

# WEDNESDAY WORD

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## 2020-21 Theme



*Be Joyful  
always,  
Pray  
continually,  
Give thanks in  
all circumstances*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

### **Principal's Notes:**

Today in my chapel lesson I focus on what happens when we do not rely on the Lord for help when facing challenges in our lives. It becomes so much more challenging when we try to "go it" on our own. Think of Proverbs 3:5-6 and lean on the Lord, not our own understanding and He will make our paths straight. Let us trust in God and lean on Him.

Here is the chapel link:

<https://youtu.be/cegV7fLiq5E>

- Quarter 2, K – Grade 8 Report Cards are available for viewing via your Sycamore account. The instructions for viewing can be found the home page of Sycamore. Preschool progress reports will go home on Friday Jan. 29.

### **SAINTS DAY THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 15**

**GO SAINTS. THE SAINTS PLAY THE TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS BEARS IN THE SECOND ROUND OF THE NFL PLAYOFFS NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 AT 5:40 PM CST.**

**LET'S GET FIRED UP AND SUPPORT THE SAINTS. STUDENTS AND FACULTY/STAFF MAY WEAR SAINTS SHIRTS/TOPS/JERSEYS, (over jumpers is ok) etc., with their regular uniform pieces this Friday, Jan. 15.**

### **NO SCHOOL NEXT MONDAY, JANUARY 18 DUE TO MLK DAY.**

- The Open House scheduled for next Wednesday, January 20 will now be a virtual event. There will a virtual open house on the website available between now and January 20. Mrs. Langston and Mr. Molin are taking tour appointments on an after-school basis at this time.

**Please make sure you have re-enrolled for the 2021-22 school term as open enrollment begin next Wednesday, January 20.**

**You are our best and most effective marketing tool so please share our virtual open house information to families who you know are interested in the type of education ALS offers. Thanks!**

**If you refer a family who enrolls, you are eligible for a \$100 tuition credit. We will need a letter/email ([schooloffice@alcs.org](mailto:schooloffice@alcs.org)) stating that you referred them. Thanks!**

- The PTL Used Uniform Sale schedule for next Saturday, January 23 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. If you in need of uniform pieces, please contact Ms. Kimberly or Ms. Rose to schedule a purchasing appointment. Thanks.

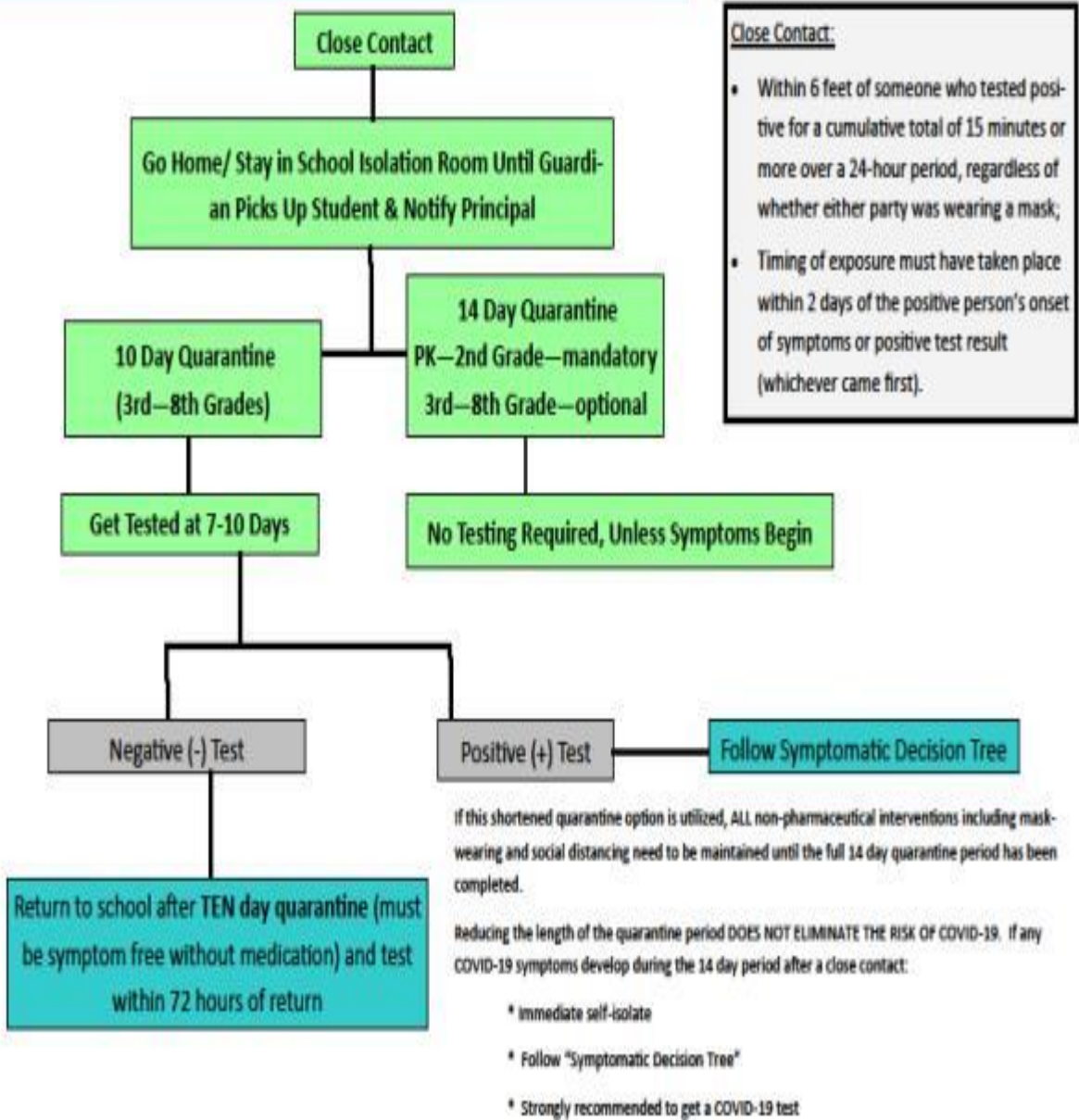
**Below you will see COVID information you received last week.**

