METRO-EAST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

HIGHLIGHTS

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Please pray...

- For our seniors as they start making decisions about college and plans for after graduation.
- For our school board as it serves and guides our school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Peel Dine to Donate
September 21, 2026

Fall Sampler Concert
September 27, 2026

Homecoming Dance
October 3, 2026

End of Quarter 1
October 8, 2026

Announcements

MELHS Fall Sampler Concert
Join the Metro East Lutheran High School Music Department for our Fall Sampler Concert on Sunday, September 27 at 4:00 p.m. in Henschen Alumni Hall. The concert will feature performances by the Handbell Ensemble, String Ensemble, Concert Choir, and Concert Band. Come enjoy an afternoon of music as our students share their God-given gifts and talents! A dessert reception will follow the concert. All are welcome!

Picture retakes will be on Tuesday, September 22 at 8 am. If you would like them retaken, please return your pictures at that time. If you missed the original picture day, please have them taken on Tuesday.

Dine to Donate: Please mark your calendars to support a Knight Stewards Dine to Donate at Peel Wood Fired Pizza in Edwardsville on Monday, September 21 from open to close. Enter code 2026 for online ordering. 20% of all proceeds will benefit our group.

International Interim Trip Meeting: This year's trip will be heading to Norway, Denmark and Sweden. The next meeting for this trip will be September 23rd at 7:00pm. Learn more and RSVP HERE.

Pickleball: Good Shepherd is hosting an indoor pickleball tournament on Sunday, October 18 at 1:30 pm here at MELHS. The cost is $25.00 per person. You are guaranteed 4 games. Please see the attched flyer to register.

Are you interested in joining the Scholar Bowl team this season? A student informational meeting will be held during homeroom on Tue, Sept 29, and the parent informational meeting will take place on Wed, Sept 30 at 6:00pm in room 16 (Mrs. Covarrubias' classroom). Practices will begin the week after the meetings. If you are unable to attend our start-of-season meeting, please contact Mrs. Covarrubias at shanna.covarrubias@melhs.org so that she can share the schedule, team expectations, and other information with you.

Trivia Night: Holy Cross Lutheran Drama Club in Collinsville is hosting a Family Trivia Night on Friday, October 16 at 6:00 pm. Tables of 8 are $100.00. Bring your own soda and snacks. All proceeds will help fund the Holy Cross spring musical. Please email theatre@holycross-collinsville.org to reserve your table.

MELHS Apparel Store - Music Department
The MELHS Music Department has an apparel store open now. All apparel will be shipped directly to your house. A portion of each sale will be donated back to the MELHS Music Department. To order click the following link to access the store - https://bsnteamsports.com/shop/ddbHU5ubAZ

Announcements

Thanks for the Food!
We want to give a huge thank you to people who have donated boxes of granola bars, bags of chips, and fridge food to our Student Success Center! Our panty supports students who have not properly fueled themselves, forgotten their lunch, or do not have the food at home to bring. We are honored to care for our students in this way and welcome all donations. If you are interested in helping, please bring individually packaged foods! Here are the favorites: chips, jerky, mixed nuts, nutragrain bars, protein bars, granola bars, apple sauce packs.

Service Hours: Students that are interested in service hours in our community, please consider helping out with the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, October 17 at Ray M. Schon Park in Glen Carbon. Interested volunteers may sign up HERE.

Join Illinois Senator Harriss' Youth Advisory Council. Up to six sophomores, juniors, or seniors per high school in Senator Harriss' district can attend the Fall Youth Advisory Council on October 8 at Lewis & Clark Community College. Students will meet with legislative staff, discuss issues impacting youth, and learn about public service careers. The event is free with lunch provided. Interested students should see Mr. Langendorf (Room 20) by Thursday, September 24.

"An Evening of Music, Poetry, and Hope"- Hosted at Zion Bethalto on Sept 25: Zion will host Tanner Olson and Blake Flattley for an evening of music, poetry, stories, comedy, and hope on Friday, September 25. The event includes a family show (ages 9 and under) from 5:00–5:30 PM, a social hour with appetizers and desserts from 5:30–6:30 PM, and a main show for all ages from 6:30–8:00 PM. Pastor Brandon will also make a guest appearance with a new parody song. This free event is open to the community and offers a great opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and family to enjoy a night of laughter, music, and encouragement.

