



# EVERY FRIDAY NOTE

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Our Savior Lutheran School  
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## From the Principal

I give thanks to God for the new school year and the gift of our children! It is a blessing to help them grow in wisdom and knowledge as they are prepared to serve their neighbors. This year, Christ's words "just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34) are an important focus for us for our hope is that we would love one another as Christ has loved us. In our classes we'll emphasize words and deeds that show this love. We'll need your help in two ways. First you as parents are the primary examples revealing how this is enacted in daily life—we reinforce your work in the classroom. Second, as sinners our children will fail to love as Christ has love them, so they will need forgiveness. Absolve them, remind them of Christ's self-sacrificial love that covers over all their sins. Thank you for this continued partnership as we raise our children in the way that they should go!

## 2018-2019 OSLS Faculty

Preschool Director & Teacher: Mrs. Stephanie Tuinman  
Kindergarten: Mrs. Chris McGladdery  
1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Mrs. Kara Harbaugh  
3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade: Miss Alayna Brandt  
Departmentalized 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade: Miss Christine Gansberg  
Mr. Jerry Roberts  
Pastor Jeremy Swem

Resource: Mrs. Betty VanEck  
Kantor: Mrs. Christina Roberts  
Principal: Pastor Jeremy Swem

## Every Friday Note (EFN)

**The EFN is your "lifeline" to the school.** Please ask your child for it at the end of each week and read it carefully. In it you will find notices of school events and special announcements. The EFN can also be found on the school website under the "News and Events" tab.

## Learn by Heart

*What is the Second Commandment?*

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Psalm 73:26 My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

## Matins Offerings

First trimester Matins offerings will go to support the work of Wellspring Lutheran Services. This organization walks alongside families to provide temporary housing, foster homes, adoption resources, and other family services. From senior care to helping families, this Christ-centered organization is a great resource for those who need help or would like to help others. We are excited to support the work of Wellspring Lutheran Services.

## Labor Day

There is NO SCHOOL on Friday, August 31 or Monday, September 3. Enjoy the long weekend. Visit our [online calendar](http://www.oursavior-gr.org/school) to find out what's happening at OSLS.  
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## Town Hall Meeting

Our Savior Lutheran School Board is considering changes to the dress code for the 2019-2020 school year. The Board would appreciate your input. Please come to the Town Hall Meeting on Monday, September 17 at 7pm at school.

## Praying for our Children: A Presentation for Parents

Please join us at 7pm on Friday, September 28 for Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller's presentation on "Praying for our Children".

## Thank you

Many large projects were completed at Our Savior Lutheran School this summer. We are so grateful for the many hands that worked on the following projects: basement clean out, WIFI installation, phone installation, and library move. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

## Security System

For the safety of our students the front doors will be locked shortly after the school day begins. If you need to gain access to the building, please come to the window and push the call button on the left. One of the secretaries will acknowledge you and release the lock to let you come into the building. Please make sure that you stand by the window so that we may identify you. Thank you for helping us to keep the children safe.

## Free Milk

Free and Reduced Milk forms were sent home with the EFN today. Families interested in applying should turn in the Free Milk paperwork as soon as possible. If you need help completing the form, the office is happy to assist you.

## Preschool

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The Preschool Parent Meeting is on Wednesday, August 29 at 7pm. Parents can tour the preschool classrooms, visit with other parents, and meet the preschool teacher. Handbooks and the school calendar will be distributed at this meeting.

We request that your children not attend this meeting. Their big day is Wednesday or Thursday of the following week. Please contact the school office with any questions you may have (616.949.0710).

## Library

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### Library Remodel and Move

Thank you to the PTL for creating a wonderful new space for the library. The library will be moving to the new room over the next few weeks. If you would like to help please contact Mrs. Amy Peterson at [library@oursavior-gr.org](mailto:library@oursavior-gr.org).

### Library Volunteer Meeting

If you are interested in volunteering for library a meeting will be held on Wednesday September 5th at 9:30 (after Matins) in the library. We will discuss the schedule and new changes for this school year. We will review the computer system and answer any questions you may have.

## Band

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All 5th-8th grade students have the opportunity to learn a wind instrument. Instruments that will be taught are flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, and trombone.

A few instruments are available to borrow from the school, but most will need to be obtained at your own expense and can be rented at a reasonable rate from Meyer Music. Beginning band students will meet on Mondays from 12:25-12:50 and Wednesdays from 10:00-10:25. All students interested in learning an instrument will have their first meeting (no instrument required at that meeting) on Wednesday, September 7. Please contact Mrs. Roberts, if your child is interested.

All returning band students should bring their instruments for our first rehearsal on Monday, August 27.

## PTL

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### Scrip

#### What is scrip?

Forget about traditional fundraisers that involve selling or spending extra money. With scrip fundraising, families can easily earn money for tuition and fees while they shop

The first Scrip order of the school year will be placed on **Monday, September 17**. Orders are due by 3:30 p.m. SCRIP is a program that enables you to use money you already spend to earn funds towards your child's tuition. OSLS's Scrip enrollment code is **92L1449118239**. Please make checks payable to OSLS PTL. To sign up, visit [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com). Do you have any questions? If so, please contact Mrs. Stephanie Norcross..

### Auction

The 6th Annual OSLS Auction date is set. Please add November 10th to your calendar and circle it twice! This year we will be doing an ADULT ONLY Auction event at the school. This auction will focus on raising funds for new administrative office space.

Because of the support of our school community, we have been able to bless our school and our children with many needed upgrades. In the past five years, YOU all have worked to raise an additional \$47,000 for our school and our children. With a \$15,000 matching gift last year, that brings our auction history total up to \$62,000! What a blessing! Thank you so very much.

Right now we are working hard to gather donations. Do you have something you would like to donate? Do you make crafts, knit, sew, cook, build, draw, bake, or paint? Do you work for a business that would be willing to make a donation? Would you be interested in making a cash donation? We are always looking for donations. They are always appreciated!

We are also in need of volunteers. We will need people to help gather additional donations. We also need people to help the night of the event with check-out and childcare.

Because this is an adult only event, we will be offering limited childcare. Watch for preregistration this fall.

If you have and questions, suggestions, items to donate or would like to help, please feel free to contact me any time!  
Mrs. Jen Havemeier.