

2019 – 2020 SY

Dear Parents,

To be better stewards of what the Lord has entrusted to us, we use FACTS Tuition Management to administer our payment collection. All families must have a FACTS account. Have your 2019 - 2020 FACTS account ready by **July 15, 2019**.

Tuition rates for the 2019 - 2020 school year are:

Mt Olive Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church Families

1st Student: \$2272

2nd Student: \$1761

3rd Student: \$1258

4th Student: \$0

Other Families: \$4580/student

We offer 3 payment plans:

10 monthly payments: **September 2019 through June 2020**

Semi-annual payment: **September 2019 and March 2020**

Annual payment: **September 2019**

All Families: You have the option of having your payments processed on the 5th or the 20th of the month. Mt. Olive's office manager enters the amount that is owed. Neither FACTS nor the school has direct access or any knowledge about the status of your bank account. It is simply a preauthorized bank-to-bank transfer of funds.

Contact Mrs. Feistner in the office (345-7927) if you have any questions.

Band Families (grades 5-8): defaults as 1 payment. If you prefer band paid using one of the alternate payment plans, send an email to school@mtolivelutheran.org indicating the preferred payment plan. The subject of BAND PAYMENT PLAN is optional but very helpful.

'Returning' Families: Confirm FACTS is set up for the preferred payment plan and processing date. You do not need to re-enroll banking information. Adding the name of an in-coming kindergarten is optional but helpful.

'New' Families: Begin at our school website (school.mtolivelutheran.org). On the left side of the school's home page, tap **FACTS eCashier**. When you set up an account with FACTS, you authorize automatic bank payment from your bank account. After you have set up your account, Mt. Olive enters tuition.

Mt. Olive Herald

The weekly newsletter of Mt. Olive Lutheran School

"The LORD has done great things!"

School Phone Number: 345-7927

School Web Site: www.school.mtolivelutheran.org

School E-mail: school@mtolivelutheran.org



Chapel offerings: Cristo Rey Lutheran Church

\$70.28 was received at the chapel service on 03/20/19. The fund has a balance of \$606.42.

Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in Bell Gardens, CA, is a mission revitalization project of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). In 2016 the congregation began a partnership with the ELS to renew its mission and ministry.

To reach the community, the congregation focuses on neighborhood canvassing, publishing short video devotions, and hosting family events.

In December of 2018, Cristo Rey hosted their 2nd annual Christmas event. It featured music by a mariachi, pozole and tamales, activities for children, and a traditional Mexican posada. Catechism students and children from the congregation dressed up as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and angels. During the celebration of Las Posadas, the students and children recited verses from Luke 2 and sang stanzas of Silent Night.

More information on the mission is available at cristoreylutheran.com. Follow it on FaceBook, Instagram, and YouTube. The congregation certainly welcomes and appreciates your prayers as they work to share the good news of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Feistner is school@mtolivelutheran.org. She is a notary public and is full time. **Mrs. Kephart** is in from 9:00 – 1:00 & receives email at church@mtolivelutheran.org. Both answer the phones.

Dates in This Newsletter

March 22: Grade 7-8, field trip to the play *Diary of Anne Frank*; Deadline to register for the Beacon Lock-in online at mankatocampusministry.org

March 25-29: No Busing, ISD77 Mankato-Area Public Schools closed

March 25, 2:30-4:15 PM, Mary Poppins, Jr. full-cast rehearsal. Principle roles: to **5PM.**

March 28, 2:30-4:15 PM, Mary Poppins, Jr. full-cast rehearsal. Principle roles: to **5PM.**

March 28, 3:00-5:45 PM, Parent-teacher conferences

March 29, 7:45 AM, School! Recouping instructional time lost because of inclement weather.

March 29, 3:00 – 6:00 PM, Parent-teacher conferences

March 29, 9 PM, Beacon Lock-In begins.

March 31: Deadline for Thrivent Choice Dollars

April 1: Reading challenge begins!

