



December
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KML NEWS



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OUR CHRISTMAS KING DELIGHTS IN YOU!

It's true! The Lord our God has taken great delight in you. Don't be mistaken – our Savior is no pushover. He is mighty, and he held every right to come to earth as a pulverizing and destroying conqueror. Ours is a God who demands perfection, meaning we have no hope in ourselves. We have no way out of the mess we're in. But instead, he came as a baby, in all humility. He came not to conquer, but to rescue! He came not to punish, but for peace – peace between God and people. He will quiet your conscience with his full and free forgiveness – forgiveness even for the sins you're ashamed to remember and that bring about lingering guilt. Because of our Christmas King Jesus, God the Father remembers your sins no more! None of them! Motivated by that immeasurable grace, be living sacrifices, always striving to live a life pleasing to our God as our "Christmas card" of thanksgiving to him. May you and your loved ones enjoy a most blessed Christmas season!

DECEMBER OFFICE HOURS

The KML business office will be closed Friday through Monday, December 23 - 26 and December 30 - January 2. Office hours will be 9:00 - 1:00 for December 21, 22 and 27 - 29. The office will resume regular week day business hours of 7:15 to 3:45 when school begins Tuesday, January 3. During the break, phone messages and e-mails will be checked on a regular basis. When leaving a message, please be sure to include your name, the date and a phone number where you can be reached. If you would like to drop off forms or payments when the office is not open, please use the drop box located on the back side of the pillar at the main entrance.



EXAM DATES

Exams are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, December 19 – 20. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, December 19: Periods 1 through 4
7:40 – 1:55; bus pick-up at 2:15

Tuesday, December 20: Periods 5 through 8
7:40 – 2:05; bus pick-up at 2:15

Wednesday, December 21: Exam snow day make-up date

Buses will run to and from school on each exam day. Johnson Bus Company will drop students off **only** at Good Shepherd with no shuttles available. In the case of a **snow day** on either of the scheduled exam days, we will use Wednesday, December 21 as the make-up date.

HAZARDOUS WEATHER

Parents will be notified through *AlertNow* regarding snow/cold days, late starts, and early releases. If you haven't registered for *AlertNow* in PowerSchool, please do so right away. We will also contact the media outlets as in years past. We will follow the decisions of the West Bend School District because they bus many of our students and because we reside in their district.

Weather and road conditions can vary dramatically from one end of the federation to another. Parents, if you haven't heard a "late start" or a "closing" announcement before school, use your best judgment in making a decision. The same holds true when deciding whether or not to have your child leave school early to head home. In each case, when there is no school-wide announcement, the decision is yours. If you want your child dismissed from school early, please call the school to give permission. This applies both to students who drive and to students who ride with a fellow student. Parents who want to pick up their children early are asked either to call ahead or to stop in the office to let us know. Students will not be allowed to leave school early without parental permission.

PARENT SURVEY – OFF CAMPUS GROUP HOMEWORK

As you maybe saw on the published survey results from last spring, the topic of “Off Campus Group Homework” was quite polarizing. While 54% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that off campus group homework is an **effective** part of their children’s educational plans, the other 46% disagreed or strongly disagreed. Additionally, 48% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that off campus group homework is a **necessary** part of their children’s educational plans, while the other 52% disagreed or strongly disagreed that it is **necessary**. It was interesting to note that quite a few parents did think it was **effective** but didn’t think that it was **necessary**.

The gist of the many parent narrative comments had to do with the logistics of arranging for students to meet together. Transportation and scheduling issues are very real obstacles for many families, especially considering the large geographic area that we serve. Our faculty spent a great deal of time and thought on this issue at our meetings this past summer. Our teachers were surveyed at the beginning of this year to see what changes might have been made as compared to last year. (They were not required to eliminate off campus group homework if they believed it was integral to their course, but they were asked to provide their rationale for using it.) About two-thirds of our faculty members did not use off campus group homework last year and are not employing it this year. Of the other ten or so teachers who did use it last year, two teachers have eliminated it, two teachers are leaving it “as is” as compared to last year, and the rest have reduced it by anywhere from roughly 25% to 75%. One teacher is using collaborative on-line work to replace some or all off campus group homework. Four teachers are adding more in-class group time to replace some or all off campus group work.

