



## WEEKLY NEWS

January 16, 2026

**IN OUR PRAYERS** - Each week we will pray for some of our students every morning. This week we prayed for Malani, Evelyn, and Emmarie. Next week will be praying for Lily and Flynn.

**PARKING LOT** - Please remember to use caution when driving in our parking lot! There is a 5 mile per hour limit. With the amount of families walking through at drop off and pick up, it is imperative that you **SLOW DOWN**. We also want to remind you to check all around your vehicle for people walking before you begin to move your vehicle. Lastly, please do not drive over the center grass strip. This is not a paved area and vehicles should not be on it.

**2026 - 2027 ENROLLMENT** - Mark your calendar for January 19<sup>th</sup>! You can register your current student(s), and also any incoming siblings to guarantee their seat for the upcoming school year. Please remember that your student(s) seat is not confirmed until your enrollment is complete, registration fee is paid, and tuition agreement is done. We will open enrollment to new families on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SCHOOL CHOICE VOUCHERS** - Choice applications will also open February 2nd as well. Choice families are required to complete their application and submit all required documentation by the end of the application period. The first application period is February 2 - 20 for ALL voucher programs. **CLICK HERE** to schedule your **February** appointment with the office to complete your application and turn in all required documentation.

**LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK** - We will be celebrating Lutheran Schools Week January 26 - 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be fun activities planned, and we also have assigned casual days. A flyer is coming home today with additional details. Please note that our casual days have changed and the field trip is on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. **Our students will also sing at the 10:30 church service held AT THE SCHOOL on Sunday, February 1st.**

**DONUTS AT DAYBREAK** - Grace PTLS invites you to Donuts at Daybreak on Wednesday, February 4th at 8:00 am (should end around 9 am). Join us at Grace Lutheran School to start the morning off right by enjoying donuts, coffee, and juice at morning chapel. Each school family may invite 1 important adult male to join us for this event (ie: Dad, Uncle, Grandfather, etc) **Please RSVP by January 28th so we can plan accordingly by [CLICKING HERE](#)**. If you have any questions about this event or the volunteer opportunities, please contact the PTLS directly at [ptls@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:ptls@graceoakcreek.org).

**PTLS DINING OUT** - Come to Candy Cloud and make your day sweeter on Wednesday, January 21 from 4 - 8 pm to support Grace Lutheran School. A portion of all orders using code CC at checkout will be donated to our school field trip fund! A flyer came home this week for this event.

**EVENTS CALENDAR LINK** - Just a reminder that our events calendar link is available in Educate under the announcements on your home page! This online calendar is "LIVE" so you will be able to view any changes as they are made.

**BOOK FAIR COMING SOON** - Save the dates for our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair coming in-person and Online February 18-25. More details will be shared when the event is closer.

**100<sup>th</sup> Day of School** - We will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be a casual day.

**PICTURE PERFECT PICASSOS** - Mrs. Pankow is bringing back art club this spring. Please see the flyer coming home today to sign up your students! Links will also be in Educate beginning Monday afternoon.

**VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK** - Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> we are requiring all families to review our volunteer handbook. We also require the Volunteer Acknowledgment and Agreement Form be completed and returned to the office prior to your volunteer assignment. Copies of these will be sent home on Tuesday for all upcoming volunteers to complete. If you would like a copy of one in preparation for an upcoming event, please contact the school office.

**PRE-PLANNED ABSENCES** - If your are aware of a medical appointment or other reason your student will be absent from school, please notify the office prior to the day of. It helps our staff plan accordingly for that days activities. For an extended absence there is a form required to be completed in the school office.

**OPEN HOUSE** - If you know someone looking for 4K - 8<sup>th</sup> grade, please send them our way! Your referral is the best compliment! We are currently scheduling our tours for our next open house on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. They can call or email the school office for more information.

**CUW WIND ENSEMBLE** - We are so excited that Concordia University Wisconsin's Wind Ensemble will be visiting Grace Lutheran School on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. During the school day they will meet with our students and provide a clinic of instrument presentation and a short performance. Later that evening they will return for a full concert. This concert is open to all Grace Lutheran families of the church, school and ECC. To help manage capacity, we will be offering tickets to this event. Please watch for the google form that will be sent out in February to request your tickets.

#### **UPCOMING CASUAL DAYS or IMPORTANT EVENTS:**

- Monday, January 19 - NO SCHOOL
- Monday, January 19 - Enrollment opens for 2026-2027 school year
- Friday, January 23 - Shining Light Day
- Friday, January 23 - Heritage Day
- January 26 - 30 - Lutheran Schools Week
- Sunday, February 1 - Students Sing for 10:30 church service at school
- Monday, February 9 - OPEN HOUSE



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