



# Our Savior Lutheran School



Mrs. Olsen's 100 year-old Kindergartners for the 100<sup>th</sup> day of School

February 10, 2012



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### Schedule

**Friday, February 10**  
Boys 7/8 OSLGR BB Tournament

**Saturday, February 11**  
Boys 7/8 OSLGR BB Tournament  
Pee Wees

**Sunday, February 12**  
Worship at 8am and 10:45am  
Christian Ed 9:25am  
Food Bank Sunday – Shampoo collection

**Monday, February 13**  
5/6 Boys Basketball 5pm at Kentwood  
7/8 Boys Basketball 6pm at Kentwood  
Worship at 6:30pm

**Tuesday, February 14**  
*Happy Valentine's Day*  
Valentine classroom parties

**Wednesday, February 15**  
Chapel 8:30am  
5/6 Boys Basketball 5pm at Emanuel First  
7/8 Boys Basketball 6pm at Emanuel First

**Thursday, February 16**

**Friday, February 17**  
NO SCHOOL

**Saturday, February 18**  
Pee Wees

**Sunday, February 19**  
Worship at 8am and 10:45am  
Christian Ed 9:25am

**Monday, February 20**  
NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday, February 21**  
Market Day Pickup  
5/6 Boys Basketball 5pm at Grand Rapids  
7/8 Boys Basketball 6pm at Grand Rapids

**Wednesday, February 22**  
*Ash Wednesday*  
Chapel 8:30am  
Pancake Supper 5:15pm  
Worship 6:30pm

**Thursday, February 23**

**Friday, February 24**  
Spirit Day  
Pep Rally  
Boys 7/8 OSL Basketball Tournament

**Saturday, February 25**  
Boys 7/8 OSL Basketball Tournament

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# Note from the Principal

## Thank you

Our Open House last night was fantastic. Thank you to all who came and contributed food and drink and your time. Continue to pray for our enrollment process and that many more will come and join our family at Our Savior Lutheran School. Don't forget to fill out your volunteer cards in the office. Remember that each family should contribute 5 hours of service during this school year.

## Cool

Did you see the article in Tuesday's Lansing State Journal on the proposed Lutheran High School? It is neat to see the plans and vision for a high school going forward. You can read the article on our Facebook page (I Love Our Savior Lutheran School) and hear an interview with Dan Burk, principal at Holt Lutheran Schools, on the Tony Conley show as well. A survey is coming home today about the proposed high school. Please return this to the school office by next Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> so the committee can start tabulating the results. Please keep this process in your prayers.

## Our Savior Varsity Tournament

Make plans now to attend our Varsity Basketball Tournament on February 24 and 25. We will get brackets to you soon.

## Enrollment update

Wow! You have done a great job re-enrolling your children for next year. I hope that the process was easier for you. Don't forget to get your registration fee paid either online or with cash or check in the office. Also, make sure that you have checked and updated your information in Fast Direct. If you have changes in your address or phone numbers, please notify the office so it can be corrected on our records. Let us know if you have any questions.

## Do you know where your child is?

We ask your assistance in monitoring your child when they are here for events after school. We have had students unattended in areas of the school that are off limits without supervision. Your help and cooperation in this manner is greatly appreciated.

## Mrs. Goschka gone next week

How will I survive next week without Mrs. Goschka? She is taking a well deserved vacation with her family next week, so bear with me as I hold down the fort. We will have some help in the office but I will be taking care of most of it. Remember that payments will be credited when Mrs. Goschka returns. Have a fun and relaxing time Mrs. Goschka!

### Update on the Congregational Meeting

I am not aware of any new updates concerning the congregational meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> other than a letter that has gone out to Our Savior members from Pastor Graves and Dennis Sohn. If you did not receive this letter and would like one, please let me know in the office and I will make sure you get one. Also check Panther Pride, Facebook, and/or your email for information on the next congregational meeting.

### **Church Email Regarding CONGREGATIONAL**

**MEETING:** There will be a congregational meeting on **February 26, 2012** in the Sanctuary after late worship service. Pizza will be provided (free will offering accepted). Child care will also be available for those that pre-register. Pre-registration is needed so that we know how many people to have available to help. We will not be able to take any drop offs on the day of the meeting. Please contact Sherry Burmeister to pre-register your child(ren) by Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> [msu-packer@cablespeed.com](mailto:msu-packer@cablespeed.com) or 517-974-2689.



## Announcements

### OUR FIRST ANNUAL ACADEMIC FAIR

is being launched today. Check your student's Friday folder for information.

### It's Auction Time!

Join us on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club of Lansing for our annual Night on the Town Dinner and Auction. Tickets are \$40 before February 15<sup>th</sup> and \$50 after. Our theme is Building Kids in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Derby-Style. Come on ladies let's see those hats. Buy a table and invite friends. Please consider asking businesses that you visit to make a donation. Donation forms and letters are available on the school table in the narthex and in the school and church offices. Giddy up!!!!!!

### Tuition Due next Wednesday

Families on the monthly payment plan are reminded that their February tuition is due by the 15<sup>th</sup>. Your cooperation in keeping current with your accounts is much needed and appreciated during our present cash flow crisis.

*Panther Pride* will not be published next week. Look for the next issue on February 24.

### School Office Notice

The school secretary, Mrs. Goschka, will be out of the office February 13 – 16. You may continue to make payments for your school accounts during the week she is away, but be advised that payments, including online ones, will not be logged or credited in Fast Direct until she returns the following week. Other items needing her attention will also be handled when she is back in the office.

