

Parents' Newsline



Principal's Message

Eyes on Christ

I have to believe that it's true for you as it is for me. At this time of the year, we reflect on the year past and look ahead to the year in front of us. We thank God for blessings received and ask Him to bless us as individuals, members of our own families, and members of our church and MVL families, too.

That time of reflection has seemed different over the last two years. Our lives have certainly been impacted by COVID and all of its related issues. Did any of us expect in December 2020, that we would have to deal with two different strains of that virus this year? That a booster shot would be available to help us combat COVID? The challenges with our economy? Weather-related damage and loss of life? What will happen in our own personal lives? How about life at MVL? What changes will there be?

There is little doubt in my mind that we will have a multitude of new challenges face us again this year. Some of those trials may impact some more than others. It's likely our faith will be tested. Yet, even though we don't deserve such grace, our Lord continues to bless us as individuals, family members and members of our churches and MVL, too. We see the blessings we've received in the past and can be confident that He will bless us too, in 2022.

As we transition into 2022, let's take the time to thank God for His goodness to us in 2021 and ask Him to bless us once again in 2022. Whatever lies ahead of us in this life, we can be confident that our Lord will bless us. Let's keep our eyes focused on Christ!



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2022
Happy New Year

- January 5 is a 2 hour late start.
- January 12-13 - MLC Focus on the Ministry
- January 15 - Winter Formal
- January 17 - No School
- January 19 - Test Results Night

National Honor Society

Invitations to join the MVL chapter of the National Honor Society will be sent out to current juniors (and current non-NHS seniors) who have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better. The invitation will be in the form of a packet of materials that the student should discuss with his or her parents. Even though a student's GPA has no bearing on their final acceptance into NHS, students are expected to maintain a 3.5 GPA in order to remain eligible; they are also expected to fully participate in NHS activities.

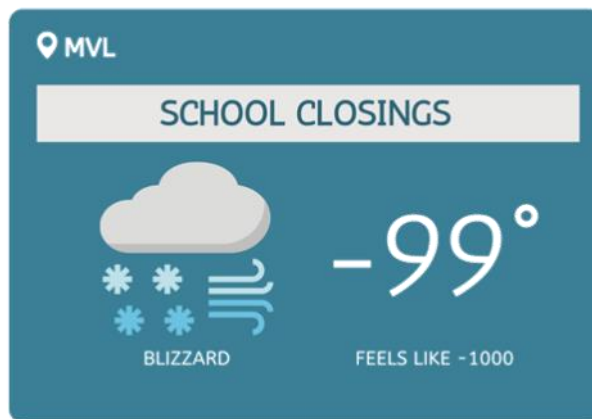
The application requires students to list their participation in organizations, their leadership experiences, their service activities, and their employment history. The application also includes a place for students to explain why they want to join this service organization. A letter of recommendation must accompany the student's application. The letter cannot be written by a family member, an MVL teacher, or any MVL coach. The person who writes the letter should know the student quite well and should be able to vouch for the student's work ethic, leadership, responsibility, and character.

The actual selection process will follow the guidelines set by our NHS constitution and by-laws. If a student qualifies for invitation by virtue of his or her GPA, that student will receive an invitation to pursue membership. A student may decide that he or she is not interested, or that distance from school prohibits his or her participation, or that employment or co-curriculars make NHS membership inadvisable. All invited students need to return a response form (included in the invitation packet) regardless of whether or not they plan to pursue membership. *A submitted application does not guarantee membership.*

International Student Housing

There is a possibility that we may add some international students to our enrollment in the fall of 2022. In one case, we would need housing for a ninth grade boy from China. He would be coming to us through our WELS Friends of China program. Host parents for international students are compensated. For more information, please contact Dr. Tim Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org. Thank you!

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



Now that winter is here it may happen that we will decide to start school late, close, or dismiss early. In such cases, the decision will be announced through the Infinite Campus Alert system. You can customize the phone numbers and ways you will receive notifications in your parent portal.

It is our intention to have a decision by 6:00 a.m. on those mornings when we will be starting late or closing for the day. At times, something could force a later decision and, in such cases, we would try to do that as soon as possible.

Parents have the final decision on questionable weather days. A student absent will be marked absent, but if parents contact us with their decision to send their child later, or keep them home due to the weather, those absences are considered 'weather-related' and will not count toward the eight allowed absences before losing credit.

