

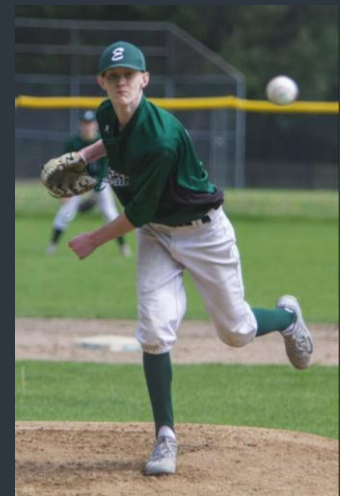


## Spring Sports Update

Our men's track team had an extremely successful season. They traveled to the state competition in Spokane where they finished 6th at the State Meet! Ryan Circelli (*Bethany-Port Orchard*) is the 1B State Champion and Jonah Bond (*Holy Trinity-Des Moines*) finished 3rd in the 110 hurdles and 4th in the 300 hurdles. Ryan also ran the 4x400 with Caleb Eliason (*Holy Trinity-Des Moines*) and Sam Rodmyre (*Holy Trinity-Des Moines*) and Ian Wendland (*Parkland-Tacoma*) for a 4th place finish. Sam Rodmyre also finished 7th in the 400.

Our baseball team also was very successful after a shortened season due to the weather. The team took 1st place in our league, 1st place in the district tournament and advanced to the State 1B regional round. It was a very exciting run for the boys.

Our softball team had a very fun and enjoyable season. The team's finishing record on the season was 1-9.



## Giving Thanks for God's Faithful Servants Both Present and Future

The end of the school year also means that we say goodbye to several faithful faculty and staff who God has blessed us with. We have 5 wonderful individuals moving onto different ministries and callings once our year closes on June 30. **Mrs. Beth Ide** will be leaving us after many years of service in many different roles around our ministry. Mrs. Ide was used by God in the classroom teaching as well as in support roles around the front office and development office. We wish her God's blessings as she leaves our ministry. **Mr. Stan Bauer** will also be officially leaving us this year after being the face of Evergreen to our entire Pacific Northwest District as our development director. We are so grateful for Mr. Bauer's love for the ministry and his many hours of travel and service to God. Mr. Bauer will be officially retiring and spending time with his family across the nation. **Pastor Jim Humann** and **Mrs. Beth Humann** will also be leaving after 11 years and 13 years of respective service to God here at Evergreen. Pastor Humann has been faithfully serving in his retirement years

teaching religion courses. Mrs. Humann served in many aspects as a teacher, International Studies Coordinator, Registrar and Guidance. Both well-loved teachers and mentors will be moving on to retirement and other opportunities to serve their Lord. Finally, **Mr. Nick Trebesch** earlier in the year accepted a call to Luther Preparatory in Watertown, WI to serve as Professor of Mathematics and coach girls basketball. Mr. T as he is affectionately known by the students of Evergreen has served at ELHS as the Mathematics department head and teacher of Algebra 2, Geometry and Calculus. He also served at the head basketball coach. God has blessed this ministry with these five faithful workers and we wish them God's blessings as they move into other roles and responsibilities in God's kingdom. May He guide the works of their hands as they begin move forward in their lives of service to God and to others.

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Just as God has blessed us in the past with faithful workers here at Evergreen, God has also reloaded his ministry for another year. Starting in July, God has blessed the ministry of Evergreen Lutheran High School with 3 new people. **Mrs. Lacey Sorn** will be joining us to serve as our mathematics teacher, assistant volleyball coach, and our International Studies Coordinator. Mrs. Sorn is a graduate of Martin Luther College and is married to Principal Brent Sorn of Parkland Lutheran School here in Tacoma. In the past few years, Mrs. Sorn has been teaching for Cascade Christian Schools. Mrs. Sorn brings a ton of excitement and expertise to our math department. Principal and Mrs. Sorn have two children and are members at Parkland Lutheran Church. **Mr. Ryan Schmeling** will be joining us as our new Director of Mission Advancement. Most recently, Mr. Schmeling has been serving as principal at Grace Lutheran Church

In Portland, OR. In his tenure at Grace, Mr. Schmeling served both as classroom teacher and as principal most recently. Mr. Schmeling is married to his wife, Kimberly, who serves as a flight attendant for SkyWest Airlines. Different from the past, our Director of Mission Advancement will also be in the classroom. Mr. Schmeling will teach one section of Financial Literacy. The Director of Mission Advancement is an old position here at Evergreen with a renewed focus. The former development director position has been reshaped to focus

specifically on the sharing of our mission and ministry with our entire Pacific Northwest. While Mr. Schmeling will be focusing also on development in his position, his primary focus is connecting the ministry of ELHS with each congregation and individual. To round out our teaching staff, the Lord blessed ELHS through the assignment committee of Martin Luther College with **Mr. Phillip Bunkowske**. Mr. Bunkowske is a 2017 graduate of MLC. Mr. Bunkowske is married to his wife Karly. They are just completing

their first year of marriage. They met while attending Presentation College in Aberdeen, SD. Mr. Bunkowske transferred to Martin Luther College midway through his Sophomore year at Presentation. Mr. Bunkowske will be teaching social studies, PE and religion this upcoming year and will be the head varsity girls basketball coach. He will also serve as our recruitment director. We are so thankful to God, not only for the service of the staff leaving, but His blessing of new staff to continue the ministry here at ELHS.

