WILDCATS

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Monday, October 26, 2026

Grace LUTHERAN

SCHOOL THEME

All In Jesus' Name

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him

Colossians 3:17

CHURCH INFO

Regular Worship Service Times:
Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
Monday 6:00pm

MISSION OFFERING

Mission Project for 1st Semester:
Bethel Lutheran Church in Menasha
Amount collected: $388.62

Grace Lutheran School exists to assist parents with the Christian training of their children for life and eternity, while providing academic excellence in the light of God's Word.

CALENDAR

- Mon, 10/26 - B Volleyball Practice at 3:15pm
- Mon, 10/26 - A Volleyball Practice at 4:45pm
- Tues, 10/27 - HOME B5 Volleyball Game vs. St. John's, Mayville at 4:30pm
- Tues, 10/27 - HOME B6 Volleyball Game vs. St. John's, Mayville at 5:30pm
- Tues, 10/27 - HOME A Volleyball Game vs. St. John's, Mayville at 6:30pm
- Wed, 10/28 - End of 1st Quarter
- Wed, 10/28 - Special Visitors' Day (Q-Z)7:30-11:15am
- Wed, 10/28 - A Volleyball Practice at 4:45pm
- Thurs, 10/29-Fri, 10/30 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Teacher Conference
- Sat, 10/31 - AWAY WALL A Volleyball Tournament
- Sun, 11/1 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

GENERAL NEWS & NOTES

No School (Oct 29-30) - There will be no school this Thursday and Friday, October 29-30. Teachers will be away at a conference. Enjoy your long weekend!

End of Quarter 1 - The first quarter ends on Wednesday, October 28. Report cards for K-8 will be sent home on Friday, November 6. Please review your child's grades, sign the envelope and return it to your child's teacher. Thanks!

Sycamore Online Gradebook - Families in grades 3-8 will have access to our online gradebook beginning Monday, October 26. Login info was provided via email. If you have challenges with access, please contact the school office.

K-8 Special Visitors' Days (Oct. 14, 21, 28) - We are excited to welcome special visitors into our classrooms on Wednesdays this month! Whether you signed up for the 14th, 21st, or 28th, the schedule and info below will remain the same.

Parking:
There is no time limit for parking in the Nebraska Street lot. In addition, parking restrictions along the school side of Nebraska Street and 10th Street have been lifted, with the exception of the bus loading zone. Please continue to follow all other posted parking signs.

Morning Schedule:
At 7:30am, special visitors and their students are invited to enjoy breakfast in the cafeteria and preview the day ahead. Be sure to pick up a class schedule, available in the main hallway across from the school office. Please head to your child's classroom by 8:00am. Morning announcements will begin at 8:05am.

If special visitors are spending time with more than one student at school, they are welcome to move between classrooms throughout the morning.

Special Visitors' Day concludes at 11:15am.

GENERAL NEWS & NOTES

Volunteer Opportunity! Join us on Saturday, Nov. 7 to build pizzas! This is the culmination of our pizza fundraiser. Proceeds will fund classroom renovations and field trip bussing. The event will take place in our school gym from 7:30-12:00pm. Enter through door #5. If you are able to attend, please sign up! You can do so on Bloomz by clicking on the PTF group, and then clicking "Signups". Thanks for your support!

Wildcat Way Winners - Congratulations to the girls of Grace for modeling great bathroom behavior! You are the winners of the coveted Golden Plunger award! Keep up the great work! We will be reviewing the Wildcat Way throughout the school year. Stay tuned for our next challenge.

Grace School Help Needed - Are you a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or friend of Grace who loves to work with children? We would love for you to be involved in our school.

- Lunch Volunteers (approx. 10:45-1:30): We would love to have your help serving lunches to the students. There is some easy set-up and cleanup to assist with as well. We are looking for at least 2 volunteers per day. You can pick which days you would like to sign up to help. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the office. We will have a monthly calendar that you can sign-up on or check out our October openings **here**.

