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Banquet Cancelled- Juniors On Strike

Over the past few months, the junior class has been working hard on Banquet. However, they have decided that they've had enough. The juniors are on strike. If you're unaware, Banquet is a fundraiser that the junior class puts on for the senior class. The theme of the evening is top secret as a surprise for the senior class. The juniors decorate the gym, host a meal, and write a skit for the seniors as entertainment. Everyone wears formal attire, and there is typically a dance/party after. It is also a big fundraiser for the juniors to go on their senior class trip. However, Banquet is also known for being incredibly stressful. Before spring arrives, the Junior's have to plan a meal, write the skit, and send out invitations.

Juniors working on Banquet during the month of April go to school and extracurriculars before working on Banquet until 9 P.M. After that, they still have to go home, eat, shower, and do homework. Before April, the Junior's have to plan a meal, write the skit, and send out invitations.

As a junior, this topic is near and dear to my heart. I have been there for every event leading up to the junior's breaking point, and I think the Trojan Times readers should have the full story. Let me set the scene.

Everything was going swimmingly. The skit was written, the meal was planned, and the invitations were sent out. We were feeling prepared to decorate the gym. The next task for us was to go out to different stores and ask for food donations. Food donations were important for us so that we wouldn't have to spend as much money on food and could have more money for our class trip. We went to stores like Target, Walmart, Aldi, and many stores in Mankato, but when we didn't hear back from any of them we were incredibly disappointed. When this happened I remember one of my classmates saying, "If we have to fully pay for the meal, we're not going to have very much money for our class trip. And if we don't raise money for our class trip, what's even the point of doing all this?"

At this point, I could feel that the whole class was bummed out and discouraged. The weight of Banquet on our shoulders was only getting heavier. Little did we know, this was only the beginning.

About a week later, a couple of my friends and I were talking to a senior who claimed to know what the theme for the Banquet was. As soon as this senior said this, I felt my stomach drop. My classmates and I put a lot of work into Banquet just for it to be spoiled for a senior?! It was absolutely absurd. When the rest of the juniors found out, they were livid. So was I. I was getting sick of doing all this work for Banquet just for it to be spoiled. At this point, the juniors were bummed and angry, which is not a good combination for ten teenagers who are trying to work together.

Finally the death blow hit us. A final task for the juniors was to find a speaker to speak at Banquet. The juniors had been through a long list of possible speakers, but they all said no. No after no started to build up. On a 40 degree Wednesday in March at lunch, these refusals were the straw that broke the camel's back.

"You know what? I'm done," said a junior girl. "Me too," said another. "Me too," I finally agreed. On that Wednesday, the juniors agreed to be done with Banquet. We officially declared a strike.

Now that the juniors are on strike, there are many things that need to be settled. However, we refuse to do anything. We will find a different way to raise money for our class trip without Banquet. So, if you've received an invitation for Banquet, consider it revoked.

By: Rebekah Busch



WEEKLY Sneak Peek

Monday, April 1st
April Fools Day

Wednesday, April 3rd
PSEO Meeting @ 7pm

Thursday, April 4th
Freshmen Class Alligator Wrestling @ 3am

Friday, April 5th
Student Council Brussel Sprout Feed @ 9pm

Sunday, April 7th
Handbells Perform

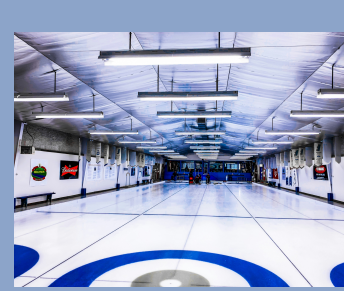
Monday, April 8-12th
Senior Class Trip

HEY!
We're so glad
**YOU'RE
HERE!**

NEW STUDENT
IMMANUEL'S
FRESHMEN CLASS
IS GAINING A NEW
STUDENT AFTER
EASTER.

