

Mt. Olive Herald

The weekly newsletter of Mt. Olive Lutheran School

"The LORD has done great things!"

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Chapel offerings: Cristo Rey Lutheran Church

\$87.36 was received at the chapel service on 02/06/19. The fund has a balance of \$231.48.

Our mission project for the second semester is Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in Bell Gardens, California.

Mrs. Feistner receives email at school@mtolivelutheran.org. She is a notary public and works 7:30 to 5:00, Mon. – Fri. **Mrs. Kephart** is in from 9:00 – 1:00 & receives email at church@mtolivelutheran.org. Both answer the phones.

Thank You! Thank You!

Dear Mount Olive Lutheran School, Thank you for all your volunteer contributions to the 7th annual Kiwanis Holiday Lights! We appreciate your assistance! Thank you, Sincerely, Kiwanis Holiday Lights Board.

Dates in This Newsletter

February 8, 6 PM, Junior Youth night, social hall

February 10, 5 PM, Lutheran Pioneers, Peace Lutheran

February 12: No morning busing
February 12, 6:30 PM, PTF Executive meeting
February 15: MLC Tournament, no school
February 18: No School, Presidents Day
March 2: MVL Band Festival
March 3: MO Sunday School sings, both services.
March 10, wee hours: Day Light Saving returns! Spring those non-satellite clocks ahead.
March 10: Band **bake sale**. Band plays preservice music AND children sing at both services for Lutheran Schools Week.
March 15: Milk Moola nickels due!
March 15, 11:15 AM, Early out! **No** After-School Care.
May 1, 7 PM: Spring band concert, Trinity Chapel, BLC



OPOs, Part 1

This month we focus on OPOs. This silly acronym is helpful for students to remember because Other People's Opinions (OPOs) are all around us. Sometimes OPOs are in our best interest, and other times they are not. It is helpful, as children navigate their day, to have skills to determine when OPOs are helpful or harmful and develop strategies to deal with them. Rejoice today with your child that God's opinion of us is clear and unchangeable: PRICELESS!

"And Root Beer Floats Go To ..."

We have a winner for the Box Tops contest!! First grade brought in a whopping 563 Box Tops in the month of January! Thank you to all the classes for participating! We had a grand total of 2,161 Box Tops brought in!

Send your pictures to
school@mtolivelutheran.org

You Are Invited!



Mount Olive Lutheran School

Starting kindergarten is a big and exciting step! We at Mount Olive Lutheran School invite all children who are 5 years old by September 1, 2019, along with their parents to our Kindergarten Open House. This is an informational meeting designed to inform you of the Christ-centered education your child receives at Mt. Olive. The principal (Mr. Silas Born), kindergarten teacher (Mrs. Jessica Gunderson), and school nurse will be present to answer any questions you may have. There will be activities for the children in the kindergarten classroom.

Date: Thursday, February 21
Time: 6:30 PM
Where: Mount Olive Lutheran School
1123 Marsh Street
Mankato, MN 56001
www.school.mtolivelutheran.org
507.345.7927

*Please park and enter the building on the Playground/South side

Mt. Olive Lutheran School has been established to carry out Christ's commission to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20) by assisting parents in the Christian training of their children, to live a life of faith here on earth and forever after in Heaven. God's Word is taught and integrated throughout our curriculum so that by God's grace, students may grow in faith and use their gifts for the glory of God.

PTF News

God has truly blessed Mt. Olive Lutheran School through our Charger Challenge Fundraiser! Thanks to your tremendous participation, we have been able to complete some great projects. This year is no different and we would like to share some of the wonderful things that have been done and will be done as a direct result of this successful fundraiser!

The PTF has a Large Group Meeting in the Spring which is dedicated to compiling, prioritizing, and voting on ideas to fundraise for in the next school year. Below is the list from the April 2018 Large Group Meeting and shows the exact items that were approved and how they are being accomplished for our school this year.

Charger Challenge approved & prioritized list from the Large Group Spring meeting, April 18, 2018:

1. Active Board for new Kindergarten classroom \$4,000 – *PURCHASING THIS YEAR*
2. Kindergarten Room furniture and loft \$6,000 – *PURCHASING THIS YEAR*
3. Gaga Ball Pit \$700 – *PURCHASING THIS YEAR*
4. ~~Water Bottle Filler drinking fountain \$1,500~~ – *FUNDED THROUGH A SEPARATE GRANT*
5. IXL Computer Program Subscription \$3,150 – *PURCHASING 1-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION THIS SUMMER*
6. Math Night Kit for 2019-2020 School year \$1,800 – *PURCHASING THIS YEAR*
7. Classroom 1-year bonus of \$300/per classroom \$2,700 total – *DISTRIBUTED OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK TO BE UTILIZED THIS SCHOOL YEAR*
8. Piano replacement for Mrs. Dittmer's classroom \$1K-5K – *RESEARCHING OPTIONS TO PURCHASE THIS YEAR*
9. Student Scholarship Fund donation of \$1,000 – *NOT DESIGNATED AT THIS TIME*
10. ~~Exterior School/Building Electronic locks~~ – *FUNDED THROUGH OTHER MEANS*

As you can see, nearly everything on the list will be purchased because of the Charger Challenge or because of a grant! What a tremendous blessing for our school! If you have any suggestions that you would like to see discussed at our Spring Large Group meeting for next year's fundraising list, please email researched suggestions to Angela Merseth, PTF Chairperson, at ammerseth@gmail.com.

The Mt. Olive PTF (Parents, Teachers, & Friends) Committee

“Magnatiles from the Kindergarten classroom bonus!!”



