

St. Martin Lutheran School

FEBRUARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL ~ Mark Moran

Good Advice from the Doc

While raising my three daughters, my wife and I often turned to the advice of Dr. James Dobson. During that time I read an article about the quantity versus quality argument. It had a great perspective, and we applied it. My kids continue to thank us for this. Here is the article:

The old debate about which is best for your children, “quantity time” or “quality time,” shouldn’t be a debate at all. It’s not the quantity of time that you spend with your children, it’s the quality that counts. *Or is it?*

That is a widely-quoted proverb which serves to reduce guilt in parents who are rarely at home. While the statement is true (a small amount of meaningful time with children is better than a longer period of less constructive interaction), who says that a working mother's evening time with her children is necessarily of greater quality than it would have been if she remained at home all day? Her fatigue would make the opposite more likely.

The real question is, *why do we have to choose between the virtues of quantity versus quality?* We won't accept that forced choice in any *other* area of our lives.

Suppose you've looked forward all day to eating at one of the finest restaurants in town. The waiter brings you a menu, and you order the most expensive steak in the house. But when the meal arrives, you see a tiny piece of meat about one-inch square in the center of the plate. When you complain about the size of the steak, the waiter says, "Sir, I recognize that the portion is small, but that's the finest corn-fed beef money can buy. You'll never find a better bite of meat than we've served you tonight. As to the portion, I hope you understand that it's not the quantity that matters, it's the quality that counts."

You would object, and for good reason. Why? Because both quality *and* quantity are important in many areas of our lives, *including how we relate to children*. They need our time *and* the best we have to give them. Quality moments don't occur in the absence of time. Unfortunately, time is in short supply in most of today's homes.

Some of us deceive ourselves. We think we're giving our children the undivided attention they need. But you're missing the target if you have a football game on television while you play Monopoly with the kids, or read the paper while “helping” them with homework, or drive them to the office to color while you work, or take them to one movie at the multiplex while you watch another. Sure, your kids may enjoy some of these activities, but they also know the difference between an involved parent and one who's merely pretending.

My concern is that the 'quantity-versus-quality' argument might be a poorly disguised rationalization for giving our children--*neither*.

I pray you can apply some of the great advice in here if you aren't already.

In Christ,

Mr. Moran



IMPORTANT DATES for February:

- 2-3 Girls A&B Basketball Tournament @St. James, Shawano, TBA
- 6 Gr. 5-8 Spelling Bee @12:45 pm
- 7 School Board Meeting 5:45 pm
- 9-10 Basketball Boys A&B Tournament @Pilgrim, Green Bay, TBA
- 13 Regional Spelling Bee @Bonduel High School in Sousa Hall @6:30 pm
- 16 Valentines Parties ~ 2:00 pm
- 22 Third Quarter Mid-term
- 24 Solo & Ensemble @Fox Valley Lutheran, Appleton, 8 am to 4 pm



SINGING SCHEDULE:

- Feb. 11 ~ 8:00 am – Gr. 1&2
- Feb. 14 ~ 4:30 pm – Gr. 7&8
- Feb. 18 ~ 10:30 am – SOJ Gr. 8
- Feb. 21 ~ 4:30 pm – Gr. 5&6/Chimes
- Feb. 28 ~ 4:30 pm – Gr. 3&4

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE ~~ Please watch the Happenings for changes.

St. Martin Members can view the Athletic calendar by going to our website www.stmlc.org, click on the school tab, click athletic calendar, then click on view athletic calendar.

School Families ~ check Fast Direct under Athletics Bulletin Board and Calendar for times and changes also.

Game order is listed behind. Games will run approx. 1 hour 10 minutes apart.

ATTENTION PARENTS: For your information, when school gets called off early, there will be no basketball practices.

February:

- Fri. 2 & Sat. 3 ~ Girls A & B Conference BB Tournament @St. James, Shawano, TBA
- Fri. 9 & Sat. 10 ~ Boys A & B Conference BB Tournament @Pilgrim, Green Bay, TBA, along with Cheer competition

FEVER GUIDELINES:

- Students with a temp greater than or equal to 100 cannot remain in class. They are considered contagious.
- Students **cannot return to school** until their temperature is less than 100 for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

STUDENTS & PARENTS:

- **FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** Please use soap when hand washing and improved personal hygiene practices. Do this as often as you can and keep your fingers away from your eyes to help keep you healthy. Please contact the office at any time during the year if your child gets anything that is contagious and illnesses that warrant notification to other parents.