**WE LOVE OUR
TEACHERS!**

ILHS TEACHERS
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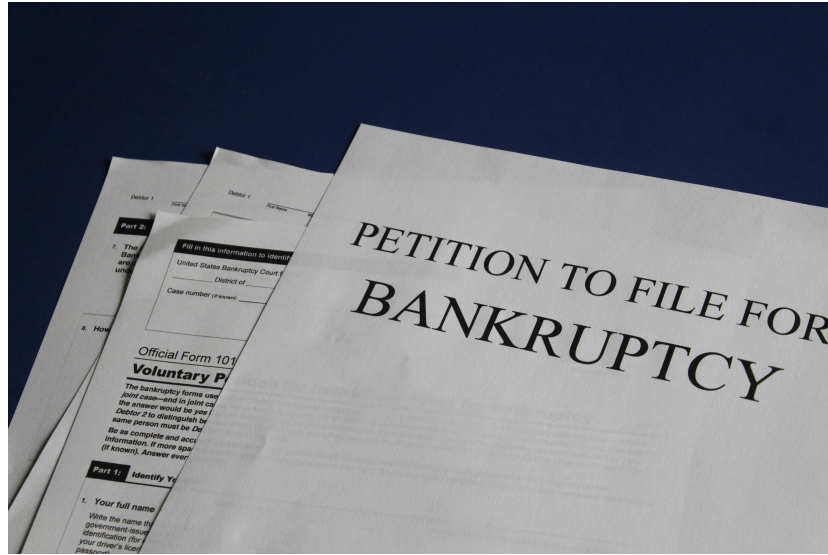
CURLING RINK
DISCUSSION HAS
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FOR OUR RINK!

Is ILC Facing Bankruptcy

The CLC's (Church of the Lutheran Confession) high school, college and seminary in Eau Claire, Wisconsin is rumored to have gone bankrupt. The claim is that the school filed for bankruptcy after investing excessive amounts of money on a new gymnasium/movie theater and petting zoo on their campus.

They quickly found out that they were in dire straits when the budget couldn't line up with their spending for these large projects. Donors from all around the synod rushed to attempt to aid them- but simply couldn't stop the financial bleeding.

My source claims it was decided last night by the Board of Finance to file for bankruptcy.



To make matters worse many of the animals they had brought in for the petting zoo project have already been delivered and are loose on the campus.

The large pit that was dug for the new gym/movie theater has become a watering hole of sorts for the zebras, kangaroos and llamas that have now settled into the woods on site.

This hefty project was pursued and pushed through in order to enrich campus life. While this was a well meaning goal, it seems that they were more than too ambitious and perhaps putting the cart before the horse.

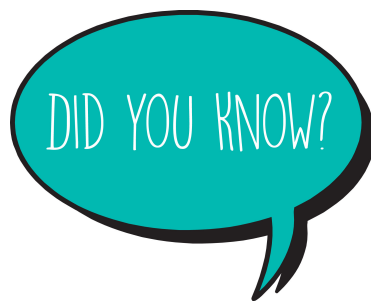
After reaching out for comment, it seems that no one will confirm or deny specific details of what is actually happening over in Eau Claire.

We will need to wait and see how this all pans out for our sister school and college in the future.

By: William Lien

Teachers-Second Jobs

Many of us here at Immanuel Lutheran High School know our teachers fairly well. A lot of us would say we have some personal connections to our teachers here. However, were you aware that some ILHS teachers have second jobs? I bet you didn't! It's not known very well that the teachers have secret secondary jobs. So, let me fill in the details for you.



We'll start off with Mr.Kranz. I bet no one knew that he is also a professional G-League basketball player. He plays as a guard on the Cleveland Charge and just recently scored his ten-thousandth career point. Way to go Mr.Kranz! His stats are an impressive 16.4 ppg, 4 steals, 6 blocks, and 30 minutes of playing time.

I'm sure everyone at Immanuel thinks they know a whole lot about Mr. Heinze, but did you know that in his off months, he is an Olympic Athlete? That's right, Mr.Heinze is a professional shot putter. He has an Olympic record of a whopping 23.58 feet, beating Ryan Crouser by just inches. We'll keep rooting for you!

The list continues. Mr. Schrader is a N.A.S.A. scientist who is currently figuring out how to safely land on Pluto; Mrs. Busch teaches Special Forces units in the military; Mr. Hanel is actually the president of Tuvalu; (it's a real place, look it up). Mrs. Greve is a professional cook who has very recently appeared on Gordan Ramsey's Kitchen. Finally, our school secretary, Mrs. Harris, is an international spy with years of experience in the field. She orchestrated many missions and thwarted many secret operations trying to attack the U.S.

They really don't tell many people about these jobs; however, through sheer grit and determination I figured them out and shared them with the world so we here at ILHS can know the truth about our teachers.

By: Wyatt Lien

Elon Musk Visits ILHS



Elon Musk is coming to Immanuel Lutheran School on April 1st, 2024! That's right the multi-billionaire who now owns Twitter (or X) and SpaceX is coming to our school! Our readers may think this is crazy and would never happen in a million years, as we are just a small school in the middle of the Midwest. But no, I assure you this is one hundred percent real!

