

WYNEKEN WEEKLY PARENT NOTE

April 7-11, 2025

REACH, TEACH & SEND

LUNCH MENU Apr 7-11

(subject to changes)

This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheeseburger Corn/Carrots Apple Chex Mix	Hard Beef Taco Romaine Salsa/Tortilla Chip Bag Peaches	Sloppy Joe w/bun Baked Beans/cucumbers Pears Mozzarella Cheese Stick	Omelet Hashbrowns/Sweet Potato Tots Frozen Strawberries Muffin	Hot Dog Green Beans/ Cucumbers/Romaine Applesauce Cheerio Treat

Wyneken will be closed - Good Friday April 18 and Easter Break Monday April 21

School Tuition Payments were to have been paid in full by April 1. If you need to make other arrangements, please contact Cheryl Reinking (business assistant) at 260-639-6177 or by email at creinking@wyneken.org. She is available to speak with during normal school hours.

Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is seeking an assistant athletic director for the 2025-2026 school year. For additional information, please contact Andrew Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org.

Wyneken PTL Meeting – April 7th at 6:30pm

Wyneken Annual Spring Association Meeting: The annual spring association meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, April 29 in school gymnasium.

Fourth Quarter Chapel Offerings: Our chapel offerings this quarter are being collected for Mission and mercy work in Tanzania, Africa (through St. John Bingen) for the albino orphanage refuge on the campus of the Mwadui Lutheran Boarding School

Spring Enrollment for 2025-2026 - Enrollment forms for the 2025-2026 school year were mailed to all currently enrolled families and new families who attended the open house in January. If you know of a family who was not able to attend the open house and would be interested in receiving information, please have them call the school office at 260-639-6177. *Our Preschool Program (3-years old) has a maximum class size of 12; Pre-Kindergarten Program (4-years old) has a maximum class size of 14 per morning/afternoon session. These sessions fill up quickly; do not delay in returning an enrollment form.*

We are excited to welcome grandparents and special guests to Wyneken on Wednesday, April 23 from 7:45-10:45am (come when you are able within this time-frame)! Invite your loved ones to check out the schedule and pre-register for our special day using the link below. Registration and check-in will start at 7:45am.

Classroom visits for kindergarten - 8th grades will take place from 7:45-10am, with a chapel service to follow in the main gym. Dismissal of our special guests will follow the chapel service. Further information for this event can be found by navigating to the following site: <https://tinyurl.com/WYNGP> (A link can also be found on our website, www.wyneken.org). All attendees are encouraged to pre-register for the event. We hope you are able to join us! If you are unable to register online, you may call the school office (260-639-6177) with the names of your guests. <https://tinyurl.com/WYNGP>

Wyneken Athletic Updates

- Cornhole Tournament: The wrestling program will be hosting the 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament on April 12th at the Dahling Family Life Center. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/WynekenCornhole>
- Athletic Boosters Meeting: Mark your calendar for April 14th @ 6:30

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." - 1 Peter 4:10

A Sacred Duty

As parents, we carry the sacred duty of being Christ-like role models for our children, teaching them God's commands and HIS Word. Among HIS commands, the 8th Commandment instructs us in how we are to love our neighbors: "*You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.*" This commandment calls us not only to abstain from lying but also to speak the truth in kindness, uphold the reputations of others, and live with respect and humility. This is no small task!

Martin Luther, in his explanation of the 8th commandment urges us to fear and love God so that we do not deceive, betray, or slander our neighbor. Instead, we are to defend them, speak well of them, and interpret their actions in the most charitable way possible. Through the Holy Spirit, we reflect the love of Christ, teaching our children the importance of avoiding gossip, hasty judgment, and unkind words—all of which contradict our calling as Christians.

Jesus offers clear and compassionate instruction for resolving concern and conflict in Matthew 18:15–17. This guidance applies for all with whom we interact: in relation to family members, teachers, students, work, neighbors, and the like. We are first called to address the issue directly and privately with the involved individual. The goal is not to accuse or condemn but to seek resolution and reconciliation in a manner that upholds dignity. If the matter cannot be resolved privately, the next step is to involve one or two witnesses. These individuals should be trustworthy and impartial, serving to provide perspective and guidance.

If reconciliation is still not reached, the matter should be brought before the church. Even at this stage, the emphasis remains on seeking restoration and maintaining love and grace. This passage calls us to approach concern and conflict with a heart committed to peace, understanding, and unity. By following this process, we honor God's call to love one another, even in the face of difficulties.

Matthew 18 is taught, modeled, and practiced at Wyneken. We encourage those with concern or conflict to address the appropriate party first. If a student is concerned with a peer, then the child should first approach the individual with whom the concern exists. If a parent has a concern with a teacher, the parent should first reach out directly to that instructor. More often than not, concerns and conflicts are able to be resolved within such interaction. If not, the matter is escalated to the next level. With God's help, let us commit to speaking the truth with love and grace, lifting each other up and seeking understanding in all situations. In doing so, we teach our children to live as God intended, instilling the values of empathy, respect, and compassion. Let us strive to cultivate homes filled with kindness and aligned with God's word.

When we miserably fail—which we will, let us confess as in Luther's explanation to the Fifth Petition, "we daily sin much," knowing that the debt our Lord has cancelled for sinners such as us is enormous! Because our merciful Lord has forgiven us so much, we are moved to respond to our Lord in love. For the Lord did not just forgive us, but He became forgiveness for us by enduring the cross and feeding us with His own body and blood. Thanks be to God for HIS love and forgiveness! And thanks be to God for empowering us by HIS grace to boldly live out the 8th Commandment as Luther exhorts us, to the glory of God and the edification of His people. May Christ's light shine through us in our families and community!

In Christ,
Mr. Gavrun

The Wyneken 2025-2026 school year calendar is now available on our website at www.wyneken.org

Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration or its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.