



## Philippians 4:4

“Rejoice in the Lord always!”

### Background

How does the memory of the city of Philippi not leave Paul bitter and sore? All he did was proclaim the good news of Jesus to people and help a poor girl who was possessed by an evil spirit. How was he repaid? The city leaders took Paul, a Roman citizen, and without a fair trial stripped, beat, and severely flogged him and Silas. Then they threw them in prison. Then the city leaders tried to sweep it all under the rug when they learned Paul was a Roman and their treatment of him was completely illegal. How could Paul not become bitter and sore at just the thought of the city of Philippi?!

Yet, years later, when writing to a congregation in Philippi, Paul says, “Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice!” The joy Paul has is uncommon. Almost unrealistic. When thinking of a congregation in a place that caused him so much pain, how can Paul be so joyful?

In the Lord. There it is! Consider what the Lord had done for Paul. He turned him from a path that would have led to his eternal destruction. He gave him the promise of forgiveness, peace, eternity in heaven. He rescued him in many difficult situations. The Lord would ultimately rescue him from death by rising him back to life on the last day. Trouble? Sure, Paul faced a lot of it! More than most! Reason to despair, lose hope, give up? No! In the Lord, Paul has everything!

### Rationale for Theme Verse

The 2019-2020 school year (95th year) gives us the opportunity to continue to proclaim God's praises for how he cares for us even when there are uncertainties or trials in the future. Will the Lord provide everything we need during the school year? Will WLA be able to purchase 59 acres of land? What other challenging opportunities will arise that carry with them some uncertainties?

To keep our hearts of faith properly focused we move to the New Testament to draw inspiration for our praise to God for the certain hope of glory in the midst of uncertainties. Because of that certain hope of eternal glory, and purpose in serving the Lord in the meantime, we rejoice! We say it again, *Rejoice in the Lord always!*

*Winnebago Lutheran Academy exists to glorify God by nurturing the growth of every student  
to live as Christ's child within their families, congregations, and communities.*



**Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at Winnebago Lutheran Academy!** Whether you're a seasoned veteran or this is your first time through the doors of our beloved Academy, *we are so glad you're here!* There's a lot of information packed into this update, and we know we might still have missed something that's important to *you*. If that's the case, please don't hesitate to ask - we're here to help.

This is the first of what - once the school year officially begins - will be your Weekly Updates. The contact information (email address and/or phone number) you've provided for your student's PowerSchool account is what we'll use to reach you. If you've received this newsletter at an address or number you'd rather we not use, please share your preferred information with us and we'll make the changes. Also, since this is the first communication of the school year, we'd appreciate it if you'd ask your WLA friends if they've received their copy - we want to be sure to reach everyone!

A couple changes this year that are especially noteworthy:

- The annual Athletic Meeting usually held the last week of July will be managed entirely online this year. More details on that will be sent separately in the next few days.
- Orientation for grades 10, 11, 12 will be the part of the first day of school, NOT August 15 as originally scheduled. New Student Orientation will be August 14 as originally planned.

#### **Attendance**

- Report all absences and tardies to [attendance@wlvikings.org](mailto:attendance@wlvikings.org) or 920-921-4930 by 8:a.m.
- A Planned Absence form is required for any planned absence (vacation, surgery, college visit, etc) of two days or more. Students can pick up the form in the office.
- Students are not allowed to leave school for any reason without parental permission.
- Students 18-years-old or older may NOT excuse themselves.
- Students are required to sign in/out in the office when they arrive late or leave early for any reason.
- Students who arrive after the 8:00 bell MUST enter through Door 5. Other doors will be opened remotely during the school day.

#### **Booster Club**

WLA is blessed to have the support of a volunteer run booster club. The entire school and all our programs benefit from the support of our Booster Club. Families who are not currently part of a Booster Club Team will be assigned to a team. Thank you to Hans and Tiffany Dorst for their leadership! ([htdorst@gmail.com](mailto:htdorst@gmail.com))

#### **Bussing**

Bussing is available to students within the Fond du Lac and North Fond du Lac districts at no cost. Contact your school district office for more information. There are three independently operated bus routes for those outside the Fond du Lac area. These routes are organized by parent groups that finalizes stops, pick-up times, cost, etc. For more details contact:

1. Oshkosh Bus Route - Contact: Erich Busse - [ebusse@new.rr.com](mailto:ebusse@new.rr.com) - (920) 233-1413
  2. Iron Ridge Bus Route - Contact: Scott Oshefsky – [scott\\_oshefsky@yahoo.com](mailto:scott_oshefsky@yahoo.com) – (920)227-8335
  3. Campbellsport/West Bend Route - Contact: Colleen Maas - [care@hawb.org](mailto:care@hawb.org) - (262) 339-8101
- Contact Business Manager Eric Schraufnagel ([eschraufnagel@wlvikings.org](mailto:eschraufnagel@wlvikings.org)) with questions.