How can this be? You must be intrigued to know how such an amazing opportunity could happen. Well, it started about six months ago when one student, who wishes to remain anonymous, entered our school into a contest that was found online. This was a contest for a rocket design for SpaceX with the prize being a \$100,000 donation to our school along with a visit to our school by Elon Musk himself. The student won with an idea for a revolutionary rocket design that is now confidential due to the acceptance into the SpaceX program until SpaceX decides to release it.

In preparation for this amazing event, the students are planning a welcome for Elon Musk. Posters are being made by the art class, and a celebratory cake with a very cool rocket design is being planned by the food class. The Newspaper Club is even planning to interview Mr. Musk on their new podcast: The Trojan Times. We are all excited to have this once-in-a-lifetime chance to meet one of the most influential and successful businessmen of this decade.

By: Rebecca Heinze

Mr. Schrader Goes to Space

Recently Mr. Schrader entered a contest with Oreo for a free trip to space. Oreo has partnered with Space Perspective for the chance to win the free trip, although it will not be a full on spaceship it is carbon-neutral spaceship or in simpler terms a glorified air balloon.

I had the opportunity to ask Mr. Schraeder his thoughts on his upcoming adventure. He said, *“I’m excited to get up above the clouds and find out if the earth is flat”*.

We’re glad Mr. Schrader has gotten this opportunity to go to space. There isn’t a more deserving individual!

We’ll see you in space Mr. Schrader!

By: Leah Dick



APRIL 1ST IS A BELOVED DAY EVERY YEAR. THANKS FOR CELEBRATING IT WITH US, DEAR READERS!



New Student

If you haven't heard already we are getting a new student, he will be joining the freshman class at the beginning of April.

Iain has been home schooled for his whole life up to this point due to his busier schedule and wasn't able to join a regular school at the beginning of freshman year, but wanted to go to normal high school for the remainder of his high school career.

Iain is from Savannah, Georgia but recently just moved to Minnesota with his parents, since the school year is close to the end there's not much for extracurricular options, but he hopes he will be able to participate in some of next year's activities such as drama club, and possibly soccer.

Welcome, Iain!

By: Leah Dick

ILHS Curling Rink

On February 5, for their winter activity day, the Immanuel high schoolers and faculty went curling at the Mankato Curling Club and had the opportunity to learn how to curl. Everyone had such a fun time there that the student body wanted to have a curling team and their own curling rink. After about a month of fundraising and planning, the students have raised enough money to build a curling rink at Immanuel.

Although it seems impossible to raise \$8 million dollars in one month for a curling rink, the student body got it done! After promoting the idea for a few days, many church members donated money to the curling arena. The Immanuel highschool students also participated in a fundraiser called “Digging to China,” where the Digging to China nonprofit organization donated 20¢ for every foot that the student body dug toward China. It took the students three weeks, but they raised enough money for the curling arena.

The curling rink will be built ABOVE the Immanuel gymnasium. This is because there is not enough space for the rink on the Immanuel campus, so the most efficient way to build the rink is to make use of land that is already being used by building upward. Part of the \$8 million dollars for the rink goes to construction, and our very own church- member- owned company, Jet Black, will surface the rink with their new ice surfacing machines. Some of the highschool boys even work for Jet Black, so they will most likely be helping surface the curling rink.

The students and teachers are excited for the new curling rink and team. Mr. Schrader participated in curling in his college years and is going to coach the Immanuel curling team. He said, *“I am excited to teach kids how to curl. It’s a fun activity that almost everyone can do!”*

An anonymous sophomore said, *“After curling in February for school, it’s all I can think about. I’m stoked for the curling season. I think that I really have a knack for it.”*

One of the Immanuel seniors said, *“I’m sad that we’re only getting a curling rink now, because I will have graduated by the time it’s finished. But I’m looking forward to playing casually when I come back for Christmas break.”*

The future Immanuel curling rink is a great opportunity and blessing for Immanuel. The students and teachers are all very excited and will certainly make good use of it!

By: Rebekah Busch



Donation to the Drama Club

Recently it is rumored that the Immanuel Lutheran High School has received a major donation from an anonymous individual. When given this donation, it was heavily stressed that this was for a Drama Club.

This is a blessing in so many ways, but number one it takes the temptation of quarreling out of the equation. No one will have to fight about where this money is supposed to go.

