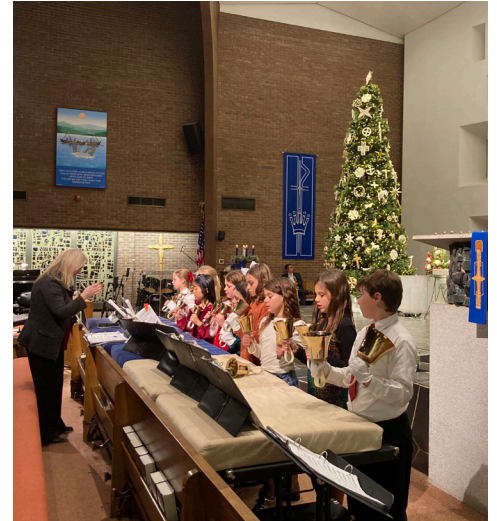




## Monthly Newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran School



### PRINCIPALS' CORNER

Welcome back to the second half of the school year! We hope that you and your family had a faith-filled school break as you celebrated the birth of our Savior and greeted 2024 with joy!

It was an exciting December as our students practiced and led three Advent services for our school community and family friends. Many students also participated in the Christmas Musical coordinated by our church. My heart soared with happiness to hear children recite Scripture, sing, play instruments, dance--all ways to express and re-tell the Christmas story in their own words.

Immanuel incorporates many opportunities for service in our curriculum each month. In December, students in Grades 3-8 worked together at Feed My Starving Children to assemble food packets for children in need, what an important ministry! All students had the chance to donate mittens and hats to decorate our mitten tree, provide clothing items for the Children's Ministry in Haiti, and participate in Student Council's hot chocolate and bake sale fundraiser that raised over \$700 for the Second City Canine Rescue.

Young Rembrandts finished its fall session with many budding new artists and conducted a special Christmas workshop in mid-December. Sticky Fingers just started another cooking class for our students--it's amazing to see what they can create! Basketball continues to be in full swing for students in Grades 3-8, and both girls and boys teams had successful weekend tournaments. The Girls Varsity team won two of its tournaments in December, and the Boys Varsity team finished in 4th place and 1st in their two tournaments. Go, Bobcats!

January will bring MAP Testing back into the classrooms for Grades K-8 and we will communicate a schedule soon. We look forward to celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week (January 22-26) with everyone here at Immanuel. In addition to daily activities and dress-up days, we will have a book fair and an assembly that focuses on bringing literature to life. As part of this weeklong event, we will welcome current and prospective families to our Open House and Family Literacy Night on Thursday, January 25. Stay tuned for more information. We hope to launch our 2024-25 registration process by February 1, which will include the release of our official school calendar.

Thank you for your continued prayers as we seek to fill the positions of School Principal and Lead Administrative Assistant. Richard Dewitt, co-principal, continues to respond well to his medical care, and he is eager to return to the school to assist us. May the Lord bless you and your family in this new year!

*Karen Bauder, Interim Principal*

# JANUARY 2024

## K-8 UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 8** ~ School Reopens

**January 15** ~ NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**January 16** ~ NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

**January 21** ~ Grades K-8 Sing During 10:30am Worship

**January 21-27** ~ National Lutheran Schools Week

**January 25** ~ Open House/Literacy Night @ 6pm

**February 1** ~ Community Meal @ 5pm

**February 6** ~ Science Fair (Viewing 6:30pm-7:30pm)

**February 13** ~ Valentine's Day Parties

**February 14** ~ Ash Wednesday

**February 19** ~ NO SCHOOL - President's Day

**February 20** ~ NO BUS

**March 1** ~ 11:00am Dismissal - NO AFTERNOON BUS -

Limited Parent/ Teacher Conferences

**March 1** ~ State Basketball Tournament



## EARLY CHILDHOOD UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 8** ~ School Reopens

**January 15** ~ NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**January 16** ~ NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