All school volunteers need to fill out a volunteer form (background check) annually prior to volunteering. Please contact the office for the paperwork.

Hearing Screening (10/26) - The Oshkosh Area School District will be coming to Grace on Monday, October 26 to conduct hearing screenings. OASD offers screenings to all of our 4-year old preschoolers, kindergarteners, and other students by request. If you have 1-8 grade child you'd like screened, please let your teacher know during your parent / teacher visit this week. Parents will be notified if their child has been flagged for a potential hearing issue.

A/V Club Coach - We are looking for a volunteer A/V Club Coach to help lead and mentor our 5th-8th grade students as they learn about audio/visual technology, media production, and audio/visual equipment. The club will give students opportunities to develop their skills while serving our school through morning announcements, event recordings, graphic design, and creative media projects.

No professional experience is necessary—just a willingness to work with students, share your interests, and help them learn! If you enjoy technology, media, or working with children, we would love to hear from you. Please reach out to Mr. Westenberg at **jwestenberg@graceoshkosh.net**

ATHLETIC NOTES

Winter Sports Season - If your child is involved in basketball and/or cheerleading, please check out the athletic group pages on Bloomz. Information is being sent out now including our mandatory parent orientation, rosters, schedules, and other details. If your child is participating in a winter sport, but you do not have access to these Bloomz groups, please contact Mr. Ihde asap (**pihde@graceoshkosh.net**). Check out our athletic schedule by visiting our **Grace Wildcat Athletics Google Calendar.**

Blue and Gold Bash - Grace families, we want a sea of BLUE and GOLD on Tuesday, October 27! Show off your Wildcat pride by wearing your favorite blue and gold gear to school! And here's the best part: Wear blue and gold to school and receive a coupon for free popcorn at the volleyball games!

Come back that evening to cheer on our Wildcats as we take on St. John's Mayville! Games begin at 4:30pm, so bring your family, bring your school spirit, and let's fill the gym with blue and gold!

Winter Sports & ASC - Athletes who attend After School Care while waiting for basketball or cheerleading practices & games will not be charged for ASC during that time.

CLASSROOM NOTES

PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS

Mrs. Schoenbach, Mrs. Kurbis & Mrs. Ehlert

This week we will be learning how God protected Moses and the Israelites by leading them through the Red Sea.

In small group time we are learning about leaves and pumpkins. We will focus on how they grow and do some fun activities with them.

This week we are reviewing the letters we have learned so far this year.

This coming Wednesday, the 28th, is pajama day for Preschool! The children can wear their pajamas to school if they would like!

Important dates coming up:
- Nov. 6 PreK Trimester 1 Ends - report cards coming home the following Monday, the 9th.
- Nov. 8 Schoenbach & Kurbis sing in the 8:00am church service! Have your child in their classroom by 7:45am.

We are excited for another great week and watching your child grow in their learning and love for Jesus!

CLASSROOM NOTES

KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS

Mrs. Foelske & Mrs. O'Laire

This week in Kindergarten:

Christ Light (Bible Story) - We are going through the New Testament in Christ Light. Jesus introduces us to parables, earthly stories with heavenly meanings. Jesus will tell a story about the farmer and the seed, as well as the weeds and the wheat.

Bible Passage: Revelation 2:10b Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life

SuperKids Reading: Our Superkids crew just keeps growing. Mya, Cass, Adam, Sal, Tamika, Oliver, Nina and now Golly, the dog. We will learn all about the letter G with our new furry friend.

Math: We are working on our quarter assessments to check our learning for the 1st quarter report card.

Big Idea (Science/Social/Writing): We are talking about furry friends and pets.

- **Show and Tell** - Please bring in one Item for our letter of the week
This Week (Oct 26) - None - 3 day week
Next Week (Nov 1) - Gg

Final Notes: Please keep our first singing date on your calendar, it will be Nov 15 at 8:00 am. As we start getting into fall please watch the weather and send your child with sweatshirts or jackets as needed. You are welcome to start leaving hats and gloves at school in the black cubby baskets.

