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### **RE-ENROLLMENT**

Hard to believe, but we are already making plans for the 2025-2026 school year. We are working on our operating budget, curriculum decisions, teacher contracts, and financial aid budget. Re-enrollment affects all of these decisions.

Grace Lutheran School utilizes automatic reenrollment, meaning all students enrolled at Grace are automatically re-enrolled for the upcoming school year unless we receive **written notification** (letter or email to principal@glsfargo.org) stating otherwise.

The registration fees for this fall will be charged in FACTS on February 18. The non-refundable fee is \$100 per child, maximum \$200 per family.

### **CAMP GRACE**

**Previous campers** have the first opportunity to register before February 12 with registration form and first week's fee. After February 12, registration opens to current GLS families not previously enrolled in Camp Grace and the general public can register starting March 17.

Camp Grace WILL reach capacity, so please register as early as possible. Childcare spots are not secured until both the registration form and first week's fee are turned in.

Questions, please talk to Amy Hirsch.



### **CARNIVAL HELPER SIGN UP**

Please sign up here to assist with the carnival setup, cleanup, and food service on January 24 and 25. Carnival help qualifies for volunteer hours.

## COMMECT



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Volunteer Hours

#### Calendar Calendar

Jan 25 - Winter Candyland Carnival 11 am - 2 pm

**Jan 26-31** - National Lutheran Schools Week

**Jan 27 -** Open House 4:30-6

**Jan 30** - Kindergarten Round Up 4:30-6 pm

Jan 31: Ice skating 9:15 am
Feb 11 & 13 - PT Conferences

### MIN 1: Pizza Pocket

2: Cold Cheese Sand.

TUES 1: Pulled Pork

2: Muffin, Yog., Chs.

WED 1: Sweet Sour Chicken

2: Hot Ham/Cheese

THURS 1: Pancakes

2: Breakfast Pizza

FRI 1: Hot Ham/Cheese 2: Sunbutter/Jelly

# PARENT DRIVERS NEEDED FOR ICE SKATING TRIP AND SKI TRIP

Our students have two trips coming up that require parent drivers to make possible.

On **Friday, January 31**, students will go to Scheels Arena for ice skating in the morning, leaving the school at 8:50 and returning at about 10:45.

On **Friday, February 7**, grades 4-8 will be going to Andes Tower Hills near Alexandria, MN, for their annual ski trip. This is an all-day outing.

If you can assist with either event, please contact your child's teacher.

# NEW AND USED GRACE GEAR FOR SALE AT CARNIVAL

We pulled out all of our Grace gear and it will be for sale (cash or check) at the winter carnival on Jan 25. We have items in blue, black, and gray in adult and child sizes.

If you have any Grace gear that you no longer need, donate it back for another family. Used gear will be available for freewill donation.

We will be placing a Grace gear order this spring if you don't find what you are looking for on Jan 25.



# ICE SKATING AT SCHEELS ARENA

One of our NLSW activities is an ice skating outing to Scheels Arena. If your student has ice skates, please send them to school on Friday, January 31. If your student does not have ice skates, they will "skate" in snow boots at the arena. You do not need to purchase ice skates to participate (unless you want to).

#### **OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE**

Grace Lutheran School will host a kindergarten roundup for our current Pre-Kindergarten families on Thursday, January 30 from 4:30-6 pm. PreK families, watch for a postcard in the mail.

Other open house dates for new, incoming families are on January 27, February 20, and March 17. All from 4:30-6 pm. Send your family and friends!

#### PLAYGROUND UPDATE

You may have noticed that GLS' playground has not made a reappearance yet. We recently learned that the play structure is not safe for reassembly, so it needs to be replaced.

A new play structure is a large investment, and we are working to find grants and fundraising opportunities to assist in the cost.

The current timeline for replacement is unknown, but we do have a viable lead on a grant to get us going.

A school without a playground is like a dog without a bone. Our students have weathered the absence like stoic Midwesterners and the snow keeps them busy.

In the meantime, if you have any unused plastic play structures (like Little Tikes, Step 2, etc) or small slides or other temporary outdoor items that we can borrow for spring and Camp Grace, please contact Amy or Susan.



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2



# Schedule of Events - January 27-31

Each day will begin with all-school devotions or chapel worship at 8:40 am. All are invited to spend time in the Word with us.

Penny Wars will take place from 7:30 - 8:30 am each day. See side bar.



**Devotional Theme:** Stripping Away

Hindrances

**Dress Up**: Workout Clothes **All School Activity**: Faith Fitness

Stations with Mr. G



**Devotional Theme**: Fixing Our Eyes

on Jesus

Dress Up: Hat Day, Crazy Hair Day,

and/or Mismatch Day

All School Activity: Sing-along



**Chapel Theme**: Enduring the Cross **Dress Up**: Grace Gear OR anything

blue and yellow

All School Activity: Bingo

1/30



**Devotional Theme**: The Joy Set Before

Us

Dress Up: All things neon, bright, tie

dye, or smiley faces

All School Activity: Afternoon Dance

Party

1/31



**Devotional Theme**: Running the Race

With Perseverance

**Dress Up**: Sports Jersey, Fandom

Day

**All School Activity**: Ice Skating at Scheels Arena (BYO Skates)

## **Penny Wars**

Penny Wars is a friendly competition between classrooms to raise funds for a specific cause. This year, all funds raised during Penny Wars will be donated to the **Emergency Food Pantry**, an organization we work with frequently.

How Does It Work?

From 7:30-8:30 each morning, students may bring any type of money to put into jars located in the gym. Each classroom has one jar. Pennies INCREASE a classroom's total and silver coins DECREASE a classrooms total, meaning a student would put pennies into their own jar and silver coins into other classroom jars.

Dollars can be exchanged for "coins" to INCREASE or DECREASE a classroom's total. Checks can be brought on Friday to INCREASE a classroom's total.

# AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

Here are two events taking place at our Association churches that we think might interest our families.