**January 21-27** ~ National Lutheran Schools Week

**January 25** ~ Open House/Literacy Night @ 6pm

**January 30** ~ NO 1/2 Day Young 3's & Preschool - Parent/Teacher Conferences

**January 31** ~ NO 1/2 Day Preschool & Pre-K - Parent/Teacher Conferences

**February 1** ~ NO 1/2 Day Young 3's & Preschool - Parent/Teacher Conferences

**February 1** ~ NO 1/2 Day Young 5's - Parent/Teacher Conferences

**February 1** ~ Community Meal @ 5pm

**February 2** ~ NO 1/2 Day Preschool & Pre-K - Parent/Teacher Conferences

**February 2** ~ NO 1/2 Day Young 5's - Parent/Teacher Conferences

**February 14** ~ Ash Wednesday

**February 19** ~ NO SCHOOL - President's Day

**March 1** ~ NO EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES - Teacher Conferences

## HAVE NEWS TO SHARE IN THE NEWSLETTER?

Please email submissions to [mwalsh@ilcp.org](mailto:mwalsh@ilcp.org). Submissions are subject to approval by the administrative team prior to publication.

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## LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL



Visit [ilcpschool.org](https://ilcpschool.org) or call 847-359-1936.

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Interested families should visit our website or give us a call to schedule a tour or shadow day.







## IMPORTANT DATES

### No School:

January 8: School Reopens

January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 16: Teacher In-Service



### Events:

January 21: K-8 Students Sing in 10:30am Worship

January 21-26: National Lutheran Schools Week

January 25: Open House/Family Literacy Night

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## TUITION AND PAYMENT REMINDERS

Need a copy of your tuition and fees statement for your tax return? Follow these easy steps to get started.

- Go to [www.myprocare.com](http://www.myprocare.com)
- Enter your email
- You will receive a confirmation email with a confirmation #
- Enter confirmation number on myprocare screen
- Create a password
- Redirect to login
- Login with your email and password
- Both detailed and summarized statements are available

If you have any questions, please contact Patti Walsh at [pwalsh@ilcp.org](mailto:pwalsh@ilcp.org).

## CHAPEL OFFERING

Weekly chapel offerings for the month of January will go to Heifer International. Heifer International works in 19 countries around the world alongside local farmers and business owners. They support farmers and their communities as they mobilize and envision their futures, provide training so they can improve the quantity and quality of the goods they produce, and improve connections to market to increase sales and incomes. To learn more, visit [heifer.org](http://heifer.org).



## TENTATIVE ACADEMIC CALENDAR

A tentative academic calendar for the 2024-2025 school year is now available. Please scan or click on the code to view the calendar. A more detailed calendar will be available in the spring.



scan or click here

## MITTEN TREE

The Mitten Tree remains in our main lobby! The Mitten tree collects new hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves (children and adult sizes) to help children at our sister school in Chicago stay warm during the winter months. Please hang your donations on the tree as you are able. Collection will continue through mid-January.



## TUITION CREDIT WITH RAISERIGHT

Earn tuition credit by purchasing gift cards on the RaiseRight website or app! If you are interested in enrolling, please send an email to Liz Mraz at [mrsrmraz007@gmail.com](mailto:mrsrmraz007@gmail.com), and an invitation will be sent to you to set up your family's online RaiseRight account. If you are already enrolled in the program, please plan to submit your orders on the 2nd Monday of every month by 9:00am (except for Mondays when there is no school. Then the order will need to be submitted by Tuesday at 9:00am). Thank you in advance for supporting our school!



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. TRES!

Congratulations to our Early Childhood Director, Marlene Tres, on being nominated for the Golden Apple Award! The Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Leadership honors ten of the most dedicated, engaged, and effective teachers, and one exemplary principal, in the Chicagoland area. It is one of the highest awards a teacher can achieve.



The Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching honor outstanding teachers for having lasting, positive effects on students' lives and school communities. Teacher recipients demonstrate--in their teaching and results--significant, positive impact on their students' growth and learning. Teachers nominated for this prestigious award show their dedication, creativity, and influence on their students and schools. They have also contributed to their professional communities by sharing their best practices, collaborating with their peers and mentoring new teachers. They are not only exemplary teachers, but are also influential leaders. They not only make a difference in teaching, but also inspire community leaders and lifelong learners.



We are so proud of Mrs. Tres! Her efforts deserve to be recognized and celebrated. All praise and thanks be to God! We pray for God's continued blessings on Marlene and her ministry at Immanuel Lutheran School!



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# OPEN HOUSE

Family Literacy Night

Early Childhood - Grade 8

Thursday, January 25  
6:00pm-7:30pm

Reading-themed activities,  
student projects, and the book fair!

