

TITAN UPDATE

For alumni and friends of Michigan Lutheran High School—Spring

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TITAN UPDATE

Michigan Lutheran High School is committed to providing Christ-centered learning for Christ-centered living now and for eternity.

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A Message from

Principal Matthew Herbst

What do you **Champion**?

Many people champion different causes. They advocate and push for things they strongly believe in. It is on their heart and on their lips as they talk, and sometimes it's plastered on their car bumper or in their yard.



As of this school year, ML has roughly 1200 graduates of this high school and another 104 currently on-track to join them over the next four years.

For 50 years, we have **Championed** Lutheran Schools here in Michiana. We feel strongly about it. It's on our hearts and its on our lips. We even have it plastered on our car bumpers and in our front yards.

We **Champion** this ministry because we know how important it truly is. At a place called "school", students learn from like-minded teachers. Parents don't need to guess what their child's teacher believes or will share with them. WHAT A BLESSING! At a place called school, students can witness their fellow classmate receive the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism . WHAT A BLESSING! At a place called school, you meet Christ-centered friends who are friends for life now...and for eternity. WHAT A BLESSING!

Why do we **Champion** Lutheran schools? We do this because they mean more to individuals than just a normal education. These schools share Christ in everything they do. They point students heavenward. They motivate for Godly living and also direct sinful souls back to the cross of Christ for healing.

We pray you too will continue to **Champion** Lutheran schools. I'm sure every leader at every point in our school's history have said "now more than ever". But, I'll tell you the same thing. We need this ministry for our teens now more than ever. Learn how you can become a **Titan Champion** on the pages of this newsletter. Also, we pray you see why you should!

God's Blessings to all of you!!

**In Service to Jesus and to you,
Matthew Herbst**

Over a two-day period, the leadership of MLHS embarked on setting a vision for the future of this ministry. Out of this time together came our VTO (Vision/Traction/Organizer). This VTO is our guiding document on where we believe, God-willing, MLHS can be in six years if we carry out this mission faithfully. There are goals for student enrollment growth, financial sustainability, debt reduction, facility improvement, and faculty growth. Improved communication is a part of this so that many can see and be a part of the exciting mission of MLHS. A new leadership model will set our leaders up for success and give them the needed time to carry out their responsibilities. Please pray for God to bless this work so that many more can experience Christ-Centered Learning for Christ-Centered Living at MLHS!



Faculty and Board members meet with *Grace in Action* to determine our Core Values, Uniques, and set our VTO for the future ministry at MLHS.

Core Values

During the design of the VTO, MLHS defined its CORE VALUES.

- Faithfulness
- Approachability
- Excellence
- Authenticity
- Family
- Servant-Leadership

The first Core Value is Faithfulness. Students below were chosen by their classmates as individuals who embody this value. L to R—Tori Johnson, Alex Becker, Brendan Rock, and Mari Stegman



The second Core Value is Approachability.

The following students were chosen as ones who exhibit this core value in their daily lives:

L to R: Harmony Dohm, Ricky Hill, Nick Lockman, Camari Whitehead



The third Core Value is Excellence.

The following students were chosen as ones who exhibit this core value in their daily lives:

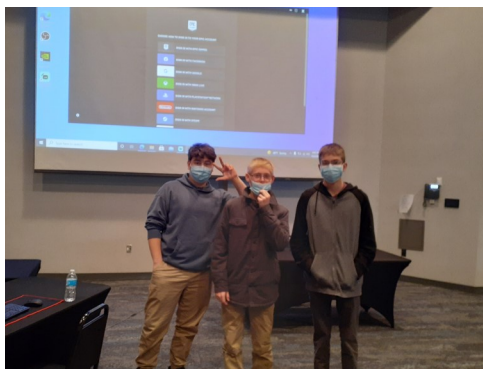
L to R: Samuel Daley, Daniel Ryu, Brooke Gerlach, and Elise DeWeerd



TITAN ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS



Mr. Eggert accepted another Sportsmanship award from the Fruitbelt Officials Association. What a blessing that our players, coaches, and fans continue to be recognized for living out our mission of Christ-Centered-living!



A new opportunity began this year at ML, E-Sports. They compete in the SW Michigan E-Sports league against area schools. In their first ever tournament, they made it to the semi-finals.