## **Calendar**

To see the daily calendar, including what's being served for lunch and which block drops today, go to [wlvikings.org](http://wlvikings.org) and click on the calendar icon in the upper right corner. The Year-at-a-Glance calendar can be found on the same page, just scroll to the bottom of the page and follow the link. The Athletic calendar can be found there as well. (This is also where you can sign up to receive notifications of game cancellations/changes, etc.)

## **Chapel**

Daily chapel service typically begins at 9:38 - between blocks 2 & 3/Homeroom. Parents are always welcome to join us for chapel - it's the most important 16 minutes of our day!

## **Choir**

Concert Choir will wear all black for all concerts.

- Boys will need a black long sleeve dress shirt (with collar), black dress pants, and black dress shoes.
- Girls will need a black top, black slacks or skirt, and black dress shoes. Girls may also wear a scarf or cami in Winnebago blue (royal blue) if they choose.
- The first concert of the year is in October.

## **Contacting Your Child During the School Day**

Please communicate appointments, pick-up times, and the like with your student prior to the school day. We realize sometimes things come up and last minute arrangements need to be made; in such a case we'll gladly page students between classes or at day's end to relay messages if you're unable to make contact via cell phone. While students are not allowed to use their phones during class, they do carry their phones with them and check messages frequently.

## **Dress Code**

Students should be neat and careful with their dress in school since their attire and their appearance reflects their station as redeemed children of God and representatives of Winnebago Lutheran Academy. In keeping with the scriptural injunction to be moderate in all things (Philippians 4:5), as a general policy the Christian student will avoid extremes in person and dress, regardless of what fashion may dictate. Because fashion often changes, the dress code may also change during the school year.

*Specifically:*

1. All clothing will be neat, clean, not frayed or torn.
2. No leggings, yoga pants or jeggings allowed.
3. All tops must meet the minimum of collar bone height, must have sleeves and no cleavage. No undergarments may be visible including but not limited to camisoles, bra straps, boxers etc.
4. Skirts and shorts may not be shorter than fingertip length. .Yoga pants/leggings may be worn under an appropriate length skirt, but may NOT be worn alone as pants
5. T-shirts with suggestive insignia or messages, alcohol related insignia or messages, or which exemplify sex, drugs, or an anti-Christian attitudes are not allowed.
6. Pajama bottoms or slippers may not be worn.
7. Earrings and nose piercings are allowed. Nose piercings must be a small stud (3mm or less); boys are allowed to wear earrings but must be a small stud (3mm or less). Gauges are not allowed.
8. Hats, caps, headscarves, hoods, or other head coverings may not be worn by either boys or girls in the school building.
9. Students will not display any tattoos, body art, or body writing.
10. Only natural and reasonable hair colors are allowed
11. Co-curricular practice attire will be a t-shirt or an approved practice uniform. Please check with individual coaches for acceptable limits.

Because fashions change, the dress code may change also. No dress code will provide an answer to every potential choice faced by students. Common sense, combined with a desire to glorify God, will hopefully result in good choice. For the sake of order, when there are differences of opinion concerning dress, the judgement of the WLA teacher will be respected.

### **Electronics Policy**

Students may possess and use personal electronic devices before 7:55, during lunch hour, after the school day is finished, and during passing times in the school day. Students may use cell phones during the school day in the office with the permission of a staff member.

Student-owned devices are to be turned off and put away during the school day unless required by a teacher. Misuse of the device may result in its confiscation and disciplinary action. If a device is confiscated it will be delivered to the office. The first offense will cost the student five dollars to get it back, any offense after will cost ten dollars.

Cellular network enabled devices operated during the day must be connected to the WLA wireless network for internet. Failure to do so may result in the device being confiscated and disciplinary action. Students may not use their device as a wireless/bluetooth hotspot or tether other devices to it in order to circumvent WLA policies.

WLA Faculty and Staff will respect the privacy of student devices.

WLA Faculty and Staff are prohibited from repairing student device hardware or software.

Students and parents are responsible for the care, upkeep, operation, and safety of personal devices. WLA will not be responsible for lost or stolen devices.

No person may use a cell phone in the locker room.

### **First Day**

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 21. Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.