**Close Contact quarantine** (no changes in decision tree for those testing positive). ALS is implementing:

## Atonement Lutheran School COVID-19 Screening Decision Tree Responding to CLOSE CONTACTS—12.17.2020



This chart follows the most up-to-date CDC and LDH recommendations approved by the ALS Board of Christian Education



Families and Faculty/Staff have a choice of the above.

## Implementation effective Monday, January 4, 2021.

If you have quarantine information to report, please follow the following steps:

**PreK - contact** Preschool Director Mrs. Kelly Langston at [klangston@alcs.org](mailto:klangston@alcs.org) and cc the school office at [schooloffice@alcs.org](mailto:schooloffice@alcs.org) with information. Mrs. Langston and the school office will be in constant communication.

**K - Grade 8 contact** the school office at [schooloffice@alcs.org](mailto:schooloffice@alcs.org) with information.

The ALCS phone number is 504-887-0225.

We ask that students and faculty/staff who are COVID-19 tested, please provide the school office with results. The school office per Department of Education regulations is keeping records of all quarantines and test results which will be available for DOE audit at anytime. Thanks.

### ***This is our latest ALS COVID-19 update: we have students and faculty/staff on either positive case or close contact quarantine as follow:***

**PS:** We have 3 PK students in quarantine.

**K-Grade 8:** We have 3 students total in quarantine spread through grades 3, 5, and 6.

**Faculty/staff out:** Mr. Arceneaux (return Jan. 13), Mrs. Harney (return Jan. 19), and Mrs. Hellmers (return Jan. 22).

### **PRESCHOOL ANNUAL MARDI GRAS PARADE Wednesday, Feb. 10th**

This year, our Preschool Mardi Gras Parade will be modified. We unfortunately will not be having a wagon parade with bead throwing. Instead, we ask parents to decorate a face mask and a jester hat with the theme of your choice. The decorated face masks will be worn for about 30 minutes, then we will change back into our regular face masks. The students will parade their masks and hats in front of grades K-8 - either outside (weather permitting) or in the gym. We unfortunately are not able to invite parents to attend, but we will have video and pictures to view. Teachers will be asking room moms to arrange for a king cake to be sent in for a special treat that day. We will miss our regular wagon parade, but we think that the kids will enjoy our modified parade. Please let us know if your child will not be participating. The students will have a Mardi Gras dress down day on that day as well. (NO COSTUMES – NO ONE PIECE – TENNIS SHOES ONLY)

Thanks!

Mrs. Langston

Preschool Director

- As you may remember, last March a car went through the fence along the south I-10 side. Concrete barriers were installed along the fence. While we are attempting to keep students off the asphalt area along the fence, we have resumed letting the students play in the grass area in front of the gym. Thanks for your patience in this matter.

