



Kindergarten Round Up at a K-12th School

Kindergarten Round-Up
March 28th
8:00 - 10:15

Future Kindergarteners

- ★ Meet Mrs. Hart
- ★ Join Our Class For The Morning
- ★ Make A Craft
- ★ Have Fun At Recess
- ★ Attend K-12 Chapel

Parents

- ★ Meet Mrs. Hart
- ★ Tour The School
- ★ Attend K-12 Chapel
- ★ Start School Registration
- ★ Pick Up A Summer Packet

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The kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Erika Hart, is working with one of the pastor's wives, Mrs. Debra Mayhew, to set up and advertise the Kindergarten for a Day event to the community.

When asked what she has planned for the event, she said, "The kindergarteners will still share a Bible verse they have memorized and their morning routine with the new students, but this change will allow parents to really see what it's like to go to school here and not just an empty building."

It seems like she is also focusing on the full experience of being a student here at Immanuel Lutheran and is leaning into the value of our being a K-12 school.

Each day, kindergartners share spaces, engage in meaningful conversations, and form relationships with the older students here.

By changing to 'Kindergarten for a Day,' families are able to see glimpses of this reality and relationship.

The kindergarten class has learned a lot and I'm sure they're still excited to share all they have learned with the next group of kids to become kindergartener's here at Immanuel!

Are you interested in Kindergarten Round up for your new kinder? Come join us and check it out!

By: Rebecca Heinze

Being a K-12th School

Immanuel is a K-12 Lutheran School in Mankato, MN which is something many people don't always realize, as K-12 schools aren't very common in our area.

Being a K-12 school comes with a plethora of positive experiences, such as the high school students getting many opportunities to connect and build relationships with younger students.

Being part of a K-12 school, each year we have a kindergarten roundup, which traditionally has been a play or a show of what the kindergarteners have learned throughout the year.

However, this year there is a change in the Kindergarten roundup. Instead of performing a show or play for the new students and school, our school will be offering "Kindergarten For a Day."

This will allow new students to experience what half of a day in kindergarten looks like with a K-12 chapel, recess, etc. Parents will be able to ask questions, tour the school, and see what classes from all grade levels look like.

A New Kind of Round Up

However, the high schoolers are not all in favor of the change. Many people were sad to hear the news of the annual show being canceled, they had enjoyed watching the younger kids display what they had learned.

Senior Jack Stratton said, "That's sad, it's a tradition." and his classmate Jordyn Mariner said, "The kids were really cute performing." Senior Michaela Wheaton also agreed with them, "It's been a rite of passage, just like Banquet everyone just did it."

Plenty of high schoolers said the changes were an improvement however. Senior Mary Enter said "It makes sense for the new kindergarteners to experience what it's like to go to school here." Junior Leah Dick is also in favor of the changes. "I think it would be cool to experience that as a new family to the school. Also, getting kindergartners to participate in a play and learn lines and blocking is pretty difficult, I would assume."

A parent at Immanuel had this to say, "Mrs. Erika Hart has a lot of great ideas to showcase what her classroom does and how the school at large operates. I'm very confident that her new Kindergarten Round Up will be wonderful!"

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Senior Spotlight- Michaela Wheaton

Michaela Wheaton is a senior who has been a student at Immanuel Lutheran since she was in kindergarten. In just three short months, Michaela will be graduating from Immanuel Lutheran. After graduating, Michaela wants to go to college. She's not entirely set on what she wants to major in, but she wants to get a degree and is considering going on to have a career in law. She is excited to graduate because she is looking forward to summer, going on a vacation, hanging out with her friends, and not being on such a strict schedule. Although she is excited for her post-high school life, Michaela is not excited to go out into the "real world" and make new friends. She will also miss seeing those she is closest to every day and playing competitive sports with her teammates.

Michaela's goals for the rest of the school year are, "to get through high school, get good grades, and have fun finishing my high school career." Looking back at her experience in high school, Michaela said that her biggest accomplishment throughout high school was "making it through every year, day by day, week by week, and month by month." Michaela also joked that her biggest accomplishment in high school was, "staying alive in our tiny airplane that we took to and from D.C." While on the topic of her junior year D.C. trip, Michaela mentioned that going on that trip was her favorite high school experience.

"My favorite high school memory was going on our D.C trip and being able to hang out with friends and classmates. I liked it because we got to learn stuff, but it wasn't boring." Michaela's advice to younger students is, "have good time management so that you can do well in school and still be able to make time for your friends and family and have fun." She also says, "have fun while it lasts. Enjoy all the time you have with your friends before you grow up and life changes." Congratulations to Michaela for making it to the end of her senior year. On behalf of the Immanuel student body, good luck in your future, and may God bless you!

By: Rebekah Busch



Senior Spotlight- Travis Miller

Travis Miller is a senior in the ILHS class of 2025. He has been attending Immanuel Lutheran since kindergarten.

Next year, Travis plans to take a year off to work and figure out what he wants to do. After he graduates, Travis is most excited for, "not having to go to school everyday." Even though Travis is ready for school to be over, he will miss not being able to see his friends as much.

Outside of school, Travis is passionate about cars. He likes, "driving cars, working on them, or anything mechanical that has to do with cars." Along with his passion for cars, Travis wants to buy his own car this summer. "I have a car in mind, but I'll end up changing my mind before the summer."