ATTENTION PARENTS: Please call the school office (715-823-6538 ext. 2112) when your child will be absent by 8:30 a.m. Please give the reason and homework instructions. Your child's homework will be available in the classroom for pickup by 4:00 pm. If your child is absent due to an illness, please give us the symptoms of the illness. Thank you for your cooperation.

REMINDER 8TH GRADERS: to start bringing in your baby picture for the yearbook. Please give to Mrs. Tellock.

NOTICE FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS DUE TO BAD WEATHER:

Please tune in the following radio stations:

WFCL 1380 AM/WJMQ 92.3-Clintonville

WTCH 960 AM/WOWN 99.3-Shawano

WTAQ 1360 AM/WIXX 101.1 FM/WOZZ 93.5 FM – Green Bay

WDUX 800 AM/92.7 FM – Waupaca

OR TV Stations:

WLUK-TV Ch 11, WFRV-TV Ch 5,

WBAY-TV Ch 2, NBC-TV Ch 26.

Please do not call radio stations, police department, schools, teachers or bus garage as their LINES MUST REMAIN OPEN to receive emergency information!!! In the event school opens and has to be called off during the day, please make sure your children know where they are to go before they leave the house. For younger children, please send a note to inform the teacher or the office as to who is to pick up and care for the student in this situation. **When school is closed, the office will be closed.**

Pre-Registration for St. Martin Lutheran School: We will need the \$50.00 pre-registration fee per family turned into the school office before your child is enrolled.

If you are enrolling in Preschool or 4K, please email ksawall@stmhc.org, which class you would prefer to enroll your child.

St. Martin member families have the first priority to pre-register during the month of January. February 1 pre-registration opens to currently enrolled non-member students. March 1, pre-registration enrollment opens to sister congregations and the community.

Pre-registration for the 2018-2019 School Year: St. Martin Lutheran is your congregational educational and mission school. It has much to offer to you and your family, as well as, the Clintonville area parents. St. Martin offers an accredited preschool through eighth grade integrated program. A waiting list will be created by the School Board when student class size maximum limits have been reached.

We are trying to use Fast Directs features more and try to go more paperless. To enroll or re-enroll your child, please go to our website (www.stmhc.org), click on Fast Direct under Quick Links on the right side, when Fast Direct comes up in the dark blue box on the left ~ click on Registration, then follow the instructions (if enrolled already, you need to click on yes or no by your child's name). When you see your payment entered in the 2018-2019 Registration column and you receive a confirmation email, your child is enrolled or re-enrolled. If you do not have email, you can request a paper form to fill out. If you are interested in more information you may contact, Principal Moran, at 715-823-6538, ext. 2113 or mmoran@stmhc.org.

ATTENTION PARENTS: Please do not schedule any appointments 3 weeks before the Upper Grade (April 19 & 20) and Lower Grade (May 11) musicals. This reason is so everyone is there for practices, and then we will not need to practice after school so often.

REMINDER TO PARENTS:

- If during the school year ~ your work, insurance, address, or telephone number changes, please contact the school. This is very important in reaching you in case of illness or injury of your child while at school.
- If you will be leaving your child or children under someone's care while you are gone for a few days, please send a note with your child with the name of caregiver and phone number in case of illness or injury of your child while at school.
- **Book orders:** Please make checks payable to: St. Martin School unless the teacher has told you otherwise.
- **Free/Reduced Lunches:** If your income changes during any month of the school year, please come into the school office to pick up a Free/Reduced Form to see if you qualify for Free or Reduced lunches for your child.

Annual Spelling Bee: St. Martin Lutheran School will have its Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 6, starting at 12:45 in the church. An alternate will also be selected on February 6 and will compete at the District level should the winner be unable to attend.