April 5: Deadline to submit wish list proposals for next year's Charger Challenge fundraiser

April 7, 8:00 AM, Band members meet in the library; band parents set up bake sale items.

April 7, 8:30 & 10:45 AM, Band plays preservice music

April 7, 9:40 AM, Annual band bake sale

April 6, 3PM, Tiaras & Ties father-daughter dance

April 9, 1:30 PM, BLC Jazz Band plays

April 9, 6:30 PM, PTF Executive meeting

April 12: Grade 4, Class musical *Old Testament Fast Forward*

April 13, 8:30 AM, Drop-off for Easter for Kids begins! Invite your friends & neighbors

Thank You!

The PTF would like to thank the 6th grade parents for hosting a fantastic family dance night! (Thanks, DJ Matt, for the tunes!) The event was well attended and could not have been that much fun without all you!.

Eliminating Negativity, Part 3



Tornadoes are a metaphor that we have been using with the students to demonstrate negative communication or

interactions among students or adults. It's easy to see how tornado watches and warnings are essential for students to identify, understand, and avoid. Unfortunately, it's also easy to see how contributing to negativity happens so easily. Ask your children what warning signs of a negativity tornado they can identify. Encourage them to avoid adding to the tornadoes all around them.

Band Bake Sale & Pre-service Music

Mt. Olive Lutheran School band plays preservice music at both church services (8:30 and 10:45 a.m.) Sunday, April 7. All band members meet in the library promptly at 8:00 a.m. and be ready to warmup. Meet again at 10:30 to play before the 10:45 service. Bring your baked goods for the band bake sale Sunday, April 7.

"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., Mar. 22, 9:45 AM, Kelsey E. & Lois J.
Thu., Mar. 28, 8:15 AM, Book Fair
Thu., Mar. 28, 11:45 AM, Book Fair
Fri., Mar. 29, 9:45 AM, Book Fair

Lunchroom (10:45 – 12:30-ish)

March 22 Tiffany Riesgraf
March 25 Ashley Olsen
March 26 Elli Fisher
March 27 Keith Eisberg
March 28 Mary

Message from the Board of Education

Here are some of the things to be aware of and updates from the February meeting.

We are beginning to search for a food services director to run our lunch program next year. Our goal is to have the position filled before the beginning of school next fall to ensure the program is in order at the start of the school year. Any interested parties should contact Mr. Born.

Mr. Born is working on 2019 / 2020 faculty schedule and classroom assignments for our full-time and part-time called teachers. We expect to have a final plan completed in the next couple months.

We are discussing the pro's and con's of renting the gym to outside parties and will be updating our policies to be prepared at the time the new construction is completed. If you have thoughts or opinions on gym rental please share with any of the BOE members or the Peace Liaison.

Thank you to all families for your partnership in supporting our school and please reach out to any of the Board of Education members with questions or suggestions.

Board of Education Members:

Craig Brown
Gabe Cornish
Dan Gerdts
Nathan Graham
Dave Munsen
Chad Sorensen
Matt Lukasek – Peace Liaison

Mount Olive Welcomes the BLC Jazz Band

The Bethany College Jazz Band performs Tuesday, April 9, at 1:30 PM in our gym. After the performance, there is Q&A, so the children can learn about the instruments and how jazz music fits into the language of music. Parents are welcome to attend.

LGP District 19 Camp

Girls! Register now for camp. Forms are available on the narthex table or email Mrs. Feistner at school@mtolivelutheran.org to have a form sent home. Each camper needs a form.

March Field Trips

Field trips add an extra dimension to children's learning at Mt. Olive Lutheran School. This month, all the children participated in singing hymns for the residents of several of the nursing homes in Mankato. The children's singing brought both joy and comfort of the "great things the Lord has done for us."

The **first grade** learned about the care and treatment of animals at Pet Expo March 14. The day also included some time at the WOW Zone for bowling.

The **third and fourth grade** students experienced a wonderful day at the Young Writers & Artists Conference at Bethany College March 11.