A new football co-op started this year between ML, LMC, and Countryside. The Twin City Sharks now compete as a unified team in the SW 8-man conference.

Congratulations to the ML girls volleyball team on another district championship. What makes it more special is that it was won on our own home floor! Way to go Lady Titans!



Coach Ron Briney was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame this past fall. The ceremony is held annually, and only four coaches per year are inducted. What an honor it is to be recognized by this organization as one of the top coaches in the state. By the end of this current season, it is likely that coach Briney will earn his 500th win. To God be the Glory!



REMEMBER THE TITANS

OUTDOOR FACILITY UPGRADES

Over the past two years, ML has seen an upgrade in a number of places around campus. It started with an irrigation system put in our three outdoor athletic fields. This led to the gift of a new shed to store the equipment needed to maintain these fields. We also now have an outdoor concession stand, press box, and restrooms. We thank the generous donations of Bob and Betty Kohn for these upgrades!



TRANSPORTATION UPGRADES

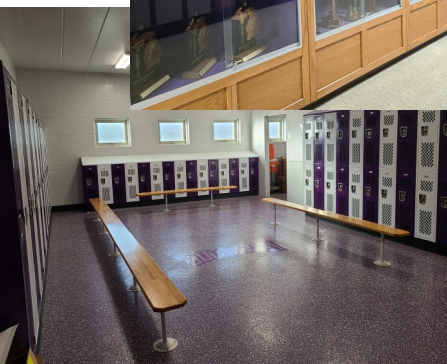
Also, over the past few years, our fleet of transportation has also seen an upgrade again due to the generous donations of a number of individuals! Our two very old busses found a home at the bus graveyard, and we have upgraded to a brand new bus. We have also been able to purchase two new 10-passenger vans, which have been used for sports, dorm, music, recruitment, and other transportation needs. What a blessing to have reliable and safe transportation for our Titans!



INDOOR FACILITY UPGRADES

A legacy project was completed to coincide with our 50th Anniversary celebration. Mr. Russ Otte, master carpenter, designed and built new trophy cases. These beautiful cases line the main hallway and now have plenty of room for all trophies from the past 50 years...and room to add more!

Also, both the boys' and girls' locker rooms have had complete facelifts and are now all upgraded with new lockers, floors, and restrooms.



TITAN CHAMPION PROGRAM

52 Years!! What a blessing to know that God has blessed this corner of his Kingdom for this long! Over 1200 alumni are now scattered across the globe, living as ambassadors of Christ and leading in their homes, workplaces, and churches.

What started as a prayer by faithful moms and dads who wanted a Lutheran High School for their sons and daughters, has turned into a world-wide ministry impacting the lives of countless people.

Over the years, the way this ministry is funded has changed. And it continues to be quickly changing. No longer can our congregations continue to fund 50% of the cost as they did at the beginning of this school's history. This leaves a heavy financial burden on the shoulders of the parents, bringing more and more questions of "can we afford it?"

Can you help alleviate this? Can you become a **Titan Champion**?

It's really easy to do and there are multiple levels. All it takes is a monthly financial commitment to Lutheran Education. It can be as little as \$10/month. But, this monthly commitment, when put together with the rest of our **Titan Champions** will make a significant difference to the health of this ministry.

Imagine if only 1/3 of our alumni took this challenge and started at the \$10/month level. That's \$48,000 of income that we can count on to fund this ministry. That's \$48,000 less we have to ask parents to cover. Take it to the next level! What if those 1/3 of the alumni took the challenge as did their parents who sent them here. That doubles everything! That's now \$96,000...and so on... and so on. Do you see what kind of an impact you could have?

Take the **Titan Champion** challenge! Go to www.MichiganLutheran.org/champion to sign-up and make an immediate impact today!

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Titan Champion Program

REMEMBER THE TITANS THROUGH YOUR ABOVE AND BEYOND, ONGOING MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT



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\$10.00/Month



TITAN DONOR
\$20/month



TITAN SPONSOR
\$50/month



TITAN FOUNDER
\$100/month

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Clinician: Dr. Trey Harris, Western Michigan University

Percussion Clinician: Wes Schmandt

Sunday, March 20
2 pm EST

**Livestream Available
through MLHS Titans
YouTube Page**

**Or go to WELSFine-
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