Knights Robotics Kicks Off a New Season!
MEHLS students joined hundreds of students from across Southern Illinois this Saturday at the SIUE Engineering Building to learn about this season's FIRST Tech Challenge game. This year's challenge is a launching game, with robots designed to shoot into baskets.
The Southern Illinois FTC League has doubled in size over the past five years and now includes 23 teams from high schools across the region—a fantastic sign of the growing interest in robotics and STEM.
With the game revealed, our team has just 10 weeks to design, build, and program a robot before our first of four meets in Marion, Illinois. It's going to be a busy and exciting season!

Cross Country season is off to a great start. Come support your Knights at their next event!

College Visits

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.

- 10/5 Illinois College - 1:30pm
- 10/13 University of Illinois - 10:45am
- 10/23 Lewis and Clark Community College - Lunch
- 10/17 McKendree University - 9:30am
- 10/28 Truman State - 1:15pm

Stay Updated!

Follow our social media pages through the summer so you can stay up to date on everything happening at MELHS. Please email any pictures for social media or Highlights to kori.krause@melhs.org.

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in Thanksgiving."

Colossians 2:6-7

Sports/Activities Schedule

Golf - 9/18 Spencer T. Olin - CM & Bunker Hill, 9/21 Alton Marquette (JV Only) - Oak Brook, 9/22 Gibault, COR - Oak Brook, 9/23 Conference - Stonewolf, 9/24 Triad - Oak Brook, 9/25 JV Home - Bunker Hill - Oak Brook, 9/26 TBD Macoutah Invite

Tennis - 9/21 Home vs Mascoutah, 9/22 Home vs Greenville, 9/24 at Bunker Hill

Volleyball - 9/17 at Maryville Christian, 9/19 Freshman TBA CM Tournament, 9/21 Home vs Litchfield, 9/22 at Althoff, 9/24 Home vs Marquette

Cross Country - 9/19 Highland Invite - Alhambra, 9/25 Gans Creek Classic - Columbia, MO

Soccer - 9/19 Home vs Springfield Lutheran, 9/21 at Roxana, 9/24 Home vs Marquette at Glazebrook Park, 9/25 at Father McGivney

Football - 9/17 Home vs Meridian, 9/21 at Meridian JV, 9/26 at South Fork

Updates from The Knight Stewards

WE STILL NEED YOU!
Please remember that each family needs to sign up for their 5 concession stand spots. The Knights Café only works because of our amazing volunteers—and it's actually a pretty fun place to spend a game! **We could still use volunteers TONIGHT at the football game!**

- Sign up for your 5 spots here: https://signup.com/go/vTkPJoj

Like last year, we invite **National Honor Society students** to sign up (with an adult) to work in the concession stands in exchange for service hours. There are sheets in each stand to fill out and have the adult worker sign for you.

Our next **Dine to Donate is at Peel Pizza on Monday, September 21.** Use the attached flyer when you dine in or order online! See you Monday!

Misty Menossi, Co-Chair, Knight Stewards
Jennifer Schilbe, Co-Chair, Knight Stewards

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WOOD FIRED PIZZA

DINE AND DONATE

Indoor & Outdoor seating and Carryout orders
open to close on 9.21.26.
Gift Cards, Packaged Sauces, Growlers or Crowlers of Beer, and all Food Purchases count towards fundraiser.

ENTER CODE 2026 FOR ONLINE ORDERING!

Show this flyer on your phone or mention when you place your order. 20% of your proceeds will be counted. (Net sales before tax and tip).
Edwardsville location only.

GOOD SHEPHERD PRESENTS

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

OCT 18, 2026

PRIZES

STARTS AT 1:30PM

REGISTER HERE:

REGISTER EARLY - SPACE IS LIMITED

$25 PER PERSON

DOUBLES PLAY

METRO-EAST LUTHERAN HS

6305 CENTER GROVE ROAD,
EDWARDSVILLE, IL

INDOORS - RAIN OR SHINE

GUARANTEED 4 GAMES

ZION BETHALTO IS PROUD TO HOST

AN EVENING OF MUSIC, POETRY, AND HOPE

TANNER OLSON & BLAKE FLATTLEY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

FAMILY SHOW 5PM-5:30PM

(AIMED FOR AGES 9 AND UNDER)

SOCIAL HOUR 5:30PM-6:30PM

(W/APPETIZERS AND DESSERTS)

MAIN SHOW 6:30PM-8PM

(ALL ARE WELCOME)

Including a NEW Parody Song by Zion's own Pastor Brandon!

THIS EVENT IS FREE THANKS TO THE GENEROUS PARTNERSHIP OF THE LUTHERAN FOUNDATION!

ENCOURAGE. LAUGH. LIVE.

