



**Assisting Parents
in Bringing up their Children
in the Training
and Instruction of the Lord.**



THE PARTNERSHIP POST

November 16, 2020

WELSSA School Accreditation

For the past two school years, SVLS has been working through the school accreditation process and going through our school ministry self-study. This week, November 16-17, an accreditation team will be visiting the school (masked and following proper safety protocols) to review our self-study results. As part of the site visit, the accreditation team will be interviewing a number of people, including teachers and pastors, but they also want to interview students and parents. So we just wanted to let you know that A) the accreditation team will be here this week, and B) if you are dropping off or picking up your child(ren) at the beginning or end of the day and someone you probably don't know comes up to your vehicle, it's a member of the accreditation team. So if that happens and you have a couple minutes to talk with them, your input to them would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

Basketball Season

The SVLS School Board approved proceeding with a basketball season according to the procedures established by the Fox Valley WELS Athletic League (FVWAL). Basketball practices will start in December, and games are tentatively planned to start in January. The FVWAL protocols and procedures for basketball are included along with this Partnership Post. There will be a pre-season meeting, conducted virtually, for every family with a child in basketball. This meeting is mandatory, and we will note the attendees at each meeting. Your child will not be allowed to play without you, the parents, having attended one of the meetings. We will be offering this meeting twice, but you only need to attend one. The meeting dates will be **Monday, November 23, at 6:00 p.m.** and also **Tuesday, November 24, at 6:00 p.m.** More information about these meetings will be communicated to you this week, and the meeting link will be shared with you prior to the meeting.

Virtual/At-Home Worship Opportunities

Each of our three federation congregations are holding in-person worship services on a weekly basis. If you aren't comfortable at this point attending in-person worship, that's completely fine! Each of our churches has a virtual, at-home worship option for you, so that you can still be spiritually nourished with God's Word even if you're not able to worship in-person.

Mt. Calvary - A recording of the Thursday service is published to [Mt. Calvary's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/mtcalvarymenasha) (<https://www.facebook.com/mtcalvarymenasha>) and also to [Pastor Johnston's YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvjjohnston) (revjjohnston).

Bethel - The 8:00 Sunday worship service is live streamed on [Bethel's YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvjjohnston) (Bethel Lutheran Church - Menasha, WI) and then kept on YouTube. Additionally, Bethel also has Worship At Home videos on [the homepage of their website](http://www.bethelmenasha.org) (www.bethelmenasha.org).

St. Luke - The 9:00 Sunday worship service is live streamed on [St. Luke's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/stlukeslittlechute) (<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeslittlechute>) and kept there. Additionally, recordings of worship services can be found at [St. Luke's Vimeo channel](https://vimeo.com/user19193641) (<https://vimeo.com/user19193641>).

SVLS General Board and School Board Updates

The SVLS School Board met for its monthly business meeting last week Tuesday, November 10. Some highlights from the meeting follow:
+ There was good discussion regarding the possibility of a basketball season and other upcoming sports. There is a possibility that any games will be live streamed. The School Board approved proceeding with a basketball season according to the procedures established by FVWAL. (More information about these procedures is included in this week's Partnership Post.)

+ A revision to the Attendance Policy was approved. This revision doesn't affect how we count attendance; rather, it provides more guidance regarding absences.

The SVLS General Board (voting assembly) also met for one of its semi-annual meetings last Saturday, November 14.

Some highlights from this meeting follow:

- + We recognized how, despite a pandemic, God has blessed SVLS and everyone who is doing their part to keep our kids in school!
- + Tuition rates for 2021-2022 were approved. These will be published in late November or early December along with one of the Partnership Posts.
- + There was discussion on preschool staffing for next school year and the possibility of calling additional staff.

SCRIP News

Plan ahead - there will be no scrip orders processed the week of Thanksgiving. Take time to create an online account at www.shopwithscrip.com. There are many cards that can be purchased and used instantly.

ThankSCRIPING Day is coming up Nov. 19th and 20th. Earn up to 20% with 120+ bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. These bonuses are only available on the ShopWithScrip website.

Morning Arrival

Thank you for bringing your children to school no earlier than 8:10 in the morning, when we let them into the building. Morning EDP is available for your convenience if you need to bring your child(ren) in earlier than that. Please contact Mr. Steinmetz if you have any questions regarding your child attending EDP.

Food Pantry Collection and Pajamas/Sweats Day

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to our amazingly successful Food Drive! Since we exceeded our goal of 500 items, collecting 706 total items, the children will get to have a Pajamas/Sweats Day! **Pajamas/Sweats Day will be on Tuesday, November 24.**

1st Semester Mission Offerings

We have chosen to support the WELS Prison Ministry with our school's first semester chapel mission offerings. WELS Prison Ministry is a special ministry of WELS which seeks to build relationships and share Jesus with individuals who are incarcerated and in prison. So far this semester, SVLS has collected \$590.00 for WELS Prison Ministry.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

SVLS is a participating school in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). Through WPCP, eligible students receive a voucher which covers their SVLS tuition in full. The voucher remains with the student through their time at SVLS and even into high school. Eligibility is based on Wisconsin residency and family income. Under this program -- funded by the State of Wisconsin -- parents have a voice in how their tax dollars are spent on the education of their children. While the application window does not open until February, next school year we will again be able to open WPCP applications to **any** existing SVLS family, regardless of grade level. With many changing financial variables your family may have faced this year, it may be worth looking into whether your family would qualify for WPCP for next school year and beyond. The chart below gives the income limits from last year.