## QUARTER 3 CHAPEL MISSION PROJECT

For children, the Bible's hundreds of pages can seem overwhelming. They need books, written on their level, to introduce them to Jesus.



In today's Ethiopia (in northeast Africa), millions of Lutheran children don't have a single Bible storybook.

There are more than 9 million Lutherans in Ethiopia. One Lutheran church body, called Mekane Yesus, is nearly four times the size of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod!

And there are hundreds of Lutheran schools and Sunday schools packed with eager young students, but teachers face a dilemma: they have no Bible storybooks from which to teach.



**You can help change that – for just \$5 per child!**

The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) is an LCMS recognized service organization with the mission of translating and publishing our good Lutheran books for people around the world.

For every \$5 your children can send to LHF, the organization can print a Bible storybook



## Enrollment/Re-Enrollment Dates

2021-22



or *Small Catechism* in the languages of Ethiopia, such as Amharic and Oromo. These books are then given free of charge to families wanting to know more about the Savior.

Thousands are waiting...how can you help?

Welcome to the 2021-22 Re-Enrollment/Enrollment period at Atonement Lutheran School. Our staff and faculty pray that your experience with us has been one in which your child and family have experienced the love of Jesus coupled with academic growth. It is our continued pleasure to offer program variety (music, sports, technology, etc.) in a setting that is small enough to allow us to care for each child. We value you and appreciate your support of Atonement!

Please be advised that our timeline for registration has been altered slightly from previous years.

We have now entered the Sibling & PK3 Enrollment:

Beginning **January 11<sup>th</sup> through January 20<sup>th</sup>**, any siblings of current students, and/or new PK3 students are allowed to register. The K-8<sup>th</sup> grade registration fee for new students (including siblings) is \$250. New preschool students (PK3 & PK4) will pay a \$175 registration fee. **During this period, current students (K-8<sup>th</sup> or PK) may continue to enroll, provided we have space available, for a fee of \$175.00** Open Enrollment:

**Enrollment will open for all classes beginning January 20<sup>th</sup>.** This is also the date of our next Open House, taking place from 5-7pm. We will continue to enroll until the class is filled. K-8<sup>th</sup> registration fee is \$250 for new students. PK registration for new students is \$175. Returning K-8<sup>th</sup> and PK students who attempt to re-enroll during this time frame will be charged a reenrollment fee of \$200.

Wait List:

Once we have reached capacity in a class, any interested students will be added to the "wait list" for that class. A spot on the wait list will require a completed enrollment form and a registration fee in the form of a check. We will hold the check until the spot becomes available. You may request the check back at any time and your student(s) will be removed from the list.

**GIRLS SCOUTS**

Both troops will be using the upstairs Religion classroom from 3:30 - 4:30 pm on their meeting days led by Mrs. Kay Lester.

**Brownies: (should be the same as the Juniors)**

- January 25
- February 22
- March 22
- April 26
- May 17

**Daisies:**

- February 8
- March 29
- April 19
- May 10

The 4th and 5th graders will meet in the 4th grade classroom on the following Mondays led by Mrs. Kelli Gremillion.

**Meeting Dates:**

- January 25
- February 22
- March 22
- April 26
- May 17

**• With Mrs. Jamie Shields going on maternity leave sometime in March, we are in need of a Kindergarten Assistant to complete the 20-21 school term. If you are interested, please submit your resume to Mr. Molin at [dmolin@alcs.org](mailto:dmolin@alcs.org) or drop it off at the school office. Thanks. Lunch**

<p><b>13</b>  <b>Fried Chicken Legs</b>            Macaroni and Cheese            Soft Roll            Jello            Spring Salad  <b>Sandwich Option: Grilled Cheese</b>            Jello            Spring Salad  <b>Salad Option: Kids Club Salad</b>            Jello            Milk, Bottled Water, or Juice</p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>Hamburger Steak</b>            Mashed Potatoes            Soft Roll            Chocolate Chip Cookie            Spring Salad  <b>Sandwich Option: Grilled Cheese</b>            Spring Salad            Cookie  <b>Salad Option: Kids Club Salad</b>            Cookie            Milk, Water, or Juice</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>Cheese Pizza</b>            Buttered Carrots            Pudding            Spring Salad  <b>Sandwich Option: Grilled Cheese</b>            Spring            Salad            Pudding  <b>Salad Option: Kids Club Salad</b>            Pudding            Milk, Bottled Water, or Juice</p>
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>Eggs, Pancakes &amp; Sausage</b></p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>Hamburger</b></p>

