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Kindergarten Preview & Open House

If you or someone you know might be interested in ILS for Kindergarten or any of the grades we offer, we invite you to join us at one of our upcoming events to learn more about what we have to offer!

Kindergarten Preview:

Thursday, January 18, 5:30-6:30pm RSVP:

https://forms.gle/vmVm1ndekAPPSsMRA

JPS - 8th grade Open House: Tuesday, January 23, 4:00 - 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 23, 4:00 - 6:00pm RSVP:

https://forms.gle/ZCPkQNK3to9KBbL18

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ILS CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS

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1/12	A Team Bball Practice, 3:30-5:00pm
	B Team Boys Bball Practice, 3:30-5:00pm
	B Team Bball Mandatory Parent Mtg @ 5pm
1/13	3 & 4 gr. Coed Bball Practice, 10:30am-12pm
	3 & 4 gr.Bball Mandatory Parent Mtg @ 12pm
1/15	MLK Day - NO School
1/16	Scholar Bowl City Tourney, Away, 4:00pm
1/17	A Team Bball Practice, 3:30-5:00pm
	B Team Boys Bball Practice, 3:30-5:00pm
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1/18	A Team Bball Game, Away, 4:30pm
	Kindergarten Preview, 5:30pm

1/19	3 & 4 gr. Coed Bball Practice, 3:30-5:00pm
	A Team Bball Game, Away, 4:30pm
1/20	3 & 4 gr. Coed Bball Practice, 10:30am-12pm

1/22	A Team Bball Practice, 3:30-5:00pm
	B Team Boys Bball Practice, 3:30-5:00pm

1/23	Open House, 4:00-6:00pm
	A Team Bball Game, Home, 4:30pm

1/26	3 & 4 gr. Coed Bball Practice, 3:30-5:00pm
1/27	3 & 4 gr. Coed Bball Practice, 10:30am-12pm

UPDATED VOLUNTEER POLICIES & GUIDELINES

We have added a volunteer handbook & agreement form to our website that anyone who volunteers will need to complete, beginning this semester. If you plan on volunteering (or working Parent Service Hours), you will need to read the policies & guidelines then complete and sign the agreement.

https://www.ilsolivette.org/resource-documentsnewsletters (select **Volunteer Handbook** from the list)

Depending on what you volunteer for, you may also be asked to complete a background check. If this is required, that link will be sent to you via your email address that we have on file for you.

Join PSCE for our annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction on Saturday, February 24th. More details to follow.

CAMPUS CLEAN-UP

We will have another campus cleanup on Sat, Jan. 20 from 8:00am -12:00pm. There will be plenty to do inside. This is a great opportunity to serve some of your required Family service hours for the year.

PSCE Board

PSCE will hold elections for three board member positions at the January 22 General Assembly. Do you love Immanuel and want to build relationships between families and staff, organize fun activities, and help our school? Please consider serving as a board member! Contact any current board members for more information and to put your name on the ballot by Friday, January 19.

Current Board: Amy Klein, Cheryl Lokke, Barb Amrich, Sarah Runser, Jen Farra.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date! The second PSCE General Assembly is Monday, January 22. Pizza will be available for purchase from 6-6:30 pm, followed by reports and news from our principal and PSCE Board from 6:30-7:30 pm Childcare is available for ILS students 5th grade and under. Parents who attend may earn one service hour! Please RSVP to psce@ilsolivette.org by Sunday, January 21, so we know how much pizza to order!

Seasonal Weather Reminder:

As the weather gets colder to reflect the winter season, please remember, weather permitting, we will have recess outside.

Please be sure your child has weather appropriate clothing as they will not be allowed to stay indoors because they are cold.

When we do receive snow, only those children (JPS-6th grades) that have the appropriate snow clothes with them will be allowed to play in the snow (as per the handbook).

- Snow boots (recommended) or a second pair of shoes and socks to change into after recess,
- snow pants (recommended) or a pair of dry pants to change into after recess, gloves or mittens.
- Students may not wear snow boots during class time. Students must have a different pair of shoes to wear during class time on snowy days.

ILS ILS still has an Instagram account but has SOCIAL a new Facebook page! We welcome MEDIA you to like, follow and share our social media accounts. Additional news, pictures and events are posted often for you to enjoy!

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**Make sure you select the account with the profile picture with the cross!

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Pastor's Devotion

"Ugh, five more minutes, Mom!" Franklin said, as he pulled the covers back over his head. The blankets are so warm, the lights are too bright, and the thought of getting out of bed just seemed too much, especially when the snow is still falling outside. But it wasn't until after getting up, getting dressed, and playing a game of indoor kickball did he remember the happiness which can come from the day!

We've all felt this way, and I imagine the children of Israel must have too when they heard "Arise, shine, for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord rises upon you!" (Isaiah 60). God's Word through Isaiah came to the children of Israel when they had been living in the darkness of sin for hundreds of years. But God had something amazing in store for them. True, they had work to do, they had changes to make, they had to open their eyes and receive His Word. And at long last, that Word came in the flesh, and is ours forever! The old is gone, the new is come! As we are at the beginning of this new school year, we're reminded that we have new days, new opportunities, new joys. We've come past yesterday's worries. It's a new morning, a new day, a new year! Take the time to thank God for the fresh start He has given you. Because of His mercies, you begin a new year. Because of His mercies, He gives you forgiveness, and your life begins anew!

- Pastor Schrader





- If at least 10% of income from 2023 is used to cover the cost of a child/ children's Lutheran K-8 net tuition
- Child/children must be enrolled at the school by April 30 to be eligible for a scholarship during the May awards

Questions???

FACTS Parent Line: 1.866.315.9262

LESA Office: 314.200.0790

Email: mgersman@lesastl.org

Website: lesastl.org

K-8 Tuition Assistance

Step 1: Complete application online through FACTS

- https://online.factsmgt.com/ga/instapplication/inst/4FG82
- Step 2: Submit payment for application (\$40)

Step 3: Submit ALL 2023 tax documents

- Applicant & co-applicant must submit tax docs
- Taxes do not have to be filed, but must be prepared and uploaded to application
- Call LESA office with any questions

Step 4: CHECK EMAIL

- · FACTS representatives will email if documentation is missing. Please respond as soon as possible and check your junk folder for
- · Tips on uploading a document can be found at www.lesastl.org

Required Documentation

- 2023—1040 Tax Form (page 1 & 2)
- 2023 W2(s)
- Business Income docs
 - ⇒ Schedule 1-5, C, E, K, etc.
- Non-taxable docs
 - ⇒ Child support, SNAP, TANF, Social Security

Deadline: April 10, 2024

Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA)

LESA provides financial resources for children in need to obtain Lutheran Christian education in the St. Louis area. We promote and advocate for efforts to improve the sustainability and quality of Lutheran Christian schools.