VALENTINES PARTY ROOM PARENTS: The Valentines Party is scheduled for February 16 at 2:00 p.m. Would the following people please come get their party information from the office (envelopes will be ready by January 31st): Kindergarten-needs someone; 1st-Erin Schley; 2nd-Staci Carper; 3rd-Kristi Miller; 4th-Rosie Schroeder; 5th-Melissa Laack; 6th-needs someone; 7th-Heather Barkow; 8th-Janet Genskow. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Behnke at 715-823-6709.



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St. Martin Lutheran School Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Ladies Aid 2:00 pm ~Gr. 3&4	2 PE Gr. 7&8	3
4 SOJ Praise Team 10:30 am	5	6 Gr. 5-8 Spelling Bee, 12:45 pm	7 School Board Meeting 5:45 pm YI Stamp 7:50-8:10 am Chapel 9:40 am w/Camp Luther Faculty Meeting 3:30 pm	8 Seated Communion 1:00 pm ~ Gr. 3&4	9 PE Gr. 5&6	10
11 Gr 1&2 sings 8:00 am	12 PTL Executive Meeting 5:30 pm	13 Regional Spelling Bee @Bonduel High School, 6:30 pm in Sousa Hall	14 YI Stamp 7:50-8:10 am Chapel 8:10 am ASH WEDNESDAY 4:30-Gr. 7&8 sings & Chimes 7:00-Choir	15	16 Valentine's Parties 2:00 pm PE Gr. 7&8	17
18 SOJ Gr 8 @10:30 am	19 <i>No School</i> Teacher In-service/Work Day	20	21 YI Stamp 7:50-8:10 am Chapel 8:10 am Lent: 4:30-Gr. 5&6 sings & Chimes	22 TEC 21 @Pilgrim, Green Bay 9-2 3rd Qtr Mid-term	23 PE Gr. 5&6	24 Solo & Ensemble @FVL, 8-4
25 Choir 8:00 am	26	27 Eligibility & Grade Level 3:30 pm	28 YI Stamp 7:50-8:10 am Chapel~Baptism Birthdays-8:10 am Gr. 5-8 View Mid-term on Fast Direct Lent: 4:30-Gr. 3&4 sings Principal Conference @Wausau, 9-3			

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St. Martin Lutheran School Lunch Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Mini corn dogs, garden bar, green beans, wheat bread, applesauce, choice of milk	2 Meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, wheat dinner roll, garden bar, sliced peaches, choice of milk	3
4	5 Chicken nuggets, garden bar, whole kernel corn, wheat bread, mandarin oranges, choice of milk	6 Taco w/fixings, garden bar, tortilla chips, salsa, refried beans, pineapple tidbits, choice of milk	7 Macaroni & cheese casserole, garden bar, peas, wheat bread, sliced peaches, choice of milk	8 Cold Turkey sub, garden bar, cheese slice, carrot & celery sticks, apple slices, corn chips, choice of milk	9 Pancakes, sliced ham, garden bar, carrot & celery sticks, strawberries, choice of milk	10
11	12 Mini corn dogs, garden bar, green beans, wheat bread, applesauce, choice of milk	13 Chicken fajita, whole wheat soft shell, garden bar, refried beans, pineapple tidbits, tortilla chips, choice of milk	14 Hot ham & cheese sandwich, garden bar, carrot & celery sticks, corn chips, sliced pears, choice of milk	15 Beef Hot dog on a wheat bun, garden bar, baked beans, sliced peaches, tator tots, choice of milk	16 Baked spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden bar, carrot coins, bread sticks, applesauce, choice of milk	17
18	19 <i>No School</i>	20 Hamburger on wheat bun, garden bar, pickle slices, potato wedges, apple slices, choice of milk	21 Barbecue on wheat bun, garden bar, pickle spear, green beans, tator tots, sliced pears, choice of milk	22 Scalloped potatoes with dices ham, garden bar, whole kernel corn, wheat bread, jelled cranberry, mixed fruit, choice of milk	23 Cheese pizza, garden bar, green beans, mandarin oranges, cookie, choice of milk	24
25	26 Breaded chicken pattie, wheat bun, garden bar, whole kernel corn, applesauce, choice of milk	27 Pizza dippers w/sauce, garden bar, green beans, sliced peaches, Scooby snack, choice of milk	28 Cold Turkey sub, garden bar, cheese slice, carrot & celery sticks, apple slices, corn chips, choice of milk			

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