



Martin Luther High School

Spartan Spotlights



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Baseball's Back and Hopes to See You!

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The Martin Luther baseball season started in early March with workouts and training aimed to get players back into shape before tryouts, which were held March 24th to March 27th. Martin Luther's varsity team has a backbone of eight seasoned seniors. All have been in the ML baseball program for four years. These seniors include Luke Howard, Trevor Davidson, Calvin Leeland, Dylan Morzy, Liam Thiele, Connor Gilroy, Jake Blazei, and Jake Livesey. The seniors are aided by the uprising star juniors in the program. People like Bryce and Brad Kulinski, familiar names in the ML sports department, are making their presence known on this senior strong team. Other juniors like Nathaniel Crawley, Sam Hoffman, Ben Dreher, Aiden Butula, and Brian Schaber round out the rest of the varsity roster. The JV roster also packs a lot of new untapped talent that just arrived in the ML baseball program, making both teams top contenders in their fields of play. Both teams got their first games in on April 10th. From there, each team hopes to get anywhere from two to four games per week if the weather cooperates. If you are interested in checking out these two teams as they tear through their schedule, go onto the Martin Luther Athletics website, open the calendar at the top of the page and from there you can search for games on any day. ML baseball hopes to have a stellar year and hopes you will come out to support them.



Astronomy Club: Out of this World!

Written by Angel Cortes (St. Martini Lutheran Class of 2014 Martin Luther Class of 2018)

Martin Luther offers a variety of fun and exciting clubs to choose from, one of which is the Astronomy club! If you enjoy star-gazing and learning about the wonders of space, then this club will definitely be a favorite. Led by Mr. Hathaway, the main focus of the club is to simply have fun learning fascinating facts about space, all while enjoying an occasional movie with pizza and friends. Juniors Sarah Curtis and Tia Moriarty especially love being a part of this club. According to Tia, "Astronomy club is a super fun group that is a great addition to the ML family. It's full of laughs, jokes, and of course, cool stuff about the universe." Most recently, the club studied about the possibility of life on other planets and other cool phenomenon such as the birth of stars! Whether it's bonding with other classmates or exploring God's creation, ML's Astronomy club will always produce an unforgettable experience. Come be a part of this team of space explorers and "reach for the stars!"

Tracking the Times

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for the indoor state meet competed at UW-Whitewater. High schools from all over the state sent their best competitors. Senior Kelsey Koepke, who graduated from St. Paul's - West Allis, participated in girls' high jump, jumping 4'8". Freshman Jordan Koepke (Hales Corners Lutheran) competed in the 400m, taking 15th place, as well as the 800m, taking 18th place. Junior Darios Crawley-Reid (Heritage Christian) ran the 55m dash, placing 13th. He also long jumped with a

distance of 19'8". Senior Anastasia Hoeg (Hales Corners Lutheran) ran the 55m hurdles, finishing in 13th. These are all outstanding athletes who are all involved in other extracurriculars and sports besides track. For instance, Darios is a varsity football and varsity basketball player. Jordan and Kelsey both have run cross country and played basketball before as well. Anastasia has played both basketball and tennis in addition to her track season. She also is currently involved in ML's Dance and Service Committees. ML is full of talented students who aim high and come from so many different schools and places.



The spring sports season is finally here! Sports have begun practicing and getting ready for upcoming games. The track team, in particular, has had their first few meets already. On April 7th, the athletes who qualified

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Pep it Up for Prom

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The student body at Martin Luther is excited and ready to tear up the dance floor at this year's prom! The theme is "Passport to Prom", as students will feel as though they are traveling the globe on their way to the dance floor at the Polish Center. While the prom dance is mainly for juniors and seniors to attend, the prom festivities extend to all grades. About two weeks before the dance, all students have the opportunity to vote for who they feel should be on the prom court and who should be the school's prom king and queen. The week leading up to the dance is a dress-up week, where all grades participate in the dress-up days. This year's dress-up days include "Travel Day" on Monday which allows students to dress comfortably as "travelling can be tough". Tuesday's "Tacky Tourist Day" lets students express their inner tacky tourist with fanny packs, visors, socks and sandals, and any other cliché tourist garb. "Wild Wednesday" is a day where anyone can break out their favorite animal print clothing and safari gear. Thursday's dress-up day is "Generation Day", where freshmen dress up as senior citizens, sophomores dress like an elementary schooler, juniors dress as though they are middle-aged, and seniors dress up like babies! On Friday, everyone will dress up in green and gold to show off their Spartan pride. Another Friday event is the spring pep rally that will take place at the end of the day. Pep rallies include recognizing those involved in spring sports and activities



and participating in fun games to get the student body psyched for the exciting weekend ahead. On Saturday, the day of prom, everyone is invited to come watch prom coronation, which will take place in the gymnasium at 6:00 pm. Even those who are not attending the dance can still come and see their friends dressed up, take pictures, and send them off on their way to bust a move.

Learn a Foreign Language at Martin Luther

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At Martin Luther High School, we offer two foreign languages: Spanish and Chinese. There are four levels of each language as well as a Spanish culture class. Spanish 1 covers basic conversation skills and simple vocabulary and tenses Spanish 2 teaches more common tenses and phrases. In Spanish 3 and 4, Mr. Kollmorgen focuses on expanding students' Spanish vocabulary and perfecting their speaking and reading skills. Spanish is a useful class to take because it's the second most spoken language in the United States. Chinese also has four levels, but Chinese class is a little different because as the students learn the language, and they also learn about the Chinese culture. In Spanish classes, culture is focused on in the Communications & Culture class, but Chinese does it early in Chinese 1. In Chinese 1, 2, 3 & 4, the skills are similar but every time the student moves up a level, the vocabulary gets more in depth. Culture is very important for this class because the teacher teaches the students about the important festivals and days in Chinese culture. For example, for the Mid-Autumn Festival, the students make and eat mooncakes to celebrate, while on the Chinese New Year, the students make dumplings. The Chinese classes also take a field trip in Mid-May to Chinatown in Chicago. It's a full day to get a taste of China and a great opportunity to speak Chinese and show off what the students have learned all year. Incoming freshmen should take Chinese class because it's challenging but not too hard and because there are lots of opportunities to practice Chinese at Martin Luther. Most colleges prefer 2-3 years of foreign language experience so, start thinking which foreign language you may be interested in taking!

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