A number of teachers did note, though, that quite a few students do not use well the class time they are given for group homework, which then means those students need to get together outside of the school day. This means that some of the off campus group homework was not required to be done off campus; rather, it had to be completed off campus because it wasn’t done in class when time was given to complete it.

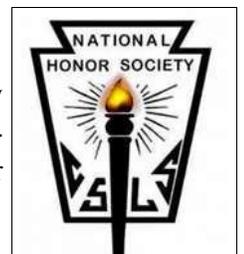
Teachers who continue to employ group homework provided excellent rationale for doing so. Here are some samples of rationale from our teachers (this rationale is for group work in general, not necessarily off campus group work; again, most teachers allow class time for most or all of the work to get done).

- * *Learning to work in a group and being evaluated on a single final product is a real-life situation that I am not sure we should shelter high school students from. I know that some assignments can be high stakes for some students, but learning from experience how to help unmotivated people find motivation, communicate through conflicts, and look for abilities in others has great value in the classroom as well as real life.*
- * *I like to do at least one group/partner activity due to the fact that bouncing ideas off of each other or discussing a project together often helps students remember what they learned. I also think it applies to many real life situations where you need to learn to work in a group. I usually let them choose their partners/groups and give them ample time in class to get a good start since I do understand coordination of schedules and transportation can be an issue. At the same time I feel that students need to use/learn time management skills as well as prioritizing what to do when.*
- * *Collaboration in solving problems has been identified by many as a critical skill for the work force of the future. Particularly in science and engineering, collaboration is an important part of developing a hypothesis and/or a design to solve a problem. Class time is provided for students to do this to a great extent, but groups or partners that don’t complete the activities in class may need to collaborate outside of class to complete it.*

A reminder that the survey results can be found at www.kmlhs.org/survey

NHS INDUCTION CEREMONY ENJOYED BY MANY

Fifty-eight juniors and seniors became members of the National Honor Society at an induction ceremony held November 7. State Representative Jeremy Thiesfeldt (KML class of 1985) served as the guest speaker. In his message, Representative Thiesfeldt stressed the importance of letting your light shine, no matter what you are doing. His message was appreciated by all in attendance.



FINANCIAL AIDS MEETING

Parents of seniors, reserve the night of December 19. Kim Schwamn from UW Washington County will be the featured speaker at the annual financial aid night. She will give an overview of the financial aid process in general and will also focus on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The meeting will take approximately one hour. If you plan to attend, please contact Mrs. Martin in Student Services to register, 262-677-4051 or send a note to dorothy.martin@kmlhs.org. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Seniors should be in the process of sending in their college applications. The sooner they take care of this, the better it will be for them.

CURRENT STUDENTS COURSE SELECTION

The Guidance Team Leaders (GTLs) are currently meeting with their advisees to discuss course selections for the upcoming school year. They have met with the juniors and are nearly finished with the sophomores. Parents, if you want to share your thoughts about your child's courses, please contact the appropriate GTL. The course selections will be finalized after the first semester is over. Please note that we will not be having parent-teacher consultation days for the purpose of course selections.

CLASS OF 2016 COURSE SELECTION

Members of the incoming freshman class will meet with faculty members from KML to select their courses for the 2012-13 school year. They will be able to do this on one of two nights, December 5 or December 8. The students received information about these course selection nights when Mr. Sievert visited their classrooms.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

The start of the second semester will soon be here. Students have five school days at the start of the semester to request schedule changes. Note that the \$30.00 schedule change fee will be charged for these schedule changes. After the five school days have passed, students may not request any more schedule changes for themselves.

STUDENT VISITS

Freshmen - Mr. Zeamer and Mr. Sievert have finished their visits with the freshmen. The purpose of these visits is to touch base with all freshmen to see if they have had problems transitioning to high school as well as to start them thinking about their future careers.

Sophomores - Mr. Zeamer and Mr. Sievert are in the process of meeting with the sophomores. Sophomores will receive the results of their PLAN tests as well as other information that will help them as they begin to make their plans for after graduation.

