

# 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:**

***We all know that 2020 has been a challenging year. Yet, we are thankful to God for all His blessings, foremost, the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life we have in Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. We turn to Him for His care, provisions, and protection during these times of uncertainty. Per our theme verse above, we give thanks in all circumstances.***

## **CAUTION FOR THANKSGIVING FAMILY CELEBRATIONS**

**On behalf of our faculty/staff, I wish a very blessed Thanksgiving Holiday upon all our families. However, I would be less than honest if I didn't admit to being concerned about family gatherings during the holiday. I know it's a very special time, but during this current COVID-19 pandemic, I pray that all of us exercise caution regarding our activities to ensure Best Practices/Safety Protocols especially school classes resuming on Monday, November 30.**

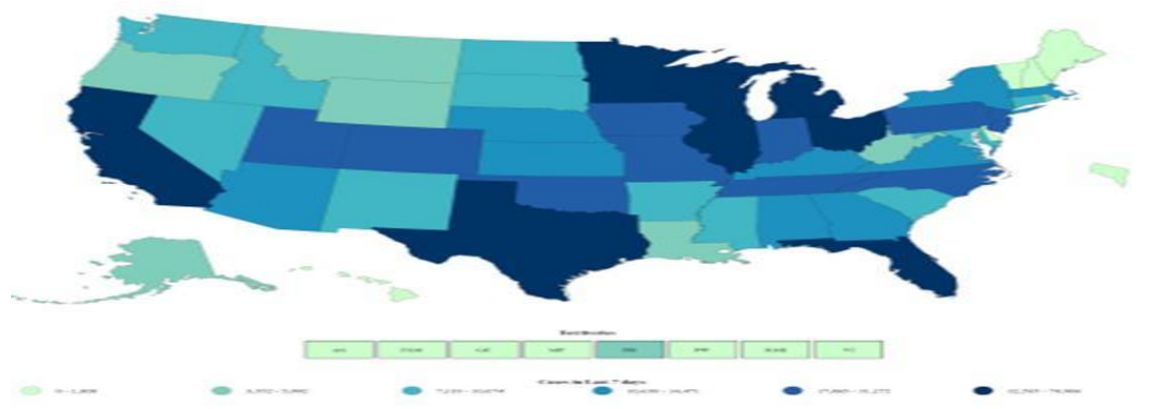
**Below is information and links from our state Department of Health representative to assist all of us in making good decisions re: Thanksgiving Holiday. Following that information is a map of the hot spots in the US. I know it is hard to read but the darker areas, such as the northern midwestern states, are where a high number of cases are being reported. You may notice that in Louisiana we are currently blessed with a lower number of cases than most states.**

The CDC is still advising against any nonessential travel, but if families do travel, they should take all the same recommended precautions: masking, social distancing, and frequent hand hygiene. The CDC has also just released holiday guidance, which may be very helpful:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>.

There is no blanket quarantine or testing recommendation following domestic or international travel, with the exception of [countries included in the travel ban](#). Travelers from those countries should quarantine for 14 days after arrival. If students do participate in [high-risk activities](#) during travel such as a cruise, though, they should consider quarantine upon return. Schools are also welcome to have more stringent policies than what is currently being recommended by LDH, though.

Additionally, all students and families should be encouraged to get their flu vaccine. They should know the current COVID infection trends in the places they're planning on traveling to; they can check the CDC website here: [https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-datatracker/#cases\\_casesinlast7days](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-datatracker/#cases_casesinlast7days).



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



## Enrollment/Re-Enrollment Dates

2021-22



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.

### Re-Enrollment for Current Families:

Forms will be going home on **November 30th**. To guarantee a spot for next year this form must be returned WITH PAYMENT by **January 8th**. The re-enrollment fee will be \$150. A form without payment is not guaranteed a spot in the desired class.

### Sibling & PK3 Enrollment:

Beginning **January 11th through January 20th**, 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 20th**. 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.

**Please see below for our current COVID-19 response.**

Dear ALS Community,

We continue to have students on quarantine who were close contacts with a someone who tested positive for COVID-19. We have three students who tested positive. One has since returned, and the two others are quarantined.

We are following our Best Practices/Safety Protocols and the decision tree from the Department of Education and the Department of Health as we handle the situation.

