vision that morning and will need 3 or 4 parent volunteers. Please reach out to me if you are willing/able to help that morning. We'll get started right away at the beginning of the day and should be done before 10 a.m. Thank you!
- Mark your calendars for our final "Goodnight Stories" of the school year on Wednesday, February 4th! All Preschool-4th-grade students are invited to come in their pajamas, bring a cozy blanket, and join us for stories, an activity (maybe even some dancing!), and a free book to take home. Please invite friends and family to this fun event!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 17

Cheer Camp @ NELHS

January 19

NO SCHOOL (MLK Jr. Day)

January 20

PreK – 5th-grade field trip
"Mr. Popper's Penguins" @ the Rose

February 4

Goodnight Stories @ GS (6:30 p.m.)

February 10

3rd-8th-grade field trip @ Joslyn Art

February 16

NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
Faculty In-service Day

February 23-26

Christian Education Week

February 27-28

NELHS Basketball Tournament
(No school on Friday, 2/27)

March 2

NO SCHOOL

Worship Focus

THIS WEEKEND



Sunday 1/18/26

9:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Vicar Guse)
10:30 a.m. – Worship (Vicar Guse)

MR. LAUBER & MRS. ROBERTS' CLASSROOM

- I (Mr. Lauber) will be in Chicago this Sunday through Wednesday for the WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership. Mrs. Roberts will be filling in on Tuesday, and Mrs. Seaberg will fill in on Wednesday morning until Mrs. Roberts arrives. I appreciate their help so I can attend the conference!



Despite the intensity of the sudden "snow squall" during Friday's lunch recess, Nakyla's attempt to make snow angels was sadly unsuccessful.

Theme:

"Identity Revealed:
Jesus Is the Christ – the Anointed
One"

Readings:

- 1st Lesson – Isaiah 42:1-7
- Psalm 48B
- 2nd Lesson – Acts 10:34-38
- Gospel – Matthew 3:13-17

Hymns:

- #385 - "Christ Begins"
- #377 – "To Jordan's River
Came our Lord"
- #679 - "God's Own Child, I
Gladly Say It"
- #692 – "All Who Believe and
Are Baptized"

TESTS THIS WEEK

M – NO SCHOOL
Tu – None
W – 6th-Grade Math
Th – None
F – None



Enjoying the snow globe effect

MISS CROWL'S CLASSROOM

Memory Work: John 3:16 for Wednesday. Proverbs 3:5 for Friday.

Spelling:

3rd - (Compound Words and Abbreviations) birthday, anyone, afternoon, airplane, grandmother, faraway, daylight, Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr., Rd, St., Ave, chair, pear, beard, fear

4th - (Suffixes -ful, -less, -ness, -ment) colorful, weakness, enjoyment, endless, truthful, closeness, cheerful, spotless, beautiful, breathless, clumsiness, pavement, graceful, eagerness, dampness, scoreless, statement, wasteful, penniless, treatment

5th - nature, certain, villain, mountain, mixture, pleasure, captain, departure, surgeon, texture, curtain, creature, treasure, gesture, fountain, furniture, measure, feature, future, adventure

Notes & Reminders:

- This week, we welcome Miss Kramer into our classroom! She will be completing her student teaching with us for the next 10 weeks.
- We have a field trip this Tuesday, January 20th, to the Rose Theater to see Mr. Popper's Penguins.
- There will be **no basketball practice** this Tuesday.



Running sprints for Coach Crowl



Switching sides for kickball

Mission Statement

Good Shepherd
Lutheran School exists for
students to be

FED by the Word,

FOLLOW Christ in his love,
and

FIND the lost with his Word.

MRS. HOPFENSPERGER'S CLASSROOM

- **Spelling Words (1st & 2nd Grade):**

- 1st: so, go, no, me, where, who, what, when, why, how
- 2nd: hens, eggs, ducks, bikes, boxes, wishes, dresses, names, bells, stamps, dishes, grapes

- **High Frequency Words:**

- Kindergarten: the, a, see, I, by, my, to, at, am, go, is, no, man, and, you, can, an, has, it, he, ran, she, did, in, put, me, sits, with, big, good, his, very, got, here, of, on, are, lot, not, was
- 1st: any, done, laugh, long, more, pull, teacher, think
- 2nd: began, book, of, ready, their, thought, two, whole, write, years

- **Sound of the Week:**

- Kindergarten: L and H
- 1st: long e, i, o, possessive 's
- 2nd: multisyllabic words, suffixes -y and -ly

- **Focus Skills**

- Kindergarten: blend onset and rimes, isolate initial sounds, blend phonemes into words, retell a story, characters, setting and events
- 1st: topic and central idea, make and confirm predictions, theme
- 2nd: text organization, summarize, content-area words, chronological order

- **Power Words**

- Kindergarten: half, serving, variety
- 1st: brag, emblem, forever, freedom, grouchy, monuments, peace, scene, sights, symbol, true
- 2nd: accurate, boast, chief, clings, damage, excess, funnel, hazy, occur, pellets, predict, ruin, toasty, tough

Starting on January 20th, we will welcome a student teacher, Mr. Pausma, to our classroom for the next 10 weeks from Martin Luther College.

Upcoming Dates:

January 20th – Field Trip to the Rose Theater

January 23rd – 2nd Grade Show and Tell

January 30th – Flashlight Friday



MEMORY WORK

Tuesday

- K – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart.”
- 1-2 – Proverbs 3:5

Wednesday

- 2 – John 3:16

Thursday

- 1-2 – Isaiah 43:11



MRS. WALZ'S CLASSROOM

- In Jesus Time, this week we will learn one story. Our story is "Jesus Calms the Storm." In this story, we will hear how Jesus saved his friends from a terrible storm using His almighty power.
- For Circle Time, this week we will talk all about colors.
- January's Family Fun Calendars and Nightly Reading Sheets were sent home last week and are due on Friday, January 30th.
- There is Show and Tell this week. The theme is a favorite toy.
- We are going to the Rose Theater on Tuesday, January 20th, to see "Mr. Popper's Penguins". We need 2 parent helpers for the trip. If you would like to help, please let me know. If this is not your child's regular day of school, they are welcome to join us. Please message me in Bloomz if your child would like to join us.
- Our 100th Day of School is coming soon! Please look for a note to be sent home as we get closer to the day for ways to help us celebrate.
- If you ever have any questions, please feel free to email me, send me a message in Bloomz, send a note in your child's backpack, or talk to me in person.
- Have a great week!



Fun with colorful puffballs!



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