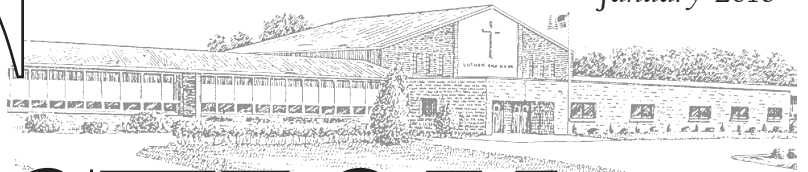
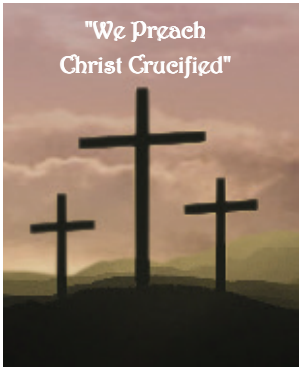


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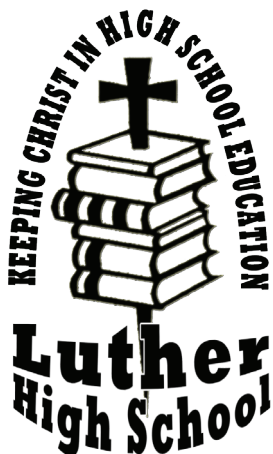
A monthly newsletter for parents of Luther High School students



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Tuition Assistance News

It is time to apply for Tuition Assistance for the 2016-2017 school year. Tuition assistance may be applied for by any WELS members. If you currently have a TADS account for your tuition payments, simply log on to your TADS account and click on the Financial Aid tab to complete the application. If you are new to Luther you can log on to www.mytads.com, click on the "Financial Aid Assessment" tab and create a new account. You can also find a link to TADS on Luther's website (www.lutherhigh.org). The deadline to file with TADS is February 15, 2016. The appli-

cation process can be started right now. You can submit an application based on your taxes from 2014 but you will be required to submit current W-2's from 2015 when you have those available. You can contact TADS for assistance at 800-477-8237 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. They are also available by live chat on the TADS website or email at support@tads.com. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nancy Rieck, Luther's Financial Manager, at 608-783-5435 x108 or riecnanc@luther.k12.wi.us.

Coulee Classic

The 17th Annual Coulee Classic takes place on Saturday, January 23 at the La Crosse Center. All Coulee Conference basketball teams (both boys and girls) participate in an exciting day of basketball. The Luther boys will play at 3:30 p.m., followed by the girls at 5:00 p.m. Both teams will be playing La Crescent. Admission for the entire day (8 games) is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. Luther passes are not accepted for the Classic.

Please purchase your ticket in advance at Luther High School. Revenue from tickets purchased at Luther is retained by Luther. Revenue from all tickets sold at the La Crosse Center on the day of the event support the Coulee Conference. Tickets may be purchased at any home game in January or in the athletic office (608-783-5435 x361).

Chili Cook-off

Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 18 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. when Luther will host the 3rd annual Knight Knation Chili Cook-off. This competition will take place prior to the Boys Basketball game vs. Viroqua. Five teams will be represented by each class and the faculty. We are looking for volunteer parents & students from each class to help

with cooking, serving & cleaning up. If you are interested in helping or contributing to this event please contact: Holly Koenig at hollykoenig17@gmail.com or Heidi Kutz at kutz1@juno.com. Tickets can be purchased on site. Which chili will be the fan favorite? Join us to find out!

Lunch Menu Changes

To eliminate waste and to make things more affordable for families, all lunches will be ala carte for the rest of the school year. Items that are available daily are: pizza - \$2.00, french bread pizza - \$1.75, quesadilla pizza - \$1.75, taco in a bag - \$1.75, fresh fruit in a bowl - \$1.25, canned fruit in a bowl - \$1.00, vegetable bowl - \$.50, plain lettuce salad - \$.50, peanut butter & jelly sandwich - \$.75, sub sandwich with chips and cookie - \$2.50, garden salad with cheese and croutons - \$1.75. Occasional entree items will be: spaghetti with meatballs, orange chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn dogs, chicken alfredo, fish nuggets, fish patty, chicken patty, beef or chicken fajitas, rib a ques, mac n cheese, chicken nuggets, lasagna & soup. These items will vary in price from \$1.00 to \$2.75. If you have any questions, please contact Keith Heinz at 608-783-5435 x109.

Scrip Year End Totals

The numbers have been tallied and the results are in! Total sales for Luther's Scrip program for 2015 are \$1,419,735.06. From these sales \$55,760.23 tuition credits were earned! What a blessing! Just a reminder when you use your Kwik Trip card an additional 10% rebate will be given to Friends of Luther for in-store merchandise purchased with Scrip cards we have sold. So remember to pick up your bananas, bread and miscellaneous items in the store when filling up with gas. Last year \$8,450.27 was generated into this account.

The Big Knight

Planning is underway for The Big Knight - A Knight in the Wild West! There are a few changes to the event this year that we are excited to share with you. We are in the process of getting a website up and running to make things more convenient for everyone. This will enable you to register for the event online, view pictures of many of the auction items ahead of time and take part in an online auction prior to the event. We will alert you as soon as everything is up and running!

Another change is the amount of items we will be having in our auction. We have been downsizing the amount of items for a couple of years & will continue to do that to make the auction experience more enjoyable for you. Because of this, we are asking all donors to contact Mary Bilitz (608-783-5435 x110 or bilimary@luther.k12.wi.us) prior to dropping donations off to be sure that we have not already met our quota. We are accepting donations now so please contact us ASAP!

Reservations will be available soon. Until then, please save the date of Friday, April 15 for a fun night out supporting the students of Luther High!

Luther Wrestling

The Luther High Wrestling team consists of one wrestler: Aaron Raabe. Aaron is a junior who wrestles at the 120 pound class. Because we only have one wrestler, we are not able to have any dual or home matches at Luther. To keep Aaron wrestling, he has been in three wrestling tournaments winning his weight class in all three tournaments giving him a record of 11 wins and 0 loses. Aaron is ranked 4th in State in Division 3 at 120 lbs.

Luther High School's Wrestling team had great success last year. They had four Regional Champions, six wrestlers with over 20 wins for the season, two State qualifiers, and won their first Conference Championship.

Also, Coach Benrud was recognized at the Wisconsin Coaches Association for the Conference Championship and his 30 plus years of dedication to the sport of wrestling with a plaque and watch.

The future of Luther Wrestling is in question. After such a successful season, it is difficult to comprehend not having at least 9 or 10 wrestlers out for the team. We are hopeful that some of the boys that wrestled last year come out again next year. We are also hopeful that we get some wrestlers from the Junior Knights Wrestling program. If those things don't happen, we may have to co-op with another wrestling program.

Congratulations to Aaron Raabe for his determination and dedication. We wish him continued success representing Luther Wrestling!

Rise Up & Build!

What a wonderful and exciting time for Luther High School! At the November Conference of Del-egate's meeting, it was approved to move forward with a multi-million dollar capital campaign to fund a chapel/fine arts building, additional classrooms and extensive renovation projects. This effort is being called Rise Up & Build. We truly have some exciting and challenging opportunities as we begin a capital campaign! We pray that all of our friends and supporters will be receptive to our message and learn of the many different ways to be involved with the Rise Up & Build campaign.