### **Freshman Lock-In**

Friday, August 9 is the annual Freshman Lock-In, hosted by our Viking Council. Parents, drop your high school student off at the gym doors at 10:00 p.m. Friday night and pick him or her up again Saturday morning at 6:00. Freshmen will spend the night getting to know each other, playing volleyball, bowling, eating pizza, and all sorts of other things! This is a great night where the students will make new life-long friends. Students are encouraged to bring shoes suitable for volleyball (please don't wear court shoes outside) and come dressed in comfortable clothes (see Dress Code). You're welcome to bring along a sleeping bag and/or pillow, but the odds are against them ever being used. In addition to Viking Council members, the night is chaperoned by Class of 2023 Homeroom advisors. Questions? Contact your Homeroom advisor. More information will be sent directly to Class of 2023 families.

### **Forms**

**Hot Lunch:** Applications for reduced hot lunch will be available online or from the school office as of August 12, 2019.

**Medication:** Prescription AND over the counter medication administered through WLA staff must be accompanied by the proper paperwork as mandated by the State of Wisconsin. Forms are available in the school office.

**Parking:** All student vehicles are required to have a WLA parking permit secured to the window. Parking permits are free of charge and can be obtained in the office.

**User Agreements and Chromebook Insurance:** New WLA students must complete a Chromebook User Agreement. Chromebook insurance is available for those interested. Insurance forms are required for new students and upon renewal.

**WIAA Forms:** ALL athletes must complete all required WIAA forms. Forms can be found on the WLA website on the Athletics page or in the WLA office. No athlete will be allowed to participate in practice if the required forms are not on file in the office.

## **Handbook**

The WLA Parent & Student Handbook is available on the WLA website and in the student planner. It covers many more topics than are included in this newsletter.

## **Hot Lunch**

Hot lunch is served every day (with two exceptions) throughout the year. There are three different choices each day - two separate entrees, and a soup & salad bar. All meals include fruit, veggies, and milk. Hot lunch is \$3.50/meal. Ala carte items are also available. *No cash is accepted in the lunchroom.* Credit can be added to students' lunch accounts in the front office. Accounts are debited when students scan their ID at the time of purchase. Parents can see every lunch purchase – hot lunch or ala carte - as well as the lunch account balance on their PowerSchool account any time.

WLA is not part of the federal government's hot lunch program but we do offer reduced hot lunch to those who qualify. Applications for the WLA Reduced Lunch Program will be available on August 12, 2019. Reduced rates apply to hot lunch meals only. Ala carte purchases are not eligible for the free/reduced program.

## **Medication**

WLA does not maintain a stock of over the counter medications. If your student requires OTC medication during the school day, it must be brought from home in the original container with the original, legible label. Prescription medication must also be in the original container with physician's name and clear dosing directions. Any medications that are kept in the office, prescription or over the counter, must be accompanied by the proper paperwork completed by a guardian and physician, as required by Wisconsin law. Contact the school office if you'd like copies of the required forms.

## **Orientation**

New Student (and parents) Orientation is Wednesday, August 14, at 5:00 p.m. Unable to attend? Please let us know!

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will have orientation *the first day of school* for the first couple hours in the morning. If you have questions about a class or schedule, please feel free to contact the instructor directly.

## **Parking Permits**

All student vehicles are required to have a WLA parking permit fixed to the back window. Simply complete the registration form (in rack right inside the front door) and return it to the office. Permits are free of charge.

## **Pictures**

ALL students will have photos taken the first day of school. This photo will be used for their WLA student ID as well as, with the exception of Seniors, the yearbook. Pictures may be ordered at [vipis.com](http://vipis.com), simply enter Winnebago Lutheran Academy in the search bar. Paper forms are available in the WLA office.

## **PowerSchool Parent Access**

PowerSchool provides parents and students with real-time information.

- attendance
- grades
- detailed assignment descriptions
- Daily Bulletin
- Lunch Balance, including what your students eats each day
- and even personal messages from the teacher

Parents also have the ability to set up email notifications and have a summary of current grades and attendance e-mailed to them. New families will receive PowerSchool login and passwords at New Student Orientation.

## Schedule

The typical WLA school day begins with prayer at 8:00. Each class is 46 minutes long with four minutes passing time between classes. Chapel is the most important 16 minutes of our day and is between blocks 2 and 3. We follow a rotating 8-block daily schedule, meaning each student's schedule includes eight classes, but only seven meet in a regular day. Each day, one block is dropped and block 8 takes its place.

