



Tales

Immanuel Lutheran School

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Calendar

Today	1:30 pm	Awards and closing Chapel	Sanctuary
June 8	8:00-12:30	Moving Day	ILS Classrooms
August 5	TBD	Back-to-school Kick-off Event	Gym
August 7	8:20 am	First Day of School	

The Last Day of School

The PTL has some fun planned for the morning, which may include students getting wet. Students may come to school in comfortable clothes (no swimwear) but must change into school uniforms before yearbook signing, awards, and closing chapel. Please note that aftercare will be open today.

Summer Office Hours

The school office is typically open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., except for Memorial Day and July 4-5.

Moving Day at Immanuel

As we change to our new grade combinations next year, we must move some classrooms and curricular materials. Many hands make light work. Join us on **Saturday, June 8, from 8:00 to noon**, and we will feed you lunch as your reward.

On to Washington, D.C.

Once again, we are sending a student to the National History Day competition in Washington, D.C. Jackson Walz finished second in the state for his research paper” *Edward Jenner: The Inventor of the First Working Vaccine.*” The school is raising funds to help offset the cost of the trip. If you can help, please make a check payable to Immanuel Lutheran School and put “History” in the memo line. Thanks for your support!

A Note from Mr. Dunning

The 100th year of school at Immanuel has ended. This was a year of significant changes at ILS. We added a great teacher in Jennifer Vola but will lose three teachers to retirement. We said goodbye to our long-time choir director and our preschool director. A volunteer, Julia Mummert, taught lower-grade PE the entire year. Another volunteer, Jay Kinchloe, brings his tenure as the Math Counts coach to an end. It will take two people to replace Stephanie Kelley as athletic director. Our library continues to shrink, which, in this case, is a good thing. Old books have been culled and new books added, thanks to the work of Kim Crowder and Denise Lahey. Each of these individuals is a blessing.

The Christmas Program and Spring Musical showcased our students' talent and hard work. The band and choir, under the guidance of our exceptional teachers, demonstrated significant growth and improvement from fall to spring.

We had a grand celebration of the school's 100th year, a Thanksgiving Lunch that was nearly SRO, a fabulous auction, and fun activities on the last school day. These events require large numbers of volunteers, but Laura Trujillo, Beverly Sadlowski, Allison and Carlo Marchiondo, and Marina Garza often do the bulk of the work for PTL activities. They always step in when others are unable to.

We also announced an enrollment-driven move to combination classes in grades 1-8 for the '24-'25 school year. This will enable us to have the correct number of teachers for the size of our student body. We continue to market the school enthusiastically. TV and radio, print and online, and social media provide information about the great things happening at Immanuel. Kerri Baum has been a key driver of that content.

We continue to explore partnerships that benefit our students and families. Our 5th—6th grade class will have an outdoor education experience. All ILS families will benefit from a new partnership with Right Now Media (look for details in July). We continue to explore the possibilities as we partner with the Menaul School. Our 7th—8th grades will continue to benefit from our partnership with the U.S. Air Force.

We will have a renewed emphasis on phonics in our lower grades.

So, the year has closed, and summer vacation beckons. May God grant everyone in the ILS family a safe and restful summer. May He bless our graduates and keep their faith burning brightly.

I look forward to seeing you in August!