

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

\$67.34 was received at the chapel service on 03/27/19. The fund has a balance of \$673.76.

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

In August of 2018, Cristo Rey hosted their first annual Back-to-School celebration. This was a community event and resource fair. A variety of non-profit and community groups tabled at the event. There was music by a mariachi, bounce houses, a petting zoo, pony rides, and give-aways. A short devotional message and blessing of the students was giving.

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 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: No Busing, ISD77 Mankato-Area Public Schools closed

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!" 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. 29, 9:45 AM, Book Fair

Thu., Apr. 4, 8:15 AM, Terri W. & Annette S.

Thu., Apr. 4, 11:45 AM, Kara B. & Kristin L.

Fri., Apr. 5, 9:45 AM, Elli F. & Darci T.

Volunteer Opportunity in the Lunchroom (10:45 – 12:30-ish)

Sign up to help in the lunchroom for our last two months this school year: April and May! The

times are 10:45 - 12:30. The monthly sheets are by the library during conference times.

Eliminating Negativity, Part 4



We teach our children ways to identify negativity tornadoes. We teach them strategies to deal with negativity in this

fallen, sinful world, but we would be remiss if we didn't teach them the true source of strength, Christ our Savior. When self doubt creeps around the corner and surprises us, when worry and complaints frequent our lips, our only hope is to turn to our Savior for forgiveness, comfort, and strength. The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:3.

Save the Dates!

On May 23, the wind blows in from the East! But hurry, Mary Poppins, Jr. is gone the May 24 after the evening show:

May 23, 12:30 PM

May 23, 6:30 PM

May 24, 6:30 PM

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

See You Later Today!

Stop at the "BOGO Book Fair." It's open during ALL conference times and also Sunday morning from 9:30 until 11:30 AM. Remember this is when you get **TWO** books for the price of

ONE. (Think ahead for what might be fun "summer" reading. ☺)



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

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).

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.

6th-8th Grade Conferences

All families with a student in grades 6-8 were sent an electronic invitation 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. **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!

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.

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!

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!

Dads: Dust off your dance shoes!

MVL is hosting the father-daughter dance on **Saturday, 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

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.

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.

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 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!

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.

LGP District 19 Camp

Girls! Register now for camp. Forms are available on the narthex table or email Mrs. Feistner at school@mtlivelutheran.org to have a form sent home. Each camper needs a form. Registration deadline is **Friday, May 24**.

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.



Reference Section

Printing FACTS Tuition Statement for Tax Purposes

Dining with the Students

Parents & grandparents are welcome to dine with students. However, with catering our lunches, diners need to include their meal on the monthly lunch order OR contact us about 15 days before dining: to eat lunch on the 15th, the school needs your order no later than the 1st. Meals are \$3.50 per person & that includes \$0.50 for a non-student carton of milk. Make checks to MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN SCHOOL. As always, parents & grandparents may bring a bag lunch any day.

Trash 4 Cash

Hy-Vee Shoppers: Hy-Vee receipts are worth some cold, hard, green cash for Mount Olive! Drop off your receipts in the office, at the appropriate Trash4Cash drawer in the cafeteria/social hall, or with your child's favorite teacher. Historically, Mount Olive has received about \$700 from Hy-Vee, just for collecting those receipts.

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@mtlivelutheran.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!!!**