On March 4, the **seventh and eighth grade** students had an opportunity to apply the skills they had learned about bowling when they went to the WOW Zone. Reports have it that there were very few gutter balls!

Friday, March 22, the **seventh and eighth grade** attend a performance of the play *The Diary of Anne Frank* after having read biographical accounts of the Holocaust.

Sporting News

Sport Camps: Grades 3-8

Information on area sport camps are becoming available to students. Many of the area camps are no longer handing out pamphlets. MVL still offers pamphlets for their camp or you may go online at <http://mvl.org/athletics/summer-camps/> and download their sport camp pamphlet. If you would like a pamphlet for their sport camps, they can be found in Mr. Z's classroom. MVL is offering a One-Day Softball Camp Saturday, May 11. Information can be found at the same web address noted above.

Bethany College also has many sport camps running this spring and summer. Register online at <https://blcvikings.com> Click the menu symbol, next to the word sport, and look for athletic camps. Click it and all their camp options will be available.

Come to the Book Fair



Come One, Come All

The "BOGO Book Fair" opens **Wednesday, March 27, at 2:30 PM**. It runs Thursday and Friday during parent-teacher conference times and on Sunday from 9:30 until 11:30 AM. Come with your child and check out the spring selection. Encourage "grandparents" to stop by. Giving the "gift of the love of books" is one of the best presents a child can get.

While waiting for your conference time, stop at the "BOGO Book Fair." Check out what your child might have indicated as a book he/she would like.

Wed., March 27, 2:30 – 6:00 PM

Thur., March 28, 2:30 – 6:00 PM

Fri., March 29, 2:30 – 6:00 PM

Sun. March 31, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Can You Help at the Book Fair?

Would you be able to help "staff" this spring's book fair? Check out the sign-up sheet posted by the library door. This is the great "BOGO Book Fair."

Dads: Dust off your dance shoes!

MVL is hosting the father-daughter dance on April 6, called "Tiaras & Ties." It's a free event for girls in preschool through Grade 5 and their fathers (or significant men in their lives). (It's free, open to the public, no registration, and funded by Thrivent. Invitations were sent home today separate from the *Herald*.) Need more details? Contact MVLHS at 507.233.8662 or email kmatzke@mvlhs.org

Attention:

Jr. Youth Families!!!

Mt. Olive's Jr. Youth will be hosting a Lenten Meal on Wednesday, April 3rd. We will be serving Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips, & Carrots. We are asking that our Jr. Youth (7th & 8th Graders) will help by



a.) providing cookies or bars for dessert, and b.) help by prepping and setting up for the dinner; serving the dinner; and then helping with the clean-up of the dinner.

This Fundraiser helps to cover the costs of our Jr. Youth Meetings (Food, Laser Tag Game, & year-end WowZone trip.). Please help us with our Jr. Youth Program by supporting this evening meal! Cookies and Bars can be dropped off on Wednesday, April 3rd in the kitchen. We are also looking for 7th & 8th Grade Volunteers (and Families) to begin set-up at 4:30pm.

If you have any questions please contact Pastor Luke Ulrich at LukeUlrich@gmail.com or call or text at (507) 469-3017.

THANK YOU!

throughout the bee, and the school with the highest number of points is awarded the traveling trophy. Each school can bring three spellers in each grade from 3rd through 8th grade. Mt. Olive teachers will arrange a spelling contest before April 12 to determine its three spellers. Students are encouraged to participate!

From Last Week but Still Relevant Opportunity to Volunteer!

Seeking help to assemble the *Gaga Pit*. Contact Don Lehne at dnhlehne@hickorytech.net or call 420-9093. Date of assembly is the first **second the snow melts** (and necessary ground prep is completed).

Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Through Thrivent Choice®, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year. Mount Olive is a participating organization. Eligible Thrivent Financial members with available Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2019, to direct them. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

LYA is Coming to Mankato!



