



# THE PANTHER PRESS

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## Connected to Christ

He is the Vine; we are the branches!

- There is **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, March 8, for a teacher work day.
- **ITBS Achievement Testing** began Tuesday for the K-6 students. They are completed except for some makeup tests. Results will be shared as soon as they are received.
- The **Fine Arts Festival** is approaching on Saturday, March 9th, at MLHS. K-8 school choir will be singing in the large group concert at noon. **Detailed information regarding exact times and room location at MLHS will be sent home as soon as we receive it.**
- **Our Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House is Tuesday, March 12th from 4pm-6pm.**
- **We are requesting that students not bring Easy Mac to school for lunch unless they can make it themselves.**

## Mrs. Henry's Preschool Classroom

- **Our Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House is Tuesday, March 12th from 4pm-6pm. We would love to see you there! Feel free to bring a friend, neighbor or family member!**
- Our Bible Story was Jesus walks on water. The children did a great job retelling the story with our felt board.
- Our books of the week were 5 Little Monkeys, There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly, and Charlie Needs A Cloak
- We had fun having another shape hunt.
- We reviewed letter O by having an Obstacle Course in the gym. It was so fun, the rest of the classes in school had to try it too!
- **We are in need of donations of paper towels and baby wipes. Thank you!**

### St James Lutheran School

#### Preschool & Kindergarten Open House

Tuesday, March 12th  
4:00-6:00 PM

108 S James St  
Northrop, MN  
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Preschool Program  
3 & 4 year-olds  
2 or 3 days per week  
Half or full day options

All-day  
Kindergarten Program

## Upcoming Events

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| <b>THURSDAY 2/29:</b>          | Getting to Know you Knight @ ML 6pm                                   |
| <b>TUESDAY 3/5:</b>            | Chapel @ 8:40am   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY 3/6:</b>          | Chapel @ 8:40am<br>LENT III @ Zion 7pm (PTL serves supper @ 6)        |
| <b>THURSDAY 3/7:</b>           | Chapel @ 8:40am<br>BOCE Meeting 7pm                                   |
| <b>FRIDAY 3/8:</b>             | <b>NO School</b>  |
| <b>SATURDAY 3/9:</b>           | Fine Arts Festival @ MLHS<br><b>Daylight Savings - SPRING FORWARD</b> |
| <b>SUNDAY 3/10:</b>            | Just for CICS 1-3pm (rescheduled date)                                |
| <b>TUESDAY 3/12:</b>           | Chapel @ 8:40am<br>PreK/Kindergarten Open House 4-6pm                 |
| <b>WEDNESDAY 3/13:</b>         | Chapel @ 8:40am<br>LENT IV @ Zion 7pm (supper @ 6)                    |
| <b>THURSDAY 3/14:</b>          | Chapel @ 8:40am   |
| <b>FRIDAY 3/15:</b>            | End of 3rd Quarter  |
| <b>TUESDAY 3/19:</b>           | Chapel @ 8:40am<br>PTL Meeting 7pm                                    |
| <b>WEDNESDAY 3/20:</b>         | Chapel @ 8:40am<br>LENT V @ Zion 7pm (supper @ 6)                     |
| <b>THURSDAY 3/21:</b>          | Chapel @ 8:40am   |
| <b>SATURDAY 3/23:</b>          | Lakefield Chess Tournament  |
| <b>MONDAY 3/25-MONDAY 4/1:</b> | <b>NO SCHOOL - EASTER BREAK</b>                                       |
| <b>WEDNESDAY 3/27:</b>         | BOCE Meeting 7pm  |
| <b>SUNDAY 3/31:</b>            | <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>  |

The mission of St. James Ev. Lutheran Church & School is to learn, teach, live, and proclaim the truth of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ our Savior as revealed in God's Word.

**Mrs. Schoen's**  
**Kindergarten Classroom**

- We have finished achievement testing this week except for some make up tests for students that have been gone.
- We have had a lot of sicknesses going around our classroom and school. Please keep your child home if they are sick and not feeling well so we are not spreading germs to the other students.
- We are working on the letters "G & W" this week. We have 2 new words this week as well: of & they.
- Please continue working on counting to 100 and identifying numbers 0-100. Please also continue working on counting by tens and fives as well. We have started working on identifying coins: penny, nickel, and dime this week as well and how much each coin is worth and counting coins as well.
- We are "Connected to Christ!"

**Mrs. Koeritz's**  
**1st & 2nd Grade Classroom**

- The children have chosen what they'd like to participate in for the Fine Arts Festival on the 9th at MLHS. I will send you more detailed information soon!
- Happy Leap Day! Ask your child if they can explain why an extra day is added every four years. We enjoyed making a Leap Day biography sheet to put in a "time capsule" that we will open in 2028!
- **Spelling:** The next spelling list will come home on Monday, March 4th, with the test being on Friday, March 8th.
- **Memory:** Ask your child to recite the letter 'U': Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.
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**March 1st:** Leona Nesteguard  
**4th:** Kayvry Poppe

**Mrs. Wolter's**  
**3rd & 4th Grade Classroom**

- What crazy weather! Make sure you keep dressing in layers.
- We have now learned 42 states and capitals.
- Spelling Test tomorrow.
- Third graders are almost finished with the adventures in **Earthquake Terror** by Peg Kehret.
- Fourth graders are continuing **Where the Red Fern Grows** by Wilson Rawls. Please don't let your child watch the movie! I'd like to watch it in school.
- Something EVERYONE can practice is their multiplication facts!! The FIRST one to pass will get a \$5 Gift Card to Walmart!! Study! Study!
- We are "Connected to Christ!" In this new year, let's work to stay connected to Christ!

**Mrs. Meyer's**  
**5th & 6th Grade Classroom**

- The children have chosen what they'd like to participate in for the **Fine Arts Festival** on the 9th at MLHS. I will send you more detailed information soon!
- Please help your child **practice their dramatic reading or singing** for the Fine Arts Festival!
- We plan to finish our **Achievement Testing** today!
- Please encourage your child to read at home. **AR Goals** are due on Friday, March 15.
- Children who have not completed the subtraction mad minutes, will use **5 minutes of recess to study flashcards**. Keep practicing! Both flashcards and IXL are great ways to study. :)
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**LEAP DAY FACTS**

- ❖ A leap year happens every 4 years
- ❖ Leap day is an extra day added to the shortest month.
- ❖ A normal year has 365 days. A leap year has 366 days.
- ❖ It actually takes Earth 365  $\frac{1}{4}$  days to travel around the sun.
- ❖ People born on Leap Day are called Leaplings.
- ❖ Even Decades have three Leap Years  
Odd decades have two Leap Years.
- ❖ In Ireland, every February 29th, women were allowed to ask for a man in marriage. A man was fined if he refused the proposal.