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*Our K-12th students
joined together for
Winter Olympics!*

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After the first rounds, the top teams advanced to the final event, an exciting relay race where two sets of five teams went head-to-head to determine the ultimate Winter Olympics champions.

With any new event comes a list of things to prepare and plan. There were plenty of behind-the-scenes work to make the day a success. I wanted to hear what some of the staff of Immanuel had to say about what they had to prepare! The first person I talked to was our 5&6th grade teacher, Mrs. Roettger, this is what she had to say, *"Mrs. Mayhew and I worked together, we looked up different Winter Olympic sports and decided which ones we wanted to try for the activity day. It was just planning the logistics and how everything would work together. We wanted to make it exciting and simple because of the wider age range. The teams were just putting chapel groups together, I added the ages together and tried to make the totals close to equal to have pretty balanced teams. The main goal was to have time for all students of all ages to work together as a team and have bonding time."*

I then talked to Mrs. Mayhew, this is what she said, *"We were hoping we would have snow, we wanted that winter theme. We wanted to use snowballs instead of actual balls and we wanted to have a snowman building competition,*

Every year, Immanuel Lutheran School celebrates the winter season with a Winter Activity Day. These activities give the students time to connect outside of learning and classes. In the past, Winter Activity Day has consisted of ice skating, curling and many other fun activities. This year, the faculty introduced a brand-new activity: the Winter Olympics! Part of the uniqueness of this idea was the plan to combine the entire student body from our kinders to our seniors in high school! The school was divided into teams and given countries to 'represent' much like the real Olympics. Teams were easily decided based on Immanuel's Chapel Group System. (Throughout the entirety of the academic year each Friday the entire school gathers for chapel in the sanctuary and K-12th students are assigned a Chapel Group that they sit with. These groups combine different grade levels together to form a small group that would more than likely not normally interact. This tradition aims to help connect students together throughout the school all year long!)

Immanuel bussed students to Seven Mile Creek Park outside of town to be sure there was enough open space to hold the games. Teams competed in three exciting team-based games, challenging their teamwork, skill, and school spirit. Games included, long jump, bean bag toss and many more.


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so it was kind of a fun way to tie that into that. With the warmer weather we had to change ideas at the last minute, but it turned out really well."

Even with the conflicts that had come up, Mrs. Roettger and Mrs. Mayhew came up with good activities that included all grades and were fun for all. The winners of the activity day were the following; in first place was the team representing the country: Japan! The second place team was France, and in third place was Switzerland! This was a fun day that allowed all students of all grades to participate and have some fun. We can thank those who organized this event and kept all the moving parts going so the students could have a good time.

By: *Norah Wakefield*



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Arts Camp

In March, Immanuel Lutheran Church hosts a lock-in for students in fifth grade through eighth grade called Arts Camp. This year it will be held March 27-29.

Kids will be spending the weekend involved with many art activities of their choice. These activities usually include acting, arts and crafts, some sort of baking, chorale options, and even dance! With the many activities provided for them to do, they get to express themselves through each art medium all the while joining in fellowship with other students from our other synod churches.

Thank you to all who are helping out this year for giving the 5-8 grades a chance to make new friends and to express themselves and their artistic talents.

By: *Lucy Stratton*

ILHS' Cellphone Policy



Our school's cell phone policy has changed quite a bit in the past few years. It used to be we were able to use our phones freely at lunch and now we are not able to use them at all during the school day. They must be turned off and stowed away in our lockers.

I believe that our current policy helps students focus better during the day and not be worried about checking their phones whenever they can.

I know many students think that they should be able to use phones at lunch, but I think it's good that we don't have them at lunch. Without our phones distracting us, we can have real conversations with the friends we have sitting right next to us.

You can go on your phone whenever you feel like it, but you won't always have the opportunity to hang out with your friends. Another plus is the slight improvement of posture. Instead of being hunched over, scrolling on your phone, and blocking what minimal aisle space we already have during lunch, you are sitting up and talking with friends.

There is really no injustice being done to us by not being able to use our phones. It helps us stay more focused and keeps us from checking useless things on our phones. And if you do need to use your phone for contacting a parent or other urgent matters, the teachers will let you. They know things can come up, and there are circumstances where you need to use your phone. Many times teachers even let us use our phones for something as simple as a class project.

We are at school to learn, grow, and connect with others. This policy reduces our distractions, encourages human interaction, and helps us show respect for others. Overall, keeping our phones out of sight helps create a better school environment for all.

By: Heidi Dick

Jobs that ILHS Students Hold

Immanuel High School students are known for meeting an expectation of balancing many things at once. With our school size it's pretty common for our high schoolers to be involved in a wide variety of extracurriculars as well as to stay on top of their academics. With all of these obligations, schedules can be demanding, and sometimes a bit stressful. Adding to this packed schedule, some students choose to get jobs outside of school.

Some ILHS students work in fast food places or grocery stores while others have found a part time job in retail or sit-down restaurants. I had the chance to talk to Maycee Schaefer, a sophomore here at Immanuel, who works in fast food at McDonald's. I was able to ask her some questions and get some insight on her experience holding a job outside of school. When I asked her why she got a job she said, *"I needed to start saving money, and thought it would give me something to do for fun."* Maycee explained that her work place is very flexible with her constantly-changing schedule, with sports, school related events, and more. Although she did say it can sometimes be stressful, her favorite part about her job is all the people she gets to meet and her fun co-workers. As Maycee alluded to, there are plenty of benefits to working while in school. Working a part time job can help a student to gain experience in communication, time management, problem-solving, and money budgeting. Having a job helps students develop confidence and independence.