Parents, we ask that you have a plan of action with your student if the weather is expected to turn bad during the course of the day. It is difficult to get messages to students during the school day when we are trying to notify the media and other entities. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

AD Corner

2022 WELS West Regional Band Fest

March 18-20 is the WELS West Regional Band Festival at MVL. Just want to get the news out there that we will need housing for 80-85 students and some directors. (Some will arrive Thursday night) Students will be in groups of 2 or 3. We will also be looking for snack and water bottle donations, and welcome bags for directors. Anyone who is interested in helping in any capacity can Becky Berg @ rberg@mvlhs.org

I Saw the Sign...Move!

You may have noticed the large concrete signs that adorned the entrance to MVL have moved. This is in preparation for the start of the Highway 14 project that is set to begin in March of 2022. Huge thanks to Holtmeier Construction for all the help with the move.



Schedule App and Schedule Changes

If you would like up to the minute game, match or meet changes go to the Athletic page on our website. Then click on "Athletic Schedules". There you can peruse our schedules. In the upper right corner is an icon entitled "Notify Me". Click on it to sign up for instant schedule changes You will receive text messages and/or emails instantly when a change is made to the activity schedules you are following.

There is also an app that you may download and is tied into our calendar. In the app store download the Activity Scheduler app. It looks like a light blue baseball cap with the letters "rS" on the front. Then set it up for our school.

Chargers vs. Cancer

Tuesday, January 21, both the girls and boys basketball teams will host the Wabasso Rabbits. This night will be a very special night for our team as we host the American Cancer Society Coaches vs. Cancer game. We want to show the importance of cancer prevention, early detection, and making healthy lifestyle choices. By helping to spread awareness, raise funds and support those who've been affected by cancer. We will help raise funds against a disease that has effected each of us, as a survivor, friend or family member.

What happens with the money raised?

Funds raised in support of the American Cancer Society make a difference in the fight to end cancer in many ways:

- Helping people stay well by educating and empowering people to live healthy lives and reduce their risk for cancer, and to get screening tests to find cancer early, when it is easiest to treat.
- Helping people facing cancer get well by providing information, day-to-day help, and emotional support to guide them through every step of their cancer experience.
- Finding cures by investing in and conducting research that leads to groundbreaking discoveries into cancers causes and cures.
- Fighting back by working with legislators to support laws that help people get access to screenings and care.

BOOSTER CLUB

Volunteers are needed in the concession stand for basketball games. Has your child benefitted from choir robes, band uniforms, Knowledge Bowl vests, or other Booster Club purchases? [Pick a night](#) and have the whole family help out in the concession stand! As one of our major fundraising activities, the concession stand only works if all of our families help out.

Thanks to all who donated toward Christmas gifts for our faculty and staff. Your generosity is appreciated.

Don't forget! The "Jeans and Dreams" 2022 Booster Club Auction is March 26. Mark your calendars!

If you're looking for Chargers gear, the link and specials are on the front page of the [MVL website](#).

COUNSELOR CONNECTION

Wednesday, January 9th – Test Results Night

On Wednesday, January 19th I will be sharing the results from our testing day with parents and students. The presentation for freshmen students and parents will start at 6 p.m. (PSAT 8/9) and the PSAT/NMSQT results for sophomores, juniors, and their parents will begin at 6:45 p.m. More information on this event will be emailed out to you as the date nears. RSVPs may be required in order to ensure there is enough space.



You Don't Know Until You Go!

Physically visiting college campuses has proven challenging during this pandemic. However, some schools are currently open to hosting visitors and hopefully more will be open second semester. As a reminder, there are three vacation days in February (18th, 21st, 25th), which are perfect for Juniors and Seniors to complete college visits or job shadowing experiences. These dates allow students to visit college campuses or shadow without having to worry about missing class time here at MVL. If you plan on visiting a campus on President's Day, first make sure that you check to ensure that the campus will be in session. Start planning now! If you need assistance in setting up a visit or job shadowing experience, please contact Mr. Smith at tjsmith@mvlhs.org or via phone at 507.233.8685.

Martin Luther College FOM Event

Registered Juniors and Seniors who want to learn more about Martin Luther College will be participating in a Focus on Ministry (FOM) Event in January 11th and 12th. More information will be forthcoming as the date gets closer.

