

METRO-EAST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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Please pray...

- For our students and staff as they go into Winter Break.
- For the health and safety of our school families and our entire community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

No School – Winter Break

February 13, 2026

No School – President's Day

February 16, 2026

Snowball Coronation and Dance

February 21, 2026

Panera Bread Dine to Donate

February 23, 2026



Announcements

Blood Drive: Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Blood donation is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. MELHS, along with the American Red Cross, is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, February 24, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All students and faculty who are 16 or older are welcome to come donate. For anyone who is 16 and would like to donate be sure to pick up a consent form from the office. All sign-ups should be done online by scanning the QR code which is posted around the school.

ACT/SAT: February 27 is the registration deadline for the March 14 SAT test, and March 6 is the registration deadline for the April 11 ACT test. Please use our school code 144463 when you register.

On Friday, February 27, MELHS will be hosting a day-long Lutheran High School Teachers Conference. Approximately 200 Lutheran High School educators from Illinois and Missouri are expected to attend. Most of the food needed to feed our guests will be catered. The school, however, needs to supply related food and beverage items (beverages, cookies, fruit, small plates, etc.). Donations are welcome! To donate, please click here: <https://signup.com/go/zcnQkLh>. A few parent helpers are also needed; click on the same link to sign up to help. Donations can be brought to the school office or to Room 109 by February 25. Please contact Pastor Schilbe (scott.schilbe@melhs.org) with any questions. Thanks in advance for your donations of food and time. Your support helps us provide hospitality to our guests.



Serve Awards

Congratulations to our SERVE (Students Earning Recognition for Various Endeavors) Award students. This week we recognize Lindsay Jones, Abby Ayer, Francesca Migliore, and Zoe Gray for their academic performance; Linus Curtis, Leeah Watson, Ahmere Edwards, Alexa Stock, Addie Downing, Miles Dennis, Wyatt Goeckner, Katie Albrecht, Kacy Gears, Emma Gusewelle, Charlotte Smith, and Dani Spann for their athletic and extracurricular performance; and Angela Baker for their willingness to serve.

Announcements

Save the Date: Mark your calendar for the annual Sigmund Bohnet Memorial Golf Tournament, which will be held on April 11 at Arlington Greens Golf Course in Granite City. If you are willing to help make this event a success, please contact rob.stock@melhs.org.

Swim: Boys that are interested in swimming please speak to Ms. Sparks.

FCA Guys Weekend of Champions will be March 6-8, 2026.

Register at stlfca.org/guysweekend

See attached flyer for more information!

Enrollment: Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is now open! Please spread the word to family and friends that may be looking at high school options for next fall.

Get your Boys Volleyball team gear by going to this link:

<https://bsnteamssports.com/shop/xvBDVERuWM> Look good while cheering on the Knights! Thank you for your support!

Track and Field: Students who are interested in participating in track and field this spring please sign up in Mrs. Doyle's room by Tuesday. Coach McCallister would like to get your contact info.

Dine to Donate: Please mark your calendars for a Knight Stewards Dine-to-Donate opportunity on Monday, February 23 from 4 – 8 p.m. at Panera Bread in Edwardsville. 25% of receipts will help fund various educational efforts at our school. The fundraising flyer is included in below.

Snowball guest forms are on the office counter. Please pick one up, if you would like to invite someone that doesn't attend our school. Forms must be signed and returned by Thursday, February 19 to the office.

Sign-Up for the Spring Concordia, Nebraska Road Trip! March 19-21st We will leave March 19 at 7:30 am and return the evening of Saturday, March 21. Students will be able to tour the school and meet with professors and admissions counselors. This will be a great opportunity to experience the Concordia, Nebraska campus. Register here, space is limited:



Sports/Activities Schedule

Scholar Bowl – 2/12 at Althoff with Father McGivney and Marquette, 2/19 TBA

Bowling –

Girls Basketball – 2/12 at CORLHS

Boys Basketball – 2/12 Home vs Mater Dei, 2/13 Home vs Althoff, 2/19 Home vs Madison

Wrestling –

College Reps

College visits are starting. Watch the daily announcements for more information about which schools will be sending representatives. To attend a college visit, juniors and seniors need to see Mrs. Behrhorst the day before the visit to receive a pass. You must still get permission from your teacher for the time that you will miss from class.

- Thursday, March 5 – SIUE 9:00
- Wednesday, March 18 – Ole Miss 9:00
- Wednesday, March 18 – Illinois College 10:00

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

Matthew 6:25-26



The Girls Bowling Team concluded their season at Regionals in Effingham this past weekend. The Knights had their highest team series score of the season as they beat Civic Memorial, Roxana, Wood River and Centralia among others. Dani Spann and Emma Gusewelle each had their career-best game scores, while Charlotte Smith tied her career-best game score and set a new personal-best Series score. The girls team also had the 2nd-best regular season record of any bowling team at MELHS, with a match record of 8-2. Congrats, Lady Knights!



We're raising dough!

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February 23, 2026

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

6683 Edwardsville Crossing, Edwardsville, IL

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GUYS WEEKEND OF CHAMPIONS



March 6-8 / Lake Williamson Christian Center / Carlinville, IL



Early Bird
price of \$199
until Jan. 9!
(\$250 after)

Register at stlfca.org/guysweekend or use the QR Code above.
Financial Assistance is available.

Contact Mark Oberhauser for more information: 618-219-0489