Looking back on high school, some of Travis' biggest accomplishments have to do with soccer. He is proud of how he did in soccer this past fall and he met a lot of his personal goals.



Travis' favorite class throughout high school was industrial arts because, "I like to build stuff." A favorite high school memory that Travis has is when he used to ride his motorcycle with his friend Joel. Lastly, Travis' advice to other students is: "Don't let your late work stack up."

We all pray that God will bless him in his future!

By: Rebekah Busch

Future Careers Op-Ed

Today there are more job opportunities out there than we've ever had, so what should you do? I can't tell you what to do, you've got to make that decision for yourself, but I can give you some ideas and information, and that's what I'm intending to do here with this portion of the newspaper.

With so many jobs out there it's hard to select one path. Not all paths are logical and good for the long term. What I mean by this is even though you can go to college for 2-4 years to get a degree and once you get out in the job market, depending if you got a degree in something that's always in high demand like plumbers, or accounting, and etc. there's a good chance that even with your degree you might not get a job right away or get a job that you don't want. This comes as a great shock to many recent college graduates. My advice is probably something you'll hear a lot, "do what makes you happy." This can be taken a few ways, but what I mean by it is examine your interests; what do you like? Maybe you like cars and working on them, or science stuff, or you like helping people. Whatever it is, start researching job opportunities for your interests. If you can, talk to people in those career fields, and research it to your fullest extent before making a decision, especially if your career choice is something that requires a college degree. You wouldn't want to choose something you haven't looked into or researched, and pay for college while you haven't had your mind made up and accrue unnecessary debt or pay thousands of dollars for something that isn't useful or enjoyable.

For those who still have no clue whatsoever, my next advice is to look into the possibility of attending a trade school. Trade schools are different from college because they provide actual job specific training in various categories of expertise. Trade schools are great for people who are good with their hands and enjoy working on things. A huge 'pro' is the fact that people who attend trade schools often have a higher chance of getting a job right away after graduation as we are facing a shortage in qualified candidates to fill these roles. These jobs also tend to make a good amount of money.

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Future Jobs Continued: Still don't think any of these options are good for you? I'm no recruiter but the military is also a really good option. There are an abundance of different job opportunities, so there is sure to be one for you. And one of the best parts about it is you get paid to go to training and learn how to do those jobs, which often later transfer into civilian jobs after the military. If you want to go to college later, you'll have the GI-bill to help pay for it.

I hope this information helped you get more insight on your options and gave you some ideas on what you might want to do in the future.

By: Leah Dick



Men, Boys, Dudes: You are invited to a Bible Study on Friday Mornings at 6:30am. Join us for study and breakfast!

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Siblings on the Court

Either best friends or bitter rivals, siblings on the court can take many different forms. Playing sports with a sibling can cause resentment. However, if properly developed, playing sports with a sibling can create an unbreakable bond.

Siblings on the court can cause rivalry and competitiveness. However, those can be both positive and negative. Being competitive with siblings can push the siblings to better themselves in their sport. According to McNeal High School's Online Trailblazer, Gavin Ward said this about playing with his brother, "He makes me a better player because I want to compete with him and do better than him."

Another positive aspect of sibling rivalry is that when one sibling is better or more experienced than the other, it can be a good example for the other sibling to look up to.

On the opposite side of this argument, sibling rivalry can also cause bad outcomes. Sibling rivalry can lead to resentment of the other sibling.

Additionally, if siblings are constantly compared to each other, either by others or themselves, they can lose confidence in their abilities.

A player on the Immanuel Trojan basketball team said: "I wish everyone could experience playing with their sibling. It's challenging but it's also rewarding to work together. We get to be competitive but we also get to have a special bond that other teammates don't."

Playing sports with siblings can be a huge blessing with the right mentality. Ecclesiastes especially shows the blessings of having a close bond: "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!" (Ecclesiastes 2:9-10)

By: Rebekah Busch

If I Had Free Time...



Greetings from the Immanuel Lutheran Newspaper Club! This month we are starting a new segment called: "If I had Free Time..." Each article will include an interesting hobby or activity one of our writers thinks would be fun to do if they only had free time to do it.

This month's installation will focus on a biking event across Iowa called RAGBRAI. RAGBRAI or the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, is the oldest, largest, and longest recreational bicycle ride in North America. Every year more than 15,000 riders travel across the state of Iowa on bikes for seven days. Food, entertainment, and Midwest hospitality greet the riders as they travel 406 miles and 10,487 ft in elevation.

The route goes through several of Iowa's cities including Orange City, Milford, Estherville, Forest City, Iowa Falls, Ceder Falls, Oelwien, Gutenberg. Riders can choose to do all seven days or pick and choose which days they want to do. While there is a cost for entering and a fee for vehicles that follow, there are no other requirements for riders. You can be any age, either gender, and from any place! This year's RAGBRAI will be its 52nd year running and it will take place this year during July 19-26, 2025.

I think this is a really cool way to not only challenge your body, but also see a state in a whole different way, meet the people who live there, and possibly make new friends in an unconventional way, which is why I would do this if I had free time. Dearest readers, if you find yourself with some free time and a love of biking, I highly recommend that you check out this opportunity! You could register on their website! <https://ragbrai.com/>

By: Rebecca Heinze