Seniors and Parents/Guardians

Don't forget to get your FAFSA (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>) submitted for Fall 2022. Potential college choices cannot create a financial aid package for you without this information. Here is a six-step guide to completing the FAFSA: <https://www.cnbc.com/2019/10/01/a-step-by-step-guide-to-completing-the-fafsa.html>.

However, I think it can be actually be condensed into 3 steps:

Student and one parent/guardian create a FSA ID (used to sign the form electronically). Create your FSA ID here <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>.

Student signs into FAFSA (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>) using their FSA ID. Complete FAFSA (ensure you are selecting the correct year: 2022-2023 and add all potential schools to the list so that they receive your information.

Submit your FAFSA. Email that you used should receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) within 3-5 business days of submission. This SAR will include your family's Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Used to determine the aid the student will receive at each institution.

January Menu 2022

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Salad Bar Available Every Day Milk Included With Each Meal	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	New Year's Day NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
3	4	5	6	7
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	Corn Dogs, Chips, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Lettuce & Carrots	Beef Haystax Black or Refried Beans, Lettuce Peaches	Mr. Ribs, Fries, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, Fresh Veggies & Fruit
10	11	12	13	14
Chicken Legs, Bread slice, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Peaches, Fresh Vegetables	Sloppy Joes on a bun, Sweet Potato Fries, Peas, Pineapple, carrots & celery	Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya, Bread Slice, Corn Applesauce, Carrots & Celery	Chicken Patty on a bun, Green Beans Fruit Fluff, Carrots & Salad	Pulled Pork on a bun, chips, Baked beans, Sidekicks, Fresh Fruit & Lettuce
17	18	19	20	21
NO SCHOOL	Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Refried Beans, Rice, Lettuce, Peaches, Carrots	Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Bread Slices, Green Beans, Pears, Lettuce, carrots	Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice, Bread Slice, Oriental Veggies, Pineapple, Fresh Veggies	Turkey Wraps, Corn, Snack Chips, Mandarin Oranges, Lettuce & fresh fruit, raisins
24	25	26	27	28
Pepperoni, Sausage or Cheese Pizza, Peas, Peaches, Lettuce & Carrots	Tater Tot Hotdish, Corn, bread slices, Pears, Lettuce, Carrots and Celery	Hamburgers on a bun, Mashed potatoes, Corn, Applesauce, Salad	Hot Dogs, Apple Crisp, Baked Beans, Pears, Fresh Fruit & Carrots	Chicken Fajitas Corn Chips, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Mixed Fruit

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January 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Years Day
2	3	4 GBB v Cathedral 6:00, 7:30 p.m.	5 Classes Resume Faculty Meeting Two Hour Late Start	6 NHS 7:30 a.m. BBB @ St Clair 4:30, 5:45, 7:15 p.m.	7 Jazz 7:15 a.m.	8 BBB @ Cathedral 11:15 a.m, 1:30, 2:00 p.m.
9	10 GBB v St James Area 4:45, 6:00, 7:30 p.m.	11 Chargaliers 7:15 a.m. BBB v Sleepy Eye 4:45, 6:00, 7:30 p.m. GBB @ Sleepy Eye 6:00, 7:30 p.m.	12 KB Practice 7:15 a.m.	13 Chargaliers 7:15 a.m.	14 Jazz 7:15 a.m. BBB v BLHS 4:45, 6:00, 7:30 p.m. GBB @ BLHS 6:00, 7:30 p.m.	15
16	17 No School Board of Directors 6:30 p.m. GBB @ Waseca 4:45, 6:00, 7:30 p.m.	18 Chargaliers 7:15 a.m. BBB @ Cedar Mt 4:45, 6:00, 7:30 p.m. GBB v Cedar Mt 6:00, 7:30 p.m.	19 KB Practice 7:15 a.m. Test Results Night	20 Chargaliers 7:15 a.m.	21 Jazz 7:15 a.m. BBB @ Wabasso 4:45, 6:00, 7:30 p.m. GBB v Wabasso 6:00, 7:30 p.m.	22
23	24 Math Meet	25 Chargaliers 7:15 a.m. BBB @ SESM 6:00, 7:30 p.m. GBB v SESM 6:00, 7:30 p.m.	26 Network New Ulm KB Practice 7:15 a.m. AP Informational Meeting 6:30 p.m.	27 Chargaliers 7:15 a.m.	28 KB Conference GBB v GFW 6:00, 7:30 p.m.	29
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