Family Size	Single Income	Married Income
2	\$37,202	-----
3	\$46,926	\$53,926
4	\$56,650	\$63,650
5	\$66,374	\$73,374
6	\$76,098	\$83,098
7	\$85,822	\$92,822

For each additional child, add \$9,724

Next year's income limits will likely be slightly higher than these amounts. If your family will be below, or may be close to, these income limits for 2021, feel free to contact Mr. Steinmetz, who will be happy to discuss options with you. For more information, visit www.svls.us/school-choice or contact Mr. Steinmetz.

**Hot lunch will be served this Friday,
November 20**
scrambled eggs with ham and cheese/
crescent roll/applesauce/broccoli
\$3/child

<p>Worship at Bethel 920-725-1822-English 920-840-5490-Espanol Thursday Worship English 6:30pm Sunday Worship-English 8:00, 10:30am Los Domingos Misa-Espanol 12:00pm</p>	<p>Worship at St. Luke 920-788-4408 Wednesday at 6:30pm Sunday at 9:00am</p>	<p>Worship at Mt. Calvary 920-731-4001 Thursday at 6:30pm Sunday at 8:00 & 9:00am in Menasha and 6:30pm in Stockbridge</p>
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FVWAL Back to Sports (COVID Plans and Protocols)

The Fox Valley WELS Athletic League with guidance from the WIAA and the FVL Schools principals has developed plans, procedures, and protocols for a safe and careful return to sports in our schools. The leaders of our league and the principals of our FVL Schools want to keep our schools as healthy as possible, while still giving our students the opportunity to play sports. This season will be like no other season. The main emphasis of the season is to give our students the ability to practice and play basketball with their classmates and compete in a few games. In order for our schools to continue to educate our students in-person and maintain a healthy and safe environment for competition, these procedures are created to care for all the individuals involved in these sports programs. Our league schools will share this information with their faculties, coaches, players, and parents so that everyone understands the plan.

Game Rules

- 4 6-minute quarters
- No Jump to start game - ball awarded to the visiting team. In the event of overtime, a coin flip is used to determine starting possession.
- Instead of handshakes at the end of a game, [Suggestion: Separate huddle break recognizing other team]
- Each player will bring their own, filled water bottle. Water will not be available at any of the gyms. Schools are encouraged to supply bottled water for players if needed.
- Game balls should be cleaned and ready for the start of each game. The game ball will be switched at time-outs, half-time, and the end of game.
- All away teams will need to bring practice balls for their teams warm-ups. The home team will not provide basketballs for the opposing team's warm-ups.
- Cheerleaders at Home contests only. Cheer leaders will be allowed to do floor cheers and stunting. Cheerleaders will be required to wear masks at all times.
- Masks
 - Masks will be worn by everyone entering the building and will also be worn by all participants on and off the court. This is in line with the mask mandate enacted by Governor Evers. [WI Mask Mandate](#)

Quarantining

- If a player on a team tests positive (or shows symptoms), it is up to the school with the student who tested positive to alert the other school that they just currently played. When contacting that school, the AD will let the other AD know the playing time situation (quarters played, amount of time played - if possible) of the student who tested positive. This will then determine if the positive case student would be considered a low-impact close contact or a high-impact close contact. Low-impact close contacts are players who have not been on the court



for an excessive amount of time during the game. This means they would not have been within 6 feet of any players for more than 15 minutes of the game. High-impact cases are your starters and 2nd string that have played a considerable amount of time.

- With either a high or low-impact case, this information will assist the school that was played with deciding on how to proceed with quarantining, if necessary. Everything will follow the guidance of the local health department.
- Being proactive in not bringing illness into our schools is essential. Parents, athletes, coaches, and fans are strongly encouraged to stay home if anyone is not feeling well. Every family can help the success of this plan by honestly screening themselves before they leave their homes to come to a game.

Concessions

- No food or beverages will be sold at any games.
- Fans are not allowed to bring any food or beverage items into the gym.

Locker rooms

- Players will come to the gym ready to play. There will not be a place for players to change. Each school will determine if they have a room for teams to meet before each game.

Fans

- Two fans allowed, per player (If you play in one of the games that evening you are not considered a fan)(Someone at door will check off fans next to number on roster sheet or track the fans in some way)
 - Options for checking off fans:
 - 1 -Have a roster sheet available, ask what number or player the fans are here for and place checkmarks next to that player.
 - 2 -Have stickers made for each player and place the stickers on the fans for that player.
 - [Whatever works best for your school]
- Fans must stay in their seat in the bleachers unless they need to use the bathroom. Any children need to stay with their parents. They will not be allowed to freely roam in any league gym.
- Clear the gym after each game. Bleachers will be sanitized after each game
- If possible, have exiting parents leave through different door
- Fans will be masked, no exceptions. You will be asked to leave or put a mask on. All coaches, scorekeeping personnel, and players on the court and on the bench will also be wearing masks, no exceptions. Schools will have masks that they can provide.



- All fans, players, and official personnel must understand that you are entering our gyms at your own risk. Our league and schools are doing the best we can to mitigate the risks of infection, but we cannot make any guarantees.

Scheduling

- *B-team games on Thursdays (4:30 pm / 6 pm)
- *A-team games on Fridays (4:30 pm / 6 pm)
 - Schedule
 - January 14 (B-teams) January 15 (A-teams)
 - January 21 (B-teams) January 22 (A-teams)
 - January 28 (B-teams) January 29 (A-teams)
 - February 4 (B-teams) February 5 (A-teams)
 - February 11/12 Off week Planned break for schools
 - February 18 (B-teams) February 19 (A-teams)
 - February 26 A-teams only TBD
- There will not be a cheer competition this year.
- There will not be any C-team games this year.
- Games will not be rescheduled if they are canceled due to COVID
- There will not be any co-ops allowed this year.

***This plan for a safe and healthy return to sports was approved by all the Fox Valley WELS athletic directors and the FVL Schools principals.**