Please pray for all involved and know that we are doing our very best to make the correct decisions in this matter. Per the Thanksgiving COVID-19 notice above, we are hoping with the Thanksgiving Holiday upon us, that good decisions are made with respect to family gatherings.

For the sake of transparency, because I will be traveling to the Minneapolis area (I'm originally from Minnesota) tomorrow, November 19 and gone throughout the Thanksgiving Holiday as I will be officiating a family wedding. Due to this being a high risk activity (even though we are being careful to implement best practices/safety protocols) and my being with many people "outside my bubble", plus Minnesota with a very high rate of COVID-19 activity, I will be quarantined upon my return and will not be on campus until Monday, December 14.

We place our trust in God and I will keep you informed with any further information.

In our Lord's service,

Mr. Molin Principal  
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Hi ALS Community!  
Here is the chapel link for Wednesday, November 18th. Please let me know if it doesn't work!

Thank you!! And have a great day!! :)

<https://youtu.be/HW51iA-T5vM>

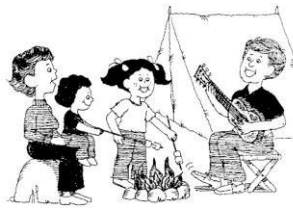
In His Service, Rose Schutt

**Chapel Offerings**

Thank you for the **1<sup>st</sup> quarter** chapel offerings. **Over \$3000.00** was collected to help St. John Lutheran Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana who had damage to their church during Hurricane Laura.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> quarter** chapel offerings will be sent to **Camp Dixie Lutheran Outdoor Ministries** in Elberta, Alabama. They received substantial damage from Hurricane Sally in September and need financial help to make repairs. Many Atonement families and alumni have fond memories of summer camps and retreats at Camp Dixie.

Please try to send a chapel offering with your child to school this week. Just like the Bible story about the widow who put in her two mites, every little bit is appreciated and will help someone in greater need.



We are so thankful, blessed, and excited for the donations that continue to come in for "Thankful for Atonement Lutheran COVID Relief Fundraiser". Day 8 brought in **\$6,510.00 for a total thus far of \$16,026.25.**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU for generously and faithfully giving!  
This fundraiser is taking place November 9th-November 20th. Make sure to spread the word to your families and friends!

We are Celebrating 60 years of ministry and education!!

During these 2 weeks, you will be seeing:

## Class Incentives – Class Competition – Church vs School Competition

### **Here is what needs to be brought in for the next incentive:**

PreK3 needs \$240 for a "Buddy Pass"

PreK4 Barlow needs \$169 for a "Dress your Teacher day"

PreK4 Wells needs \$130 for a "Freezie Pop day"

Kindergarten needs \$83 for a "Buddy Pass"

1st grade needs \$148 for a "Freezie Pop day"

2nd grade needs \$258 for a "Pajama Day"

3rd grade needs \$200 for a "Dress your Teacher day"

4th grade needs \$360 for a "Dress your Teacher day"

5th grade needs \$165 for a "Freezie Pop day"

6th grade needs \$233 for a "Buddy/Homework pass"

7th grade needs \$190 for a "Buddy/Homework pass"

8th grade needs \$548 for "Crazy sock day"

### **Our ALS Class rankings for November 17th are as follows:**

1st-8th grade

2nd-Pre-K4 Barlow

3rd-3rd grade and 4th grade [tied]

4th-2nd grade

5th-5th grade

6th- Pre-K4 Wells

7th-1st grade

8th- Kindergarten

9th-7th grade

10th-6th grade

11th-Pre-K3

Remember there is also a competition between the church and school!

You can drop donations off in person, via mail, or give online at:

<http://www.alcs.org/our-church/support-our-ministries>

Click [HERE](#) for the church fundraising page

Click [HERE](#) for the school fundraising page



Thankful for Atonement Lutheran

COVID Relief Fundraiser

November 9<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>



Celebrating 60 years of ministry and education

Class Incentives – Class Competition – Church vs School Competition

## Class Incentives

Donate to help your class achieve their goal. Earn each level when your class averages the amount per student.  
Example: A class of 11 would earn the \$5 per student incentive when the class has donated a total of \$55. It can be donated all by one student or by each bringing in the amount so the more you donate the more it helps your class!