"Thank You!" to Our Helpers **Library**

The library is staffed beginning at 8:15 AM and again at 11:45 AM on Thursdays, and at 9:45 AM Fridays.

Fri., Feb. 8, No library today
Thu., Feb. 14, 8:15 AM, Joanne M. & Mary B.
Thu., Feb. 14, 11:45 AM, Darci T & Keri L.

Lunchroom (10:45 – 1:00-ish)

Fri., Feb. 8, Ashley Olsen
Mon., Feb. 11, Tom Schulz
Tue., Feb. 12, Vivian Smith
Wed., Feb. 13, Vivian Smith
Thu., Feb. 14, Kristen Lukasek

Sporting News

Volunteers for Home Basketball Games

We have 2 home basketball games left for our season. Many of those games are in need of volunteers. If you have not signed up for all of your spots please do so or the Booster Club will assign you to the various spots still open. Thank You.

Spirit Week February 11-14 for MLC Basketball Tournament

Below are the dress-up days for Spirit Week which takes place during the week of Feb. 11 – 14. Here is your chance to show your school spirit and build up the excitement for our teams heading to the MLC Tournament.

Monday, Feb. 11: DECADE DAY

Jump back in time to the 60's, 70's, and 80's. Wear an outfit from the era of your choosing. Get ready to go back to the good old days!

Tuesday, Feb. 12: CLASH DAY

Mismatch your outfits, get as crazy as you can. Let your inner rainbow shine through! The only rule is DON'T MATCH!

Wednesday, Feb. 13: FORMAL DAY

Everyone gets to be a glamorous movie star. Dress to impress, and walk the red carpet. But don't get caught by the Paparazzi!

Thursday, Feb. 14: Blue & White Day

Show your school spirit. Dress in the blue and white and let the fun begin. You're all invited to the Pep fest @ 1:30 held in the gym.

Congratulations B Girls

Congratulations to the B Girls for their Second Place finish at the PLS B Team Tournament.

Risen Savior Basketball Tournament

The **Boys B** team plays in the Risen Savior Tournament Saturday, Feb. 9. Their first game is at 8:00 in the South Gym at Bethany College.

Sport Dates: **Note the changes**

for Monday, Feb. 11.

Saturday, Feb. 9, Risen Savior Tournament (Bethany College), **Boys B only**, 8:00

Monday, Feb. 11, at Risen Savior, Mnkto (St. Paul's Church), **Boys B & A**, 5:00

Monday, Feb. 11, vs St. Paul, Fairmont, **Girls B & A**, 4:30

Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Risen Savior, Mnkto (St. Paul's Church), **Girls B**, 5:00

Inclement Weather Policy

Mt. Olive follows School District 77 for weather-related announcements. For early release, Mt. Olive is always 15 minutes earlier than ISD 77's time. If the early out is posted as out at 11:30, Mount Olive is out by 11:15. If the early out time is posted as 1:00 PM, then Mount Olive is out at 12:45 PM. The time adjustment is bus-related as Mount Olive is the first school on the bus route. District 77 School Closing number is **386-4777** or go to <http://www.katoinfo.com/schoolclosings.php>



Mt. Olive posts late starts & closings on KEYC-TV and KTOE radio: AM-1420 or FM-102.7.

Staying Weather Informed

Parents can sign up for the emails and texts from ISD 77 when school is impacted by the **weather**. Upon completing the form, the site reports "Thank you for signing up to receive Mankato Area Public Schools news ...". If you elected to receive email notices, you'll get in your email Inbox "Thank you for signing up to receive Mankato Area Public Schools news by email. Please click the link to confirm subscription." To sign up, use the district's form at <http://www.isd77.org/page/4982>

From Last Week but Still Relevant

Attention Jr. Youth!



Join us for
**NACHO
NIGHT!!**

Friday, Feb. 8th,
6:00-8:00pm.

Mt. Olive Social Hall

WE: Will provide Chips, Taco Meat, & Cheese Sauce.

YOU: Bring your favorite Nacho Topping to share! Salsa, Hot Sauce, Shredded Cheese, Jalapenos, Guacamole, Beans, Lettuce, Skittles, Maple Syrup, etc... After dinner we will have Bible Study and some fun organized games!

(With some new surprises in store!)

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT!!!!

Milk Moola is closing!

Get your nickels to school before the Ides of March—that's Friday, March 15—so that the PTF can package & mail them before the cutoff date. **Kwik Trip is discontinuing the Milk Moola program** & March is the cut off. Please turn in your nickels—be it **caps or bag strips**.

ASC Wish List

Posted on the youth room door is a list of items After-School-Care would like to have for the kids. Also needed: 4 men's small white short-sleeve dress shirts. If you have questions, contact Michelle Graham (507.720.7258)

Reference Section

Energy Assistance Program

Energy assistance in our area is available through Minnesota Valley Action Council. MVAC provides energy assistance in the following counties: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan. Applications in PDF format can be found on their website and must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2019, to be processed for benefits for the 2018-2019 program year. The 'top' page is <https://www.mnvac.org/programs/energy/energy-assistance-eap-2/>

According to their website, they are currently processing applications received **February 4**.

All About Scrip

To earn big and get credit towards tuition, create an account on ShopWithScrip.com if you don't have one yet. All participants need to sign up for PrestoPay to order. This also allows your eGift cards and reloads to get to your physical gift cards faster.

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 2. Enter our organization's enrollment code:
 3. Link your bank account to enroll in online payments and place your first order. scrip@mtolive.lutheran.org
- Have a question? Contact our coordinator at: _____