<b>No School/MLK Day</b>	Biscuits (Jelly&Butter)Cheez Itz	French Fries
	<b>Sandwich Option: Turkey</b> Cheez-Itz	Spring SaladFruit Cup Jello
	<b>Salad Option: Kids Club Salad</b> Cheese-Itz	<b>Sandwich Option: Turkey</b> Jello/Fruit CupSpring Salad
	Milk,Water, or Juice	<b>Salad Option: Kids Club Salad</b> Jello  Milk, Bottled Water, or Juice

**The 2021-22 School Calendar was approved by the Board of Christian Education this past Monday, January 11. Here are some of the key dates (more TBA):**

<b>August 12</b>	<b>K – Grade 8 starts</b>
<b>August 16</b>	<b>Preschool starts</b>
<b>September 3</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL/Area Lutheran Teachers Professional Development Day</b>
<b>September 6</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL/Labor Day</b>
<b>October 8</b>	<b>End Quarter 1</b>
<b>October 11</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL/Records Day</b>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>Quarter 1 Report Card Day</b>
<b>October 22</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL/Parent Teacher Conference Day</b>
<b>November 22-26</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break</b>
<b>December 17</b>	<b>11:30 am Dismissal/End Quarter 2</b>
<b>December 20-31</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL/Christmas Break</b>
<b>January 3</b>	<b>School Resumes</b>
<b>January 11</b>	<b>Quarter 2 Report Card Day</b>
<b>January 17</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL/Martin Luther King Day</b>
<b>February 28-March 4</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL/Mardi Gras Break</b>
<b>March 11</b>	<b>End Quarter 3</b>
<b>March 14</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL/Records Day</b>
<b>March 21</b>	<b>Quarter 3 Report Card Day</b>
<b>March 25</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL/Parent Teacher Conference Day</b>
<b>April 13</b>	<b>12:00 Noon Dismissal; Grandparent/Special Person Day</b>
<b>April 14 – 18</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL/Easter Break</b>



May 20	Grade 8 Dismissal 11:30 am (last day for Grade 8)
May 21	Grade 8 Graduation, 2:00 pm; Worship Center/Gym
May 24	Preschool Closing
May 26	Kindergarten Closing
May 27	Grades 1-7, 11:30 am Dismissal; Last Day

**SCHOOL CALENDAR (Weekend Worship, Saturdays @ 5:00 pm and Sundays, 10:00 am in the Worship Center/Gym)**

January 18	NO SCHOOL/MLK, Jr. Day
January 20	Virtual Open House (for families interested enrollment @ ALS)
January 23	CANCELED DUE TO COVID 19; see above for information
January 29	PS Progress Reports
February 5	Sports and Group Pictures
February 8-12	National Lutheran Schools Week
February 10	Modified Annual Preschool Mardi Gras Parade (see above)
February 15-19	NO SCHOOL/Mardi Gras Holiday
March 5-7	Crusader Choir Retreat if possible
March 12	End of Quarter 3
March 15	NO SCHOOL/Records Day
March 15-19	Teacher Appreciation Week
March 22-26	Achievement Tests (K-Grade 8)
March 22	Quarter 3 Report Card Distribution
March 25-31	PTL Scholastic Book Fair
March 31	Special Person Day (12:00 pm Dismissal) if possible
April 1-5	NO SCHOOL/Easter Holiday
April 6	NO SCHOOL/Parent Teacher Conferences
April 23-25	Musical if possible
May 1	Kindergarten Graduation Pictures
May 7	Sports Banquet if possible
May 21	Closing Program Preschool, 9:00 am; Worship Center/Gym if possible
May 21	Grade 8 Last Day (11:30 am Dismissal)

May 22 Grade 8 Graduation, 2:00 pm; Worship Center/Gym May **if possible** 25  
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**possible**

May 26 Grades 1-7 Last Day (11:30 am Dismissal)

### **Sports News**

#### ***Basketball Updates***

In January we hope to begin our intramural basketball program

Also, it appears that we will be able to schedule some interscholastic basketball games.

We are excited to offer both an intramural as well as interscholastic competition.

Watch for more details TBA.

### **LUTHERAN REGIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT NEWS**

Immanuel Lutheran School in Asheville, North Carolina has determined that it cannot host the Lutheran Regional Basketball Tournament January 27-31 due to COVID-19. **The good news is Immanuel would like to host in 2022.**