Class averages <b>\$5</b> per student	<b>Temporary Tattoo Day</b> <i>Temporary tattoos will be provided.</i>
Class averages <b>\$25</b> per student	<b>Buddy Pass / Homework Pass</b> <i>Buddy Pass allows the student to bring a "buddy" to school (action figure or stuffed animal). Older students may prefer a homework pass instead.</i>
Class averages <b>\$50</b> per student	<b>Freezie Pops</b> <i>Enjoy freezie pops during recess</i>
Class averages <b>\$75</b> per student	<b>Pajama Day</b> <i>Students can wear pajamas to school.</i>
Class averages <b>\$100</b> per student	<b>Dress Your Teacher Day</b> <i>Teachers will show their students pictures of shirts, pants, shoes and accessories. The students can mix and match to create an outfit for their teacher to wear to school.</i>
Class averages <b>\$250</b> per student	<b>Crazy Sock and Tennis Shoe Day</b> <i>Wear crazy socks with your favorite tennis shoes to school.</i>
Class averages <b>\$500</b> per student	<b>Spirit Store</b> <i>Pick out a spirit item. These may include shirts, bracelets, hats, etc.</i>
Class averages <b>\$1000</b> per student	<b>Pick out Mr. Molin's Hair Color</b> <i>Choose a color and how to decorate his beard.</i>

\* Teachers will assign the days after the incentives are reached.

\* Donations are tax deductible

# Class Competition

The class that averages the highest per student will win a movie day in the Youth Room (upstairs room in the gym) with snacks and drinks.

## Church vs School

The church and school will be competing to see who can raise the most. When you make a donation your name will be entered into a drawing. If the school wins then a name will be drawn to see who gets to pie Pastor Tim! If the church wins then Mr. Molin will get a pie to the face! Donate to help your class and keep Mr. Molin safe from pie! Your donation counts towards all three: class incentives, class competition and the church vs school competition.

## Ways to Donate

Send cash or check in with a student, mail a check to 6500 Riverside Dr Metairie, LA 70003 or use the website.

1. Go to [alcs.org](http://alcs.org)
2. Click on Our Church in the top menu
3. Click on Support Our Ministries
4. Click on Make a Donation
5. Choose COVID Support Fund in the drop down
6. Choose your child's class in the Sub Fund drop down

Send the link to family and friends to help your class achieve each goal.

Cut below and return with donation

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### Thankful for Atonement COVID Relief Fundraiser

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_



- **MANY RETAILIERS NOW HAVE ANTI VIRUS WIPES IN STOCK. Please consider purchasing some containers to donate to us. We would really appreciate it. Also, for those who couldn't find any back in mid-August when school started, we need you to complete this. We go through wipes quickly as we continue to sanitize the campus early and often. Thanks!**

**Plans for Virtual School Christmas Service in Lieu of Traditional K-Gr. 8 Service on December 17**

Dear school families,

As we enter the holiday season, I wanted to reach out regarding our School Christmas Service, planned for the evening of December 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a large-scale event, involving hundreds of students and families in close proximity. Unfortunately, Mr. Molin, Pastor Tim, and I feel it is not safe to proceed with this event at this time. Instead, I will work with your children in their music classes to record a video presentation to be distributed to all families during the final week of classes. The presentation will take the format of a Lessons and Carols service, and all interested students are encouraged to participate. Although I am disappointed that we cannot present the Christmas Service as we usually do, I look forward to working with your children to celebrate the birth of the newborn King through music.