## EYE ON IT WELSSA Accreditation

The WELSSA accreditation process is in high gear at Evergreen. On Saturday, May 13, the accreditation steering committee and subcommittees met for their first face-to-face meeting. This meeting was designed to prepare the subcommittees for their work and to encourage them in that work. Each subcommittee is tasked to prove whether the ministry at Evergreen Lutheran High School fully meets, partially meets or does not meet the different accreditation standards. The subcommittees will find evidence through documents, interviews, pictures, or surveys. If you do receive a survey from a committee member, please faithfully fill out. The subcommittee work will conclude by July 15, allowing the steering committee to piece together their final report.

WELSSA accreditation process is recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation. The process is designed to evaluate ministries based on Scripture and sound educational principles. The process also provides ministries with a basis for developing a plan for improving the school by identifying strengths and areas in need of improvement.

The steering committee for the WELSSA accreditation at Evergreen consists of Mr. Mark Finstrom (member at Holy Trinity, Des Moines), Mr. Brian Humann (teacher and member at Faith, Tacoma) and Pastor Tony Pittenger (pastor and member at Bethany, Port Orchard).



## Eagle Summer Camps

Summer is upon us and that means that the Eagle Summer Camps are beginning. We offer a variety of different camps filled with excellent instruction. Our camp directors are teachers who are experienced working with children of all ages. The best part is that the camps, while teaching fundamentals and having fun, remain focused on the love of Christ. There is bound to be a camp that appeals to your children's interest. Please join us for the 2017 Eagle Summer Camps

### Camp Opportunities:

- June 21-22: Baseball (grades 5-9) \$40
- July 17-20: Basketball (grades 3-9) \$60 by June 19; \$75 after June 19
- July 24-27: Volleyball (grades 5-9) \$50 by June 26; \$60 after June 26
- July 24-27: Spanish (grades 6-9) \$30
- July 31-August 3: STEM (grades 6-9) \$150



# Evergreen Update

SUMMER 2017

## Upcoming Events:

- Opening Service and Orientation - Sunday, August 20
- Classes begin - Wednesday, August 23
- No school (Labor Day) - Monday, September 4

## Opening service and Orientation Scheduled

Save the date - our 2017-18 Opening Service and All-school Orientation will take place on **Sunday August 20** at ELHS. We are combining our Opening Service and Orientation nights this year as a convenience for our families. This event is for **ALL** our families, not just families new to Evergreen Lutheran.

The Opening Service is a wonderful way to start the school year with spiritual focus and encouragement! We will also be installing our three new faculty members. The service will be held in the gym at 4 pm. All Evergreen families and friends of the school are invited to join us for this service and fellowship time following. We ask attendees to bring a light appetizer to share; beverages will be provided. Please call the office at 253-946-4488 if you have any questions.



## Association Meetings Scheduled

In an effort to boost attendance at our important Association meetings, we have already set the date for the fall Association meeting. Please place them on your calendars and within your publications. The Board of Directors at Evergreen is hoping that we can get as many of you connected to your Evergreen Lutheran High School as we can.

The fall Association meeting is scheduled for September 24 at 3 pm.

## WELS Band Fest 2018 at Evergreen

The WELS Band Fest will be hosted at Evergreen from March 16-18. We will be asking for host families and also inviting your congregation to the concerts. Please mark this important date on your calendars.



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## A Year of God- Given Academic Achievements

The 2016/2017 school year was filled with many academic achievements at Evergreen Lutheran High School. We were blessed to serve 95 different students through the school year from many different parts of the PNW district, from ELS and WELS congregations, and from abroad.

God blessed the efforts of our students both inside and outside of the classroom. Here are some of the amazing achievements:

Our school finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the WIAA Scholastic Cup competition this year. This was our 13<sup>th</sup> top three finish in the past 16 years. The Scholastic Cup is a state-wide competition that presents points for both academic and athletic achievements. Our choir, band and boys soccer team were awarded the State Scholastic Championship for their respective activities.

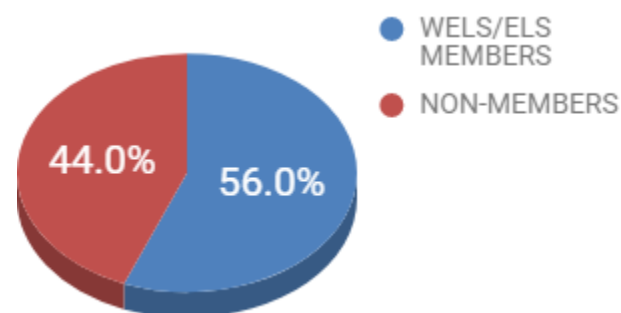
ELHS seniors Grace Finstrom and Melanie Rittierodt were published this past year in the Forward in Christ magazine for articles they wrote in Mr. Trebesch's religion class junior year. Melanie was published in October 2016

Our 9th and 10th grade math students participated in the Meet Math contest provided by Martin Luther College. Meet Math is a service club at MLC that provides mathematics contests for students in grades 5-12 who are enrolled in WELS or ELS schools. Our team finished first. This was our third first place in the last four years. Individual high scoring students for ELHS are: Jacob Lueskow, Sam Bessler, Ben Schwartz, Hayley Kang, Audrey Amiling, and Sarah Circelli.

Three senior students were recognized for their outstanding academic success throughout their high school careers. Based on the highest grade point average over the four years of high school, two students finish with perfect 4.0 GPA's which puts them in a tie for our 2017 Valedictorian award. These remarkable students are Caleb Eliason and Grace Finstrom. Our Salutatorian Ryan Lorette is close behind with his 3.988 GPA. To God be the Glory for these wonderful achievements and awards.

## Student Body Statistics 2016-2017 School Year

TOTAL ENROLLMENT	
	ACTUAL
Freshman	25
Sophomore	19
Junior	21
Senior	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91</b>



Student Church Membership