KML Scrip Makes Christmas Shopping a Breeze

Christmas shopping is easy with KML Scrip! Whether you shop in stores or online, you can earn credit toward your student's 2012-13 tuition account.

**Marshalls (7%)
Now Available!**

In Stores:

Order Scrip Shopping Cards online or at the KML Scrip Office and start shopping. Choose from many local retailers, including Kohl's (4%), American Eagle (10%), Boston Store (8%), Dick's Sporting Goods (8%), Target (2%), and more. Get your shopping off to a great start with Starbucks (7%) and end it with a treat from Culvers (10%).



Online:

Do all your holiday shopping from the comfort of home and avoid the crowds! Download ScripNow! on ShopWithScrip.com and start shopping within minutes. It's easy!



To order, simply visit the retailer's ShopWithScrip brand page and select the ScripNow product choice. Pay with PrestoPay and have your order delivered by email in just minutes!

ScripNow! eCards are available for more than 30 brands, including Amazon.com (4%), Lands' End (18%), Old Navy (14%), iTunes (5%), and many, many more.

Unsure of what to get? Consider a KML Scrip Gift Certificate and let your loved one choose! KML Scrip Gift Certificates are available in the KML Scrip Office.

See our website for special holiday hours. www.kmlhs.org/scrip



NOTES FROM THE FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT



WINTER BAND CONCERT

Make plans now to join us for the 2011 Winter Band Concert on Saturday, December 10 at 7:00pm in the KML gym! This concert will feature performances by the bands of both our high school and elementary school programs. A freewill offering to support the KML band programs will be taken.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT

The choirs of KMLHS will present their Christmas Concert, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" on Saturday, December 17 at 7:00pm in the KML gym. Come and prepare your hearts for the coming of the Savior! A freewill offering will be gathered to support the KML choral program.

FIND US ONLINE

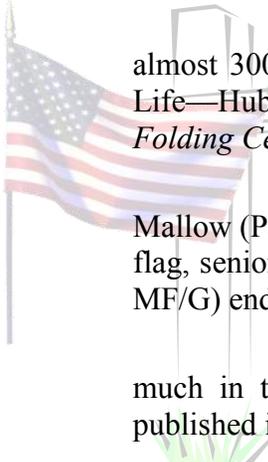
Have you visited the new KML Fine Arts blog? It's a great way to stay up to date with all of the events and news of the Fine Arts Department of KML. You can also sign up to receive email notifications. As we get into the busy concert and festival portion of the school year, check back often for the latest information! www.kmlfinearts.blogspot.com

KML FAMILY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Please join us for the KML Family Music Festival on Friday, March 30, 2012 from 5:00 - 9:00pm. "We Got the Beat" is the theme for an evening of family fun, with food (Friday night fish fry), games, musical entertainment, silent and verbal auctions, and more! The *Lutheran Elementary School Science Fair* projects will also be displayed at this event.

All National Honor Society members are expected to help with children's games, coat check, or distribution of food. Information regarding parent volunteer needs will be included in the January newsletter. Please consider volunteering!

VETERANS PROGRAM REMEMBERED



Our annual Veterans Day program was presented on Thursday, November 10, to an audience of almost 300 veterans, active military, their families, and other guests. Pastor Michael Helwig, Crown of Life—Hubertus, reminded us that the battle as well as the victory is the Lord's. Our theme of the *Flag-Folding Ceremony* featured a flag that had been flown over Baghdad during the US occupation of Iraq.

In addition to participation by the Wind Ensemble and Concert Choir, seniors Ryanne Mallow (Peace, Hartford) and Shane Patzlsberger (Bethlehem, MF/G) narrated the folding ceremony for the flag, senior Gunnar Thompson (David's Star, Jackson) sounded *Taps*, and senior Adam Cook (Bethlehem, MF/G) ended the program with a moving a cappella rendition of *God Bless America*.

Please consider joining us next year as we honor the men and women who have given so much in their service to our beloved country. Specific information on next year's program will be published in the fall of 2012, when our theme will center around the POW/MIA.