CLASSROOM NOTES

1ST GRADE CLASSROOM

Mrs. Steinbrenner

It has been a busy week! We were inspired by our field trip to Heritage Hill and learning about the different ways people had to do things long ago, so we made butter on Monday. We had to shake the jar like crazy and for a long time! Everyone enjoyed tasting the butter and thought it was worth the work!

On Monday we started filling in our own assignments in our assignment books. They have been doing a great job so far! In our Superkids reading book we read about an odd pet.

Thursday was an awesome Oktoberfest celebration! We are thankful for the delicious meal that was served.

There is no school on Thursday and Friday - for the students that is. The teachers will be in Milwaukee taking classes. No spelling test this week.

1ST GRADE CLASSROOM

Mrs. Hudson

What a fun, wonderful, and busy week we had in first grade! We definitely enjoyed all the special visitors we had on Wednesday and look forward to welcoming some more this upcoming week. We also had fun celebrating filling our token jar with a pajama day and an afternoon snack of popcorn! Additionally, the Oktoberfest meal was a hit and the students enjoyed learning a little about German culture.

We packed a lot of learning in this week as well! In Superkids we furthered our learning on the th, sh, and ch sounds. We also worked on our fluency and comprehension skills during small groups. Additionally, we continued to work on our addition and subtraction strategies during our math lessons. During Christ Light we were able to talk about Jesus performing miracles and learn a little bit about Martin Luther. Science and Social Studies were both interesting and fun to learn about as we just started new units. During this Science unit we will learn all about space! We also were able to ask our special visitors a few questions about their childhood during our Social Studies lesson about the past. We ended the week with making a Brewers sign and participating in Buddy Day.

Looking to the week ahead, we have a short 3 day week coming up. Our final special visitors day will be on Wednesday. We also will go to the library on Wednesday. Please remember to help your child return their books so they can find new ones. Also, we do not have any memory work recitations or a spelling test. There will be a new spelling list sent out next week. Please continue to have your child read to you daily!

Thank you for continuing to partner with me in your child's education!

CLASSROOM NOTES

2ND GRADE CLASSROOM

Mrs. Swapp

A couple reminders for the week:
*Thank you for having your child there so sing on Sunday. There is nothing sweeter than hearing God's praises be sung!

*Our 3rd and final Special Visitor Day is coming up on Wednesday. This is for those last names of Q-Z. Please make sure to RSVP if you have someone coming so I can plan adequate materials and chairs.

*As your child completes 100 minutes, please sign off on the reading sheet and have them bring it in. I will put a star to show they have received their scoop and can continue to the next 100 minutes.

Spelling Words Test on TUESDAY 11/3/26:
dark, start, party, storm, forget, morning, dirt, thirsty, under, person, turn, purple

Looking Ahead to Next Week:
M-
T- MT - Proverbs 3:5
W- LIBRARY DAY - books due; Special Visitor Day #3 (Please confirm the week your are scheduled and make sure to RSVP if you are attending);
1st QUARTER ENDS
Th- NO SCHOOL - TEACHERS CONFERENCE
F- NO SCHOOL - TEACHERS CONFERENCE

Please reach out if you have any questions! Thanks

CLASSROOM NOTES

3RD GRADE CLASSROOM

Mrs. Lawonn

Hallo! Wie geht's? At the writing of this, I am still savoring the delicious taste of brat in my mouth from the Oktoberfest feast. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day special! Mrs. Bolda, we love and think about you still!

We loved having our second round of special visitors come in last week. We can't wait to welcome the final group that has been waiting patiently to learn with us! We are rocking "acrostic" poems and getting good at our math games!

In reading we are learning all about the birth of our country and what makes America special. Social studies is paralleling our study as well. We are working hard on finding the information in our textbook, not just in our brains. We are dividing and conquering or conquering division - you decide. Picturing fact families is really helping us. We don't want to admit it, but the teachers' stories really do help us remember the steps...
"You and your bro need to take turns equalling up to grandpa, but then grandpa gets two turns!" Speaking of stories, you might have heard stories about Kevin and our class pets. I love our imaginations and am hoping to put this to good use in our writing some day soon. For now we will keep working on our descriptive essays. :)

Happy short week!