**Kindergarten** is looking for empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls for our Log Cabin. If you have any please drop them off in the Kindergarten Room. Thanks for helping us make Kindergarten a fun place to learn!

### Summer Extended Care Program – Panther Camp

Applications for our summer program that will run from June 18 through August 17 are now available. Please see the attached information for more details.

### Ash Wednesday Supper

February 22 is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade pancake, waffle, and sausage supper prior to the Ash Wednesday worship service. 5:00pm to 6:15pm in the school commons area. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students (8<sup>th</sup> grade and under). Children 6 and under are free.

## NEW FEATURE IN FAST DIRECT



Many parents have said that they wish they could always be notified when they have a message in Fast Direct. Now there is a new feature within the Fast Direct system that will allow parents to receive auto-notifications. No longer will they need to rely on the person sending the message to remember to send an email notification. Now it is your choice if you would like to receive notifications from their messages. Once chosen, you will receive notifications of every message sent to your account. If you would like to activate this option complete the following steps:

1. Log into your Fast Direct parent account.
2. Once logged on, click the 'Display Parent Data' button that appears at the top of your 'home' screen.
3. On your parent form you will see an area under the 'Parent Guardian' section with the heading 'FDmail Auto Notification'.
4. Check the box in front of 'email (Sends an email notification to janedoe@gmail.com)' if you have an email address listed in your parent forms and would like to receive auto-notifications by email.
5. After you have marked this option, make sure to go below your parent form and click the yellow 'Change Data As Shown Above' button.
6. Wait to receive instant, auto-notifications of all FDmail messages!



# Alumna Spotlight Crimmson Hughes

Do you ever wonder what your friends are doing in high school? Crimmson Hughes, a freshman at Grand Ledge High School, attended OLS from preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and is now making a name for herself in Competitive Cheer. She has a sister, Daisey, in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and a brother, Andrew, in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Crimmson is the only 9<sup>th</sup> grader on the Varsity Cheer team and received an award this past fall for "Most Improved" and earned an academic award for maintaining a 3.7 GPA or higher during the cheer season.

When asked if she worried about anything heading into high school Crimmson replied, "I was worried about not having any friends but now I have too many to count." She has been able to connect with many other Christian friends and stays in touch with old ones. "Going to church is a great way to stay connected to my friends who go to different schools now."

While Crimmson attended OLS, she was involved in sideline and competitive cheer. Mrs. Horak was the coach and left OLS last year to become the JV Sideline Coach at GLHS and was then promoted to Varsity Competitive Cheer. "She has been my coach my whole life and has taught me to work hard and to be coachable, which means to listen to advice, take it in and use it and to have a positive attitude and stay dedicated." Crimmson said.

Crimmson was disappointed to learn that OLS does not have a cheer program this year but encourages students to stick with it. "Work at home. Find some friends who like cheer and practice in your back yard."

Crimmson feels that OLS prepared her well for high school and so far has had less homework than she did in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. When asked if she has any advice for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, she replied, "Be confident because if you are fake people tend not to like you. Be ready for all the drama and don't pick sides."



## What does she miss about OSL?

"I miss the smallness, knowing everything that is going on and knowing all the people."

## What doesn't she miss about OSL?

"Strict rules like the dress code and getting out of school so late in the day."

## Future Career:

Kindergarten Teacher

"To all my friends in 8<sup>th</sup> grade who can't wait to get to high school, don't keep dreading it. Just have fun and it goes by faster!"



## JV & VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL UPDATE



On Tuesday, Jan. 31 Our Savior Boys Basketball competed against St. Joe-Pewamo. In the JV game (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade), OSL defeated St. Joe in a very close match, 25-23. It was a nice come from behind win. In varsity action (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade), the team received contributions from every player and came out on top 33-31. This was their 9<sup>th</sup> win of the season.

**400....400....400....400**....Tuesday's varsity win was the **400<sup>th</sup>** for Coach Don Engler at OSL. Don Engler, long time member at Our Savior, has served as basketball coach and assistant coach for many years at OSL. He was honored after the game with a OSL team autographed ball as kind sentiments were shared about his devotion to the Lord, his offering of coaching advice to others, his value of Christian education, and his continued commitment and association with OSL basketball.

Coach Engler, thank you for your dedicated service all these years! May God continue to bless you and your family.



Epiphany 5  
Ecclesiastes: Where Is the Wisdom in the Cross?  
Sunday, February 12  
8 a.m. – No Communion  
10:45 a.m. – Communion  
Monday, February 13  
6:30 p.m. – Communion  
Ecclesiastes 7:19-25; 8:1 (Wisdom)  
I Corinthians 1:18-24 (The Wisdom of God)  
Luke 6:46-49 (The Wise Man Builds ...)

Transfiguration  
Ecclesiastes: How Do I Face the Future?

Sunday, February 19  
8 a.m. – Communion  
10:45 a.m. – Baptism / No Communion  
Psalm 50:1-6  
Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 (The Conclusion of the Matter)  
Mark 9:2-9 (The Transfiguration)  
Ash Wednesday  
O Sacred Head Now Wounded – A Wounded Savior  
Wednesday, February 22  
6:30 p.m. – Communion / Adult Choir  
Psalm 51:1-13(14-19)  
Joel 2:12-19 (Rend Your Heart / The Lord's Answer)