ATHLETIC NEWS

FALL SPORTS RECAP

Successful seasons were completed by the various sport teams at KML. We commend our coaches and athletes for using their gifts and representing their school and their Savior with their pursuit of excellence during the season.

Cheerleading

We thank the cheerleaders for all of their hard work and support as they cheered for the home football games and assisted with the home cross country meets. The Varsity Cheer team swept the WACPC Game Day Championships, bringing home first place in all divisions.

Cross Country

The boys team finished in first place in the Wisconsin Flyway Conference and sixth place at the WIAA sectional meet. Garrett Miller advanced to the WIAA state meet and finished in 24th place. The girls team took sixth place in the conference meet and 11th at sectionals.

First Team All-Conference - Garrett Miller and Erik Thorson

Second Team All-Conference - Nicholas Sandoval

All-Conference Honorable Mention - Rebecca Reis and Joshua Strasser

Scholar Athlete - Jordan Schneider and Connor Yackels

Most Valuable Runners - Rebecca Reis and Garrett Miller

Rookie of the Year - Isabelle Dombrowski

Most Improved - Erik Thorson

Football

Freshman - 5-3 season record; 5-2 conference

Junior Varsity - 2-4 season and 1-2 conference

Varsity - 5-5 record; 5-3 conference (fourth place)

First Team All-Conference- Devin Gresenz – running back; David Kieckhaefer – tight end; Shane Patzlesberger – defensive end; Luke Scheuerlein – linebacker; Hunter Ottow – defensive back

Second Team All-Conference – Matthew Krajcik – tackle; Jacob Schleif – guard; Nick Streff – linebacker; Aaron Rusch – defensive line

All-Conference Honorable Mention - Nicholas Brazell – guard; Tyler Strupp – center; Jacob Matter – defensive end

Scholar Athlete - Zachary Walters

Most Valuable Player - Devin Gresenz

Outstanding Senior Leader - Luke Scheuerlein

Boys Soccer

Junior Varsity - 8-4-4 season record; 5-1-3 conference

Varsity - 12-9-2 season record; 10-3-1 conference (third place)

First Team All Conference - Seth Butzke

Second Team All-Conference - Austin Bublitz, Sean Esenberg

All-Conference Honorable Mention - Griffin Hoerchner, Drake Schwarten, Tyler Stauske

Scholar Athlete - Jacob Falck

Most Valuable Player - Seth Butzke

Offensive Player of the Year - Austin Bublitz

Volleyball

Freshmen - 21-0-2 season record; 8-0 conference; 53-3 games

Junior Varsity - 20-7-4 season record; 8-0 conference; 52-20 games

Varsity - 31-11 season record; 8-0 conference; 81-33 games

Wisconsin Flyway Conference Champs

WIAA Division II Regional Champions and Sectional Runner-up

First Team All Conference - Morgan Koth, Meghan Niemann, Rebecca Roembke, Megan Wierzbicki

Second Team All Conference - Maria Bintz

All-Conference Honorable Mention - Katelyn Jahns

Scholar Athlete - Rebecca Roembke

Most Valuable Player - Meghan Niemann

Charger Award - Morgan Koth

ATHLETIC EVENT PRICES/DIRECTIONS

The Wisconsin Flyway Conference has set ticket prices for the 2011-2012 school year at \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for H.S. students, and \$1.00 for grade school students.

NEW THIS YEAR, KML is offering an All-Sport Pass - \$75 per person (\$200 value), or \$140 per family – good for all HOME sporting events. Grandparent passes continue to be available at no charge. Please stop by the athletic office, in advance, to pick up a pass. Passes will NOT be distributed the day of the event. As a reminder, admissions for tournaments are not covered under any passes.

Directions to away events can be found online at www.kmlhs.org/maps

PRACTICE CALENDARS

Practice schedules and information about games are available on our website at kmlhs.org/schedule. You can find specific sport schedule information at each sport's home page. Please consult the schedules enough in advance to avoid conflicts. Some changes in printed schedules do occur. The on-line calendar will have the most current schedules.