3RD GRADE CLASSROOM

Mrs. Utsch

For our Bible lessons this week we heard about how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth and how Jesus preached with authority and cast out a demon in the city of Capernaum. The Holy Spirit uses God's Word to strengthen our faith so that we do not reject Jesus. The Holy Spirit leads us to respond to Jesus' saving work and power by worshiping him.

In math we are relating multiplication to division and using multiplication to divide with 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

In language arts we read two patriotic stories called "Why we celebrate the 4th of July" and "The Flag Maker."

We are back to studying social studies and have been learning about Native American communities and the community of Jamestown.

We welcomed our second round of special visitors on Wednesday, and look forward to welcoming more this Wednesday.

CLASSROOM NOTES

MRS. WILD'S CLASSROOM

5th Grade Homeroom News ~
This is the final week of the quarter and it is a short three day week. All late or redo work needs to be completed and handed into the teachers no later than Wednesday, October 28th. First quarter memory work also has to be completed by Wednesday.

Gym Shoes ~ I know that most students have multiple uses for their gym shoes and are or will be used for sports (volleyball, basketball, cheer). Please help your child make sure that they are coming back to school each day so they can participate in gym class or if we have inside recess due to inclement weather.

5th Grade ELA ~ We will finish reading "Holes" this week. Our class read aloud is "A Dog's Meow." Students wrote a short narrative and we will work on a Scary story for this week.

6th Grade ELA ~ Our class read aloud is "Dread Wood Fright Bite." Last week students were working on a short scary narrative and an Oktoberfest informative paper. This will take us until the end of the quarter to finish a good final draft and we will spend a lot of time on what to make sure to include in their stories.

8th Grade ELA ~ Students are working on a Veterans paper and this will take until the end of the quarter to complete a solid paper to be submitted into a contest with the local Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Veterans paper is based on the subject: "What a Veteran taught me about America." The students were also working on an informational paper about the origin of Oktoberfest and what it is today. Our class read aloud is "The Fort."

No spelling this week.

Blessings on your week and go Brewers! 💜

CLASSROOM NOTES

MISS ELLINGBOE'S CLASSROOM

5th Math
Our test is this Tuesday! We have been practicing multiplying decimal numbers as well as understanding the value of our answer based on if it was a decimal multiplied by a whole number or a decimal multiplied by another decimal.

6th Math
We have been working with solving algebraic expressions using the order of operations. We also will be working on writing algebraic equations.

7th Math
We have been reviewing and studying for our test this Tuesday. Our test is all about proportional relationships.

8th Math
In our short week we are focusing on slope and using it to create a linear equation.

CLASSROOM NOTES

MR. WESTENBERG'S CLASSROOM

Hello, Grace families!
We have an exciting week for the 7th grade class, even if it is a short one! Here are some highlights we are looking forward to this week:

7th Grade ELA
We have just wrapped up our novel *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. The students overall loved the book! We have three big ELA days this week. On Monday, we will finish up our vocabulary study for the novel. On Tuesday, we will take our novel test. Finally, on Wednesday, the students will present their discussion question slideshows and take turns leading a classroom discussion on their questions. In addition to our novel study, we will wrap up our scary story mini-unit in reading. The students have loved our stories from last week... we will see what's in store for them this week!

One quick note... Some families have been asking for an update on the personal narratives. We will resume the editing process next week, after we wrap up our novel and the quarter.

7th and 8th Grade PE
The Badminton Classic tournament has entered its second and final week. We are pumped to hold the championship match on Wednesday, between the best 7th grade team and the best 8th grade team. Who will take home the golden badminton trophy???