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## ATHLETIC NEWS

Congratulations to our Varsity Basketball teams on their accomplishments in recent tournaments!



Kate Conlon Tournament Champions



Tony LaValle Tournament Champions



Loyola Tournament Consolations Champions



Girls Basketball Christmas Party

## ILS CAR MAGNETS

Share the joy of Immanuel's Christian education wherever you go! Immanuel is selling car magnets for \$2 each (while supplies last) at a variety of school events and after school on select dates. Watch for more information on magnet sales via email and social media.



## NOW HIRING: FULL-TIME LEAD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Immanuel is hiring a full-time Administrative Assistant to serve in our school office. To read the full job description or to apply, visit [immanuelpalatine.org/hr](http://immanuelpalatine.org/hr).



## NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

National Lutheran Schools Week is January 21-26. There will be dress up days, an Open House, and lots of fun events! See more information on page 6.



## COLD WEATHER REMINDER

For the days that are frigid, but not cold enough to cancel school, we will take precautions to limit the time students spend outside. Recess will be held inside if the wind chill is below 0°F. If the wind chill is above 0°F, students will go outside for recess. Please pack appropriate outerwear, so that your child will enjoy their time outside.

## YEARBOOKS

Capture your child's memories in Immanuel Palatine's Yearbook. All orders must be placed by April 1.

You also have the option to customize two pages for free! These pages will only appear in your child's book. Any additional pages desired are \$0.99 / 2 pages. Custom pages are due April 15.

To purchase and customize your yearbook:

1. Go to [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)
2. Enter Immanuel's school passcode:  
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## TRIVIA NIGHT

Save the date! The Immanuel Lutheran School Education Foundation (ILSEF) will host their annual Trivia Night on Saturday, February 24, at 6:15pm. More information will be available soon through our church website!



# National Lutheran Schools Week

January 21-26, 2024

## Sunday

All K-8 Students Sing in 10:30am Worship  
Students should meet in the gym at 10:10am

## Monday

Dress Like an Animal Day  
Visit from comfort dogs



## Tuesday

Pajama Day  
"Bringing Literature to Life" assembly by Chris Fascione

## Wednesday

Dress Your Best and Wear a Cross Day  
Chapel at 1:25pm



## Thursday

Tie Dye/Neon Day  
D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) during the school day  
Family Literacy Night/Open House from 6:00pm-7:30pm

## Friday

Sports Team Day  
ILS Teachers and Staff vs. Class of 2024 Games Assembly

 SCHOLASTIC

## BOOK FAIR

is coming to Immanuel!

January 23-25

The book fair will be open in Room 102 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7:30am-3:00pm and on Thursday evening during Family Literacy Night/Open House from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

## Open House Family Literacy Night January 25

Come join us for an evening of sharing stories, viewing literacy projects by various grades, and shopping at our Book Fair. Be sure to bring a friend!

The Open House will begin at 6:00pm for families to view their child's classroom for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Stories will be read and other activities will begin at 6:30pm and end at 7:30pm.

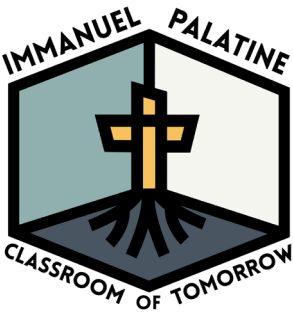


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**CLASSROOM REMODEL UPDATE - ROOM 203 ALMOST COMPLETE!**

We have almost completed our first remodel of one of our classrooms in the '57 building in what we have deemed Immanuel's "Classroom of Tomorrow." Room 203 is a kindergarten room that is currently unused. Floor to ceiling, the classroom has been modernized to a bright, colorful open-concept classroom with new flooring, lighting, ceiling tiles, cabinetry, and a fresh coat of paint. Mrs. Farwell's Kindergarten class will move into this classroom in mid-January. Then, we will be giving the current first grade classroom the same treatment, and it will be ready in time for the start of the 2024-2025 school year. The new classroom will be open for viewing during our Open House on January 25.



We can always use additional funding for future classroom remodels. If you feel moved to give a gift above and beyond your normal giving, please make your check payable to Immanuel Lutheran, or give through PushPay at [immanuelpalatine.org/push-pay/](https://immanuelpalatine.org/push-pay/), and mark your gift for "Classroom Remodel."