In Christ, Mr.  
Arceneaux

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**Evan Arceneaux**

*Director of Music*

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- **Concrete Divider installation along the I 10 will occur during Thanksgiving break. Heavy equipment will be brought onto the campus to set the divider in place as during this time there are no students on the campus. This is great news for the sake of safety on our playground after the car incursion on March 3, 2020.**
- **Also, you may have noticed on the south I-10 side of the Gym that a new ALCS sign is being installed on that wall facing the interstate.**

**We are blessed that both of these projects are being underwritten with donations. God has been good to us!!!!**

## **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)**

December 14  
January 25  
February 22  
March 22  
April 26  
May 17

### **Daisies:**

November 30  
December 7  
January 11  
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:**

December 14  
January 25  
February 22  
March 22  
April 26  
May 17

## **Lunch**

<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Fried Chicken Legs</b>	<b>Turkey &amp; Dressing</b>
Macaroni and Cheese	Buttered Corn
Soft Roll Cookie	Spring Salad Soft Roll
Spring Salad	Pudding
<b>Sandwich Option: Turkey</b>	<b>Sandwich Option: Turkey</b>
Spring Salad Chocolate Chip Cookie	Pudding Spring Salad
<b>Salad Option: Kids Club Salad</b>	<b>Salad Option: Kids Club Salad</b>
Cookie	Pudding
Milk, Water, or Juice	Milk, Bottled Water, or Juice

<b>30</b>
<b>Fried Chicken Tenders</b>
Twice Baked Potato
Spring Salad
Teddy Grahams
Soft Roll
<b>Sandwich Option: Ham</b>
Spring Salad
Teddy Grahams
<b>Salad Option: Kids Club Salad</b>
Teddy Grahams
Milk, Bottled Water, or Juice

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

- November 9-20 COVID FUNDRAISER – have fun and help ALCS; see above
- November 20 Grade 8 Thanksgiving Feast, Assembly Room 2; 12:00 noon
- November 23-27 NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 9 Retakes/Group/Sports Picture Day
- December 16 Annual Preschool Christmas Chapel, Worship Center/Gym; 9:00 am **if possible**
- December 17 Virtual K-Gr. 8 Annual Children Christmas Service with Mr. Arceneaux’s music groups
- December 18 Early Dismissal 11:30 am; CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
- January 4 Classes Resume
- January 5 Quarter 2 Report Card Distribution
- January 18 NO SCHOOL/MLK, Jr. Day
- January 20 Open House (for families interested enrollment @ ALS), 5:00-7:00 pm
- February 5 Sports and Group Pictures
- February 8-12 National Lutheran Schools Week
- February 10 Annual Preschool Mardi Gras Parade **if possible**
- 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	if possible
April 1-5	NO SCHOOL/Easter Holiday	ten) f
April 6	NO SCHOOL/Parent Teacher Conferences	May
April 23-25	Musical if possible	22
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)	
	Grade 8 Graduation, 2:00 pm; Worship Center/Gym May 25	Closing
	Program Kindergarten (Last Day for Kindergar if possible)	
May 26	Grades 1-7 Last Day (11:30 am Dismissal)	

### Sports News

#### Basketball and Cheerleading Updates

DUE TO THE CURRENT ALS COVID 19 SITUATION, we are delaying the start of basketball and cheerleading until January 4, 2021. You may still submit forms and money for Jr. and Sr. Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams and the Jr. and Sr. Girls' Cheerleading Squads. Permission forms were distributed both in hard copy and email. A summary of the teams is listed below. Please note that Jr. and Sr. Cheerleaders may utilized the same form.

#### JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Coaches: Mrs. Karol Lee (cell 504-427-5173)

Practice Days & Times: Tuesday and Thursday 3:30 – 5:00 pm; the first day of practice is Tuesday, November 3

#### JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Coach: Ms. Paige Guedry 504-228-2965

Practice Days & Times: Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30 – 5:00 pm; the first day of practice is Monday, November 2

#### SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Coaches: Mr. Doug Molin (cell 504-390-0422); Assistant Mrs. Rose Schutt (cell 504-352-6309)

Practice Days & Times: Monday and Wednesday 3:30 – 5:00 pm; the first day of practice is Monday, November 2

### SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Coach: Mr. Chris LeBlanc (cell 504-400-3018); Mr. John Enos (cell 504 722-0209)

Practice Days & Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30 – 5:00 pm; the first day of practice is Tuesday, November 3

### JUNIOR and SENIOR GIRLS CHEELEADING

Coach Mrs. Michelle Curry (cell 812-5767)

Practice Days & Times: Fridays 3:30 – 5:00 pm; the first day of practice is Friday, November 13.

### 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. Mr. Molin is looking for alternatives but the chances are not good as large groups of people are not permissible in most states. Immanuel would like to host in 2022.