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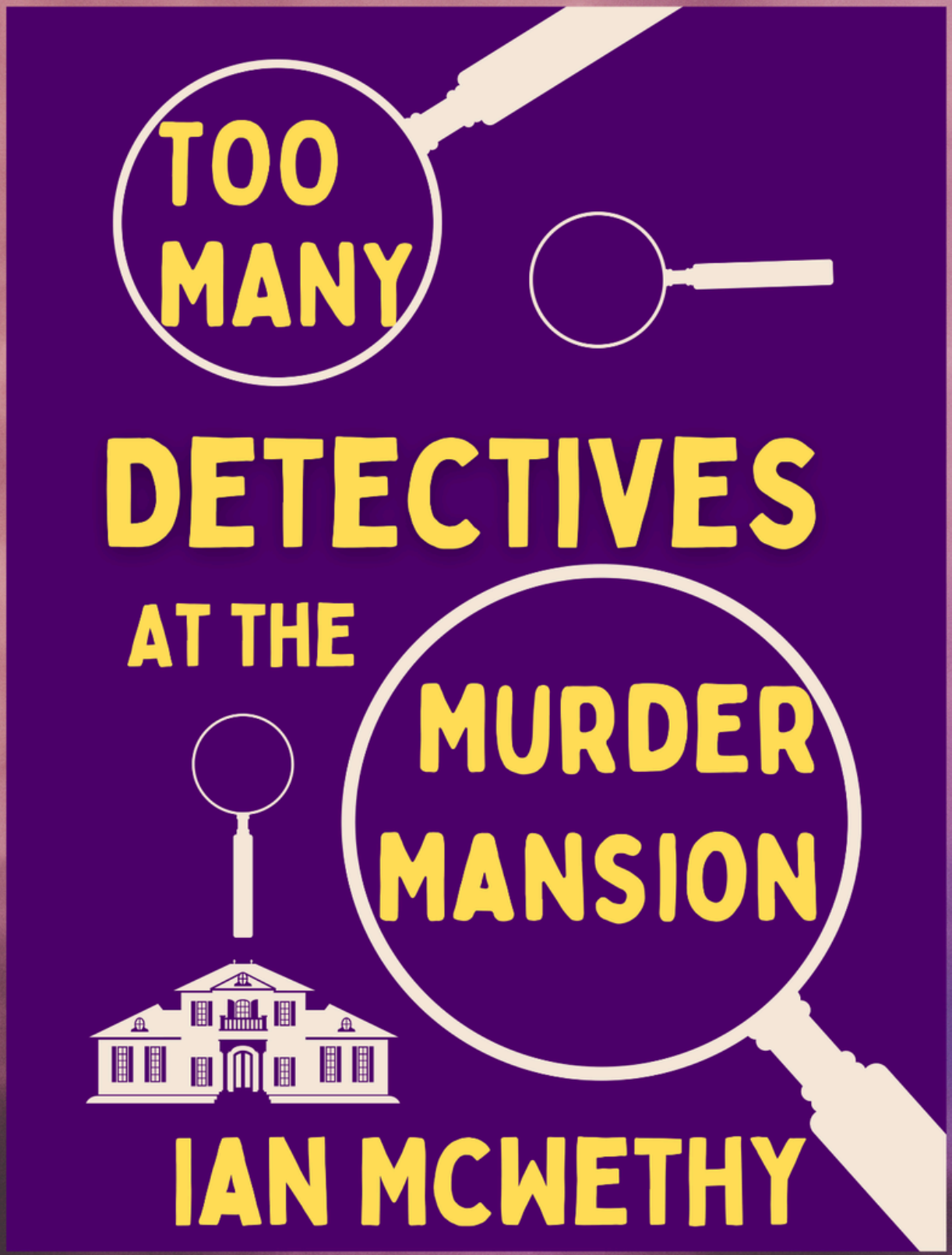
MELHS Theatre Company

Fall Play Auditions and Tech Interviews



Auditions
Tuesday
September 1, 2026
3:30-5:30pm
Mrs. Wudtke's Room

Tech Interviews
Wednesday
September 2, 2026
6:00-8:00pm
Mrs. Wudtke's Room

Callbacks
Thursday
September 3, 2026
3:30-5:30pm
Mrs. Wudtke's Room

Fall Play Audition & Tech Interview Sign Up Sheet

Performance Dates: November 13, 2026 and November 14, 2026

Any student interested in helping with behind the scenes Tech Theatre Jobs or being on stage for the fall play should sign up for a time slot to audition (on stage) or interview (backstage)

Email theatre@melhs.org for questions or concerns.