A few other jobs some students hold outside of school include babysitting and summer camp volunteer staff. I personally have some experience, specifically being a volunteer VBS staff. I was blessed with the opportunity to work and serve for Vacation Bible School both here at Immanuel as well as in Valentine, Nebraska for Traveling VBS. Taking the opportunity to help has shown me ways we can glorify God by serving others.

Students apply for jobs for many different reasons. Some are saving for college expenses, while others use it to pay for trips and personal items. Balancing school and a part time job, on top of athletics for some, can be challenging. However, students can find that the experience helps them to prepare for the future.

By: Colleen Olmanson

Student Corner

K-12 School Open House

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9:00AM - 10:30AM

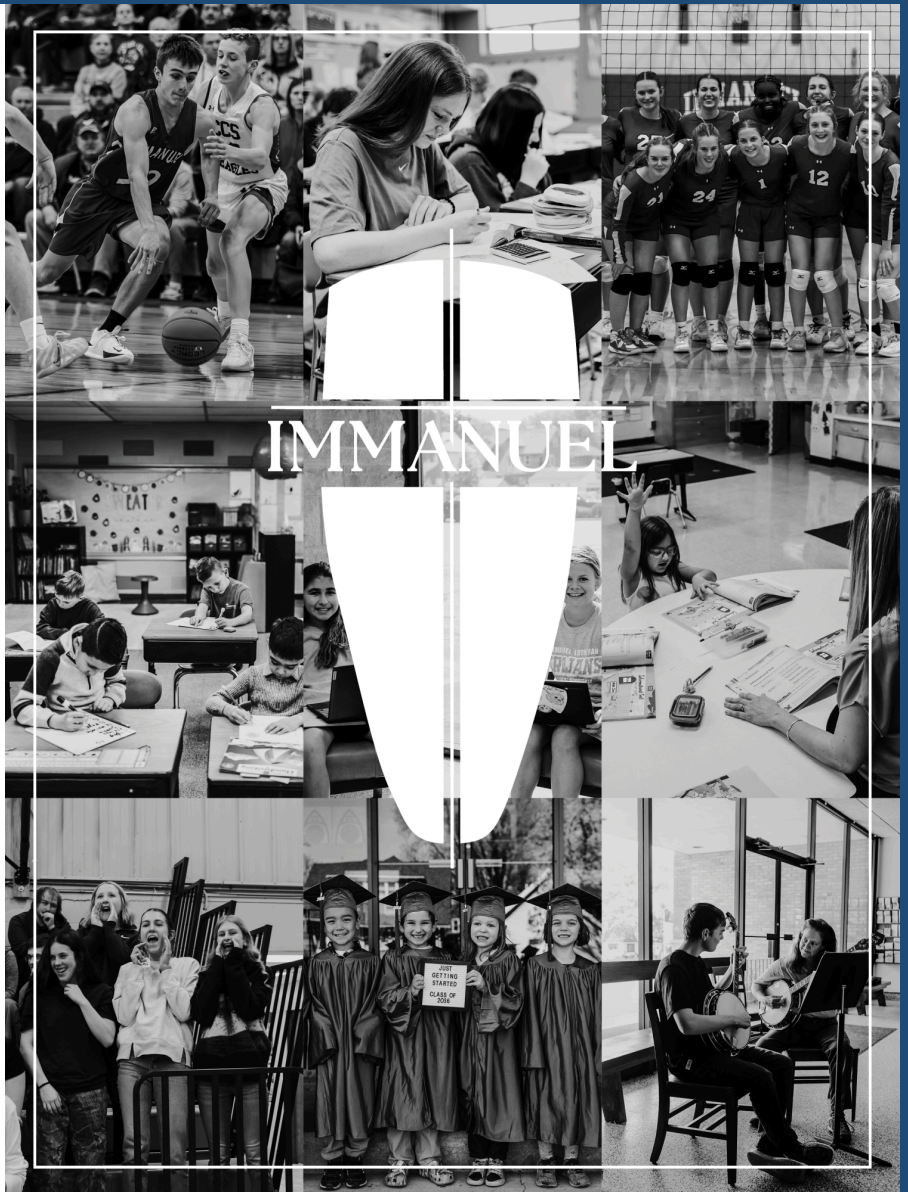
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Senior Spotlight- Daniel Priebe



The Senior Spotlight for this month is Daniel Priebe. Daniel has been attending Immanuel Lutheran School since kindergarten! I asked Daniel which teachers and classes have had the biggest impact on him, and he said, *“Mr. Schrader and Mr. Hanel have had an impact on me, and probably art class because I get to draw.”* A memorable activity Daniel took part in was playing basketball his junior year with his friends.

Daniel said he is most excited about pursuing a career in racing after high school, with dreams of becoming a professional F1, WRC, or GT3 driver. In this field he has already experienced some success! One of his top memories is getting 3rd place in a professional time attack event. There are few things Daniel enjoys more than cars and spending time on them. Daniel told me one of his proudest accomplishments in high school was already owning four cars at the age of 18.

To conclude our interview, I asked what advice Daniel would give to his freshman-year self, and he said, *“Think like a kid, and act like an adult.”* Daniel has been a great role model throughout his years at Immanuel. We will miss you, and we are looking forward to seeing God's plans for your future!

By: Heidi Dick