**MOBILE THERAPY CENTERS OF AMERICA**

We are pleased to announce our affiliation with Mobile Therapy Centers of America, LLC (MTC), a private therapy service provider that brings therapy services directly to our school. As part of this relationship, MTC's licensed and credentialed therapists are offering free developmental screenings at Immanuel Lutheran Palatine.

If you are interested in having your child screened, please click on or scan the link below and fill out the information. <https://eform.pandadoc.com/?eform=16d37ad8-9f8a-46ff-8617-2b3d60043f93>



**A/V TEAM**

You can be a small part of A/V. A/V stands for Audio and Visual. We turn on the sound for the pastors, we project the lyrics and scripture on the wall, and we also have a few cameras to capture the live service. If you like to be in the background and can come to one or two services per month, we need you! Training requires one hour of time, and then you are ready to work with a team member. Come and join us in the balcony! Please email or call Jenny at [jlaabs@ilcp.org](mailto:jlaabs@ilcp.org), or call 847-359-1549.

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**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**

Saturdays @ 5:00pm - Blended Worship  
 Sundays @ 8:00am - Traditional Worship  
 Sundays @ 10:30am - Contemporary Worship

\*Adult Bible Study offered at 9:30am on Sundays  
 \*Sunday Morning Experience (S.M.E.) for children offered during 10:30am worship



**SUNDAY MORNING EXPERIENCE (S.M.E)  
TEACHERS NEEDED!**

Sunday Morning Experience (S.M.E) welcomes children ages 5 through Grade 5 during 10:30am Sunday morning worship to learn about Jesus and the love He has for them. Each week consists of a Bible story, craft project, a memory verse and more. S.M.E. is in search of adults of all ages who enjoy teaching the Word of God to children and would be willing to become part of our teacher rotation. This would not be an "every Sunday" commitment. You can pick the Sundays that would work best for you. We currently have a high-school student teaching on Sundays, and an adult is also required to be there. If you do not want to teach but enjoy working with children, join our team and be the adult in the classroom. Please contact Pastor Donald at [pastordonald@ilcp.org](mailto:pastordonald@ilcp.org) or Denise Neilson at [dneilson214@gmail.com](mailto:dneilson214@gmail.com) with any questions.



**Soup-er Bowl Food Drive**  
 Now through Feb 11th, bring in soup (and other items) for Immanuel's food pantry. (drop off in green donation bin)  
 Specific items needed:  
 - SOUP  
 - small canned hams  
 - Bars of soap  
 - Toothpaste



# PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE (PTL) NEWS

## JANUARY 2024

### DINING FOR DOLLARS

On Wednesday, January 10, the PTL will have another Dining for Dollars at Panda Express in Palatine from 10:00am-9:00pm. Please join us at 1165 E. Dundee Road, Palatine, IL 60067. Please bring the [attached flyer](#) to the restaurant or mention Immanuel Lutheran School. Immanuel PTL will earn 20% back! Save the date for the next Dining for Dollars on Wednesday, February 7, at Chipotle in Palatine from 4:00pm-8:00pm!



Scan or click here for flyer

### ASSEMBLY

During National Lutheran Schools Week, the PTL is sponsoring an assembly by Chris Fascione. On Tuesday, January 23, we will provide two shows to make the material age-appropriate. ILS students will watch Chris bring literature to life through acting, storytelling, comedy, and juggling.



### HEBREWS CAFE

The next HeBrews Cafe hosted by the PTL will be on Sunday, February 4, following worship. As the PTL (Parent Teacher League) is made up of all teachers and parents of Immanuel Lutheran School, we invite anyone who is willing to donate a food item and/or their time setting up, serving, and/or cleaning up. If you're interested in helping, please sign up [here](#) or contact Crystal Phillips at [cjphillips84@gmail.com](mailto:cjphillips84@gmail.com).



### YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Did you take photos at a school event? Please share with us for the yearbook! You can email them to [yearbook@ilcp.org](mailto:yearbook@ilcp.org) or upload them directly on TreeRing after logging in.

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### QUESTIONS?

If you ever have questions or are looking to help the PTL, please reach out to any of us and we can point you in the right direction.

Sincerely Serving,  
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