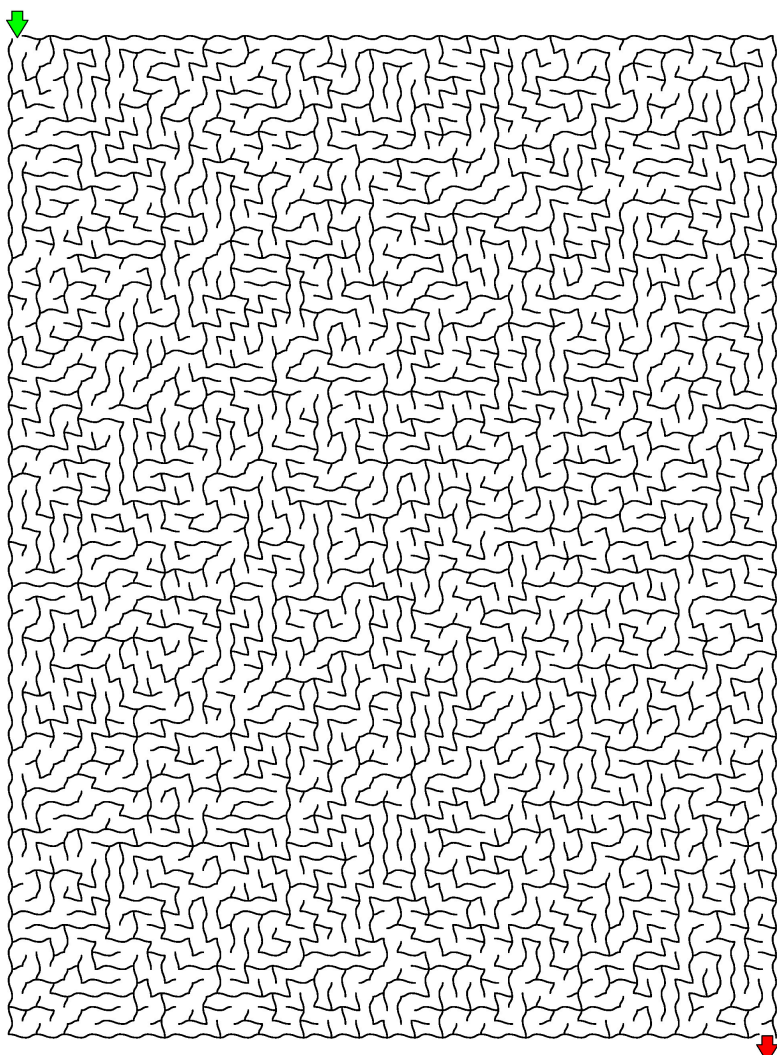
A private meeting was held between the donor and the Board of Finance and it was set in stone that all the funds would go to the drama club to give them the ability to have the best quality performances possible in the future. The funds from this donation are guessed to be around \$100 million dollars.

After speaking with the drama club one member commented, "This is such a huge surprise given the fact that we are a small group who only meets for one season a year! We are excited to use the funds to redo the stage, obtain some costumes, and explore what plays we can perform next!"

By: William Lien

Tough Mazes by KrazyDad, Book 1

Maze #20



The Cheese Rolling Team Goes International!



While Immanuel’s basketball team, unfortunately, could not complete their season and had to end it early, Immanuel’s Cheese Rolling Team has done extremely well this season. They won the high school state and national championships here in America and can now compete at Cooper’s Hill in the United Kingdom!

Like most sports, there is a men’s and women’s race. Cheese rolling works is a common sense game that consists of a nine-pound wheel of cheese being rolled down a hill. The players follow shortly after, the first one to catch up to their cheese and cross the finish line with the cheese wins.

Noah Schnapp, an 11th grader on the team said, "It's a great sport and Immanuel has done amazingly well for their 5th year in this sport". His former teammate Sasha Obama, said, "It's an extreme sport, only the toughest survive. That's why I liked it, I felt like it gave me a competitive edge. I would encourage anyone to give it a try! "

Unbeknownst to most, the co-coach of this team is Mr. Hanel who is a 10-time champion of International Cheese Rolling. Unfortunately, he is not able to go to Europe with the team because of conflicts with his teaching schedule. So the other co-coach, Mr. Zukowki (who has won the national competition for the last 2 years) will be going to Europe with the team.

The team leaves on April 1 and not only has an opportunity to visit another country but also to see what education is like there. They will be foreign exchange students for the duration of their stay in the UK. This trip is not only going to be a great opportunity to represent our school but also a chance for these students to see what life is like in other countries and to be the lights of the world.

The student body is so excited to cheer on our classmates as they race after the cheese and get this amazing opportunity of a lifetime. A send-off is planned for March 29 with a cheese-rolling pep rally, including a demonstration of the correct technique by none other than Mr. Hanel himself!

Good luck, Cheese Rollers, and Go Trojans!

By: Rebecca Heinze

HAPPY APRIL FOOLS DAY, READERS!