SPECIAL EVENT BASKETBALL GAMES

We would like to invite all KMLHS fans and Kettle Krazies to our special event basketball games. We would love to see the stands packed full of KML fans!

December 2 - kick off the boys' home basketball season

December 3 – kick off the girls' home basketball season

January 28 and February 4 – Grade School and Hot Shot Nights

January 28 and February 4 – Charger Club Dogs-n-Suds Night...

enjoy a hotdog and root beer float after the game!



PARENT WORKERS FOR BASKETBALL SEASON

All parents of winter-season athletes are scheduled to work for one game during the season (per child), either for ticket taking, concessions or supervision. This information has been sent home. Please note your assignment, and if you have a conflict, please switch with another family and contact the KML athletic office, 262-677-4051, ext. 1103 with the change.



JOHN PLESS WINS WITH HIS PIZZA PATTY MELT!

The KML food service and the foods classes combined to hold a sandwich recipe competition. All KML students currently enrolled in a foods class were eligible to submit a sandwich recipe that, if chosen, would be served in the lunch line. The sandwich could be an original creation, an adaptation of a sandwich recipe made in foods class or a family favorite recipe. The winning recipe was a family favorite submitted by John Pless, son of Professor Joel and Mrs. Linda Pless, David's Star. The sandwich is called Pizza Patty Melt and will be served at lunch on Tuesday, December 13. John's name will be featured on the menu board the day his sandwich is served. For winning the competition, John will also receive a monetary prize on his lunch account and a pass to go to the front of the lunch line for the entire week when his sandwich is served. Congratulations John!!



CHARGER CLUB MAGAZINE SALE

The Charger Club magazine sale which supports co-curricular activities, continues throughout the school year. Do you get a magazine(s) delivered to your home? Need an idea for a Christmas gift? You can order or renew magazine subscriptions **at any time** by going to our website and clicking on the Great America icon in the fundraising menu. You can also get a packet of information from a KML student or pick one up in the athletic office at school. KML receives 40% profit from each purchase of magazines when you indicate our school on your order.

EIGHTH GRADE CHARGER FOR A DAY

Over the past three weeks, we were privileged to host 155 eighth grade students from our fifteen KML Federation Lutheran elementary schools. These young men and women enjoyed the opportunity to experience a taste of student life at KML. In addition to attending a portion of five different classes, the "Future Chargers" also got to participate in our daily chapel service, meet a number of our current students and faculty, and learn about the many opportunities to develop their God-given abilities at KML. Of the 155 eighth grade students, 97 indicated that they are definitely planning to come to KML, 33 indicated they are still undecided, and 25 indicated that they will be attending another high school. Members of the Cross Trainers and Mr. Zeamer are following up on the families that are still undecided.

CHARGER CLUB OFFICERS

Charger Club is in need of candidates for vice-president and secretary for the 2012-2013 school year. This is a two year commitment with meetings held once a month during the school year. If you are interested or have any questions about either position, please contact current president Todd Schneider via e-mail at Todd_Holly@wi.rr.com or secretary Amy Schultz at rschulz@charter.net



December Lunch Menu

1	Breaded chicken sandwich w/ potato wedges	\$2.50
2	Cheese filled breadsticks w/ dipping sauce	\$2.25
5	Mini cheese pizza	\$2.25
6	Grilled brat w/ waffle fries	\$2.25
7	Pasta w/ spaghetti meat sauce & breadstick	\$2.50
8	Chicken tenders w/ waffle fries	\$2.50
9	Double pepperoni pizza slices	\$1.00
12	Corn dog w/ chips & pickle	\$2.25
13	JOHN PLESS pizza patty melt w/ potato wedges	\$2.50
14	Nachos supreme	\$2.50
15	Grilled chicken sandwich w/ potato wedges	\$2.50
16	Sausage pizza slices	\$2.00
19	Pepperoni pizza calzone w/ sauce	\$2.50
20	Grilled steak burger w/ cheese & potato triangles	\$2.50

21-31 Christmas and New Years Break

David Bartelt, Superintendent
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Rev. Randall Hughes, Pastor of Student Life
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