Wednesday-*drop block 8*      1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Thursday -*drop block 1*      8 2 3 4 5 6 7

Friday- *drop block 2*      1 8 3 4 5 6 7

Monday- *drop block 3*      1 2 8 4 5 6 7

Monday and Friday we add Homeroom to our schedule (between Chapel and Block 3), and the day ends at 2:48.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday there's no Homeroom; classes end at 2:37 with intramurals to follow. Every day from the time of the last bell until 3:05 is Flex, when teachers are in their classrooms and available to students. If a student falls behind in a class(es), he or she may be required to spend Flex with that instructor.

The school doors are locked following opening prayer at 8:00 and remain locked until the final bell. During the school day, please use door #5 on Merrill Avenue.

## SCRIP

What is SCRIP and how does it work? WLA purchases gift cards/certificates from local and national businesses at a discounted price. You in turn buy them from WLA at face value. (Anyone can purchase SCRIP, not just WLA families.) The difference is then split between WLA (40%) and you (60%). Your percentage can be applied to

- your family's tuition (current or future)
- any other WLA student's tuition (current or future)
- Association grade school tuition (current or future)
- college tuition (current or future)
- cash rebate directly to you
- give back to WLA

How do you get SCRIP?

- SCRIP on Hand – Buy directly from the large selection of cards in stock. Pay with cash or check.
- Order Ahead – Place your order on line at [shopwithSCRIP.com](http://shopwithSCRIP.com) and pick it up from WLA the following Wednesday. Pay online, or with cash or check when you pick it up. (Set up your on-line account using the WLA enrollment code provided by the SCRIP office.)
- SCRIP Now – Order and pay online at [shopwithSCRIP.com](http://shopwithSCRIP.com) and print the cards from your home printer.
- My SCRIP Wallet – Order pay, and download from [mySCRIPwallet.com](http://mySCRIPwallet.com) directly to your smartphone while you're in the store.

Order forms can be found on the WLA webpage under *For Our Families >> Current Costs and SCRIP*.

## Student ID

Each WLA student is required to carry a WLA Student ID. These are used as identification, for crediting and debiting lunch accounts, and for free admission to WLA home athletic events. The first ID is provided by WLA, replacement IDs are \$10.

## School Supplies

Students will need pens (red, blue/black), pencils, highlighters, pocket folders, loose-leaf paper, 3-ring binder, a spiral notebook for each subject, a Bible (memorization will be from the NIV, 2011), a *Christian Worship* hymnal, and earbuds or headphones. WLA will provide a Phy Ed shirt for Freshmen, but you'll need to bring athletic shorts, white socks, indoor athletic shoes and outdoor athletic shoes, and sweatshirt/sweatpants appropriate for outdoor class in cooler

temperatures. Shoes do not have to be new, but they must be clean. If you have questions about supplies feel free to email the instructor personally.

### **Tuition**

Tuition agreements were emailed to families in June. The email came from TADS, WLA's tuition payment provider. If you haven't done so already, complete your agreement and payment plan by the end of June. Families have the option to pay in full in August, pay in two installments (August & January), or pay over ten months (August - May). The TADS login set up for this agreement will be your family's spot for managing your tuition account for the 2019-2020 school year. Textbook rental and a school-owned Chromebook for each student is included in tuition. Contact Business Manager Eric Schraufnagel if you have questions about your tuition account. ([eschraufnagel@wlvikings.org](mailto:eschraufnagel@wlvikings.org))

### **Yearbooks**

Yearbooks can be pre-ordered at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) for the cost of \$35 before March 15, 2020. If you choose not to pre-order, you may purchase a book in May on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$40.

### **Daily Schedule**

#### Homeroom Schedule

Block 1	8:00-8:46
Block 2	8:50-9:36
Chapel	9:40-9:56
Break	9:56-10:04
Homeroom	10:04-10:15
Block 3	10:19-11:05
Block 4	11:09-11:55
Early Lunch	11:55-12:18
Block 5A	11:59-12:45
Block 5B	12:22-1:08
Late Lunch	12:45-1:08
Block 6	1:12-1:58
Block 7	2:02-2:48
Flex	2:48-3:05

#### Intramural Schedule

Block 1	8:00-8:46
Block 2	8:50-9:36
Chapel	9:40-9:56
Break	9:56-10:04
Block 3	10:08-10:54
Block 4	10:58-11:44
Early Lunch	11:44-12:07
Block 5A	11:48-12:34
Block 5B	12:11-12:57
Late Lunch	12:34-12:57
Block 6	1:01-1:47
Block 7	1:51-2:37
Flex/Intramurals	2:37-3:05