Grade 8 students are encouraged to attend the Lutheran Youth Association (LYA) held Thursday, July 25, 6:00 PM – Sunday, July 28, 2019, 1:00 PM. The convention's theme this year is "One Thing Needful." Go to <https://els.org/lya19/> to register. Cost is \$250 for

general registration before June 1 and \$300 for all registrations made after June 1.

Spelling Bee!



Trinity Lutheran School, Belle Plaine, MN, hosts a spelling bee Wednesday, April 17, at 5:00 PM. Spellers compete against students in their grade level. Awards are given to the top three spellers in

each grade level immediately after the last competition is completed. Points are tabulated

6th-8th Grade Conferences

All families with a student in grades 6-8 will receive an electronic invitation March 22nd or 23rd from SignUp.com. Choose to speak to at least one of your child's teachers. You may schedule a conference with all three teachers if you wish. Note: **Grade 8** conferences are *optional*.

15-minute conferences are available from 3-6 PM Thursday, March 28, and again Friday, March 29.

Remember, look for your invitation from SignUp.com!

Mary Poppins, Jr, Rehearsals

For the month of March, entire cast rehearsals are Mondays and Thursdays from 2:45 - 4:15. **Starting Thursday, Mar. 14th**, principle roles have extended rehearsals from 4:15 - 5:00 to work on their parts.

Mt. Olive Talent Showcase

The third annual Mt. Olive Talent Showcase is Friday, April 5, at 6:30 PM. All students perform with their classes, art will be displayed in the gym, and individual acts will dazzle the audience with their gifts. Students meet in their classrooms by 6:15 PM. Don't miss this exciting event!

ELS Olympics

Scarville Lutheran School hosts the ELS Olympics Saturday, May 4. Registration forms are available in the office. Registration forms and fees are due to Scarville Friday, April 26.

For those families new to Mt Olive, participation in this event is optional.

Fabric Strips

After-School Care is in need of fabric scraps that will be cut into strips for an upcoming project. Bring your unwanted / left over material to the youth room! Thank you!

Mount Olive
Lutheran Church and School

EASTER For KIDS

Saturday, April 13th 2019

Dropoff Time: 8:30 AM
Event goes until 1:00 PM

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School
Place: 1123 Marsh St. Mankato, MN

RSVP at 507-345-4966 or mtolivelutheran.org

Kids from ages 4 to 4th grade are invited, and families will have free lunch together at 12:00 PM

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Reference Section

Memory Work on School Calendar!

A year's worth is available in **one PDF file** at <http://school.mtolivelutheran.org/heralduploads/Religious%20Lessons%20%28All%29.pdf>.

It's available **by the WEEK** on the school online calendar.

Printing FACTS Tuition Statement for Tax Purposes

1. Log in to FACTS Management.
2. In *Payment Plan & Billing*, tap **View Details**.
3. In *Activity Details*, tap **View Payment Summary**.
4. Confirm or select the **appropriate year**.
5. On the far-right edge of the *Payment Summary*, tap **Print**.

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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Start earning today

1. Go to ShopWithScrip.com and select **Join a Program**.
 2. Enter our organization's enrollment code:
 3. Link your bank account to enroll in online payments and place your first order. scrip@mtolivelutheran.org
- Have a question? Contact our coordinator at: _____

PTF Spring Large Group Meeting

Wednesday, April 24th, 6:30pm

*****Childcare will be provided*****

Agenda: To create our “Wish List” for the 2019 Charger Challenge. We will vote to prioritize one complete list at this meeting to determine where the 2019 Charger Challenge donations will be spent next school year.

Why You Should Come: The Charger Challenge fundraiser has proven to be a tremendous blessing to Mt. Olive. It is a team effort to raise the donations; therefore, we want it to be team effort in deciding how those donations can bless our school.

Proposal Deadline: Please submit your ideas for the 2019 “Wish List,” *including cost and a brief summary*, to Angela Merseth at ammerseth@gmail.com, **by Monday, April 5th**. All proposals will be brought forward for discussion and voting on Wednesday, April 24th, at the Large Group Meeting.



Fall 2019 Charger Challenge
will be **September, 2019!!!**