CLASSROOM NOTES

MR. VANDENBERG'S CLASSROOM

Dear Parents and Students,
Here is a look at what we will be learning in our Social Studies classes next week (October 26 – October 28). Please note that Thursday and Friday are **No School Days!**

📌 Note to Parents

Students have been filling in their assignment books each day in class. Please make sure to check and sign/review your child's assignment book each night to help stay on top of daily homework and upcoming projects!

📚 5th Grade Social Studies

- **Monday & Tuesday**: We will learn about historical maps, including how to interpret them using geographic tools like legends and symbols, as well as comparing and contrasting different maps.
- **Wednesday**: We will continue in our textbook (Pages 140–145).

📚 6th Grade Social Studies

- **Monday & Tuesday**: We are beginning Chapter 5 on Ancient China, focusing on "The Geography of China's River Valleys". Students will explore landforms, read pages 138–143.
- **Wednesday**: We will move into Section 5.2, "Confucius and His Teachings", exploring his proverbs, core beliefs about order and respect in society, and his impact on the Chinese government (Pages 146–150).

📚 7th & 8th Grade Social Studies

- **Monday – Wednesday**: Both 7th and 8th graders will be working on their Colonial Trades: Cereal Box Project. Students will choose a trade from colonial America and demonstrate their knowledge on a cereal box by highlighting the tools of the trade, products made, and how to become a tradesman.
- ⚠️ **Project Due Date**: The Cereal Box Project is due on **Wednesday, October 28!**

Enjoy the long weekend ahead! Please let me know if you have any questions.

SCRIP INFORMATION

Experience the right way to fundraise
Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money for our organization. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

How it works:
Raise money by purchasing gift cards at face value
Shop 750+ top brands and immediately earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy. You can easily raise $1,000 or more every year.

Use gift cards at full value for your daily purchases
Earnings come from brands, not from your pocket, so gift cards are worth every penny. Raise money simply by doing everyday things—like grabbing your morning coffee or ordering dinner for the family.

How to get started
Create an account on the **RaiseRight app** RaiseRight™
or at **raiseright.com/shop** using our organization's enrollment code: **193948A31L27L**
Seamlessly check out and receive eGift cards faster by securely paying online with a linked bank account or credit card.

Additional Information

- All families that purchase scrip need to have a scrip agreement form on file. This includes grandparents/friends that purchase scrip. Each household will need to have a form on file. This form is available in the office.
- There are 3 easy ways to order:
  - Use the Raise Right app available for your mobile device
  - Online at raiseright.com/shop
  - Call, text or e-mail Annette at 920-279-0275 or annetteprzybyl2023@gmail.com (On-hand scrip purchases can be made in the office on most school days from 7:00am-3:30pm.)
- Orders for physical gift cards will be placed once a month on the last Friday of the month. Orders will be available for pick-up the following Wednesday.
- We have the following Scrip on-hand available for immediate purchase:
  Amazon.com ($25, $100), Apple Store/Apple.com ($15, $25), Applebee's ($25), Festival Foods ($25, $50, $100), Fleet Farm ($25, $100), Kohl's ($100), Kwik Trip ($25, $50, $100), Kwik Trip Grocery ($25), Lowe's ($25, $100), Marcus Theatres ($25), Menard's ($25, $100), Pick 'n Save ($25, $50, $100), Piggly Wiggly ($50, $100), Potbelly ($10), Red Robin ($25), Subway ($10), Target ($25, $50, $100), TJ Maxx ($25), Walmart ($25, $50, $100).
  Limited availability: $5 Starbucks, $10 Target, $10 Walmart

Questions? Please contact your scrip coordinator, Annette Przybyl at 920-279-0275 or annetteprzybyl2023@gmail.com.

JOIN US FOR

K-8 Special Visitors' Days!

Student Last Names

Oct. 14 A-I

Oct. 21 J-P

Oct. 28 Q-Z

(Limit - 4 guests per family)

Calling all grandparents, loved ones, and adult family friends! Spend the morning with your special student at Grace!

Click on THIS LINK to register your special visitors!

Schedule

7:30-8:00: Breakfast

8:00-11:15: Classroom Fun

11:15: Visitors dismissed