

# 2015-2016 Parent/Student Activities Handbook



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## 2015-2016 KML CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

***"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." Cor. 10:31***

Dear KML Parents and Students,

Participating in the activities offered to you during your high school education is important. Participation is important for you and your school. The rewards of participation for your school are found in improved school spirit, a favorable image in the community, and the development of a well-rounded educational program.

The benefits of becoming involved in activities can be rewarding to you. Students who participate in activities tend to have better grades, better attendance records, and fewer discipline problems. Activities also provide valuable lessons on many practical situations in which Christian values can be practiced - using God-given talents, teamwork, sportsmanship, winning and losing, and hard work. Responsibility is taught through dedication, determination and discipline. Participation in high school activities is often a predictor of later success in life. A study of college freshmen done by the College Board found that participation in activities was a good indicator to predict the success of the student in college. Students should be advised - as early as possible in eighth, ninth or tenth grades - to pick and stick with an activity, to develop a skill.

The case for participating in high school activities is well-documented. It is an excellent way for you to enrich your high school experiences. If you are not involved in an activity, please consider doing so.

Additional information pertinent to our co-curricular offerings can be found in our student handbook. Generally, all rules set forth in the Student Handbook apply. The section titled Co-curricular Activities is of special note. It is important to note that participation is a privilege and that participants are considered to be in leadership roles.

Involvement in all of our activities carries with it an expectation of commitment. Each advisor/coach will identify that expected commitment. Parents and students should understand the requirements before committing themselves to participating. Involvement in too many things can be a problem. Jobs cannot interfere. Students are expected to be in attendance at all activities. Common courtesy would dictate that absences be excused in advance to the advisor and he/she will determine the validity of the excuse.

At KML we offer a variety of cocurricular activities. In addition to a well-rounded athletic program the following activities offer students an opportunity to use their God-given abilities.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENT PARTICIPANTS**

The right of participating in cocurricular activities is extended to all KML students who meet school and activity requirements and are willing to assume the following responsibilities:

1. Witness your love for your Savior by representing Him, your parents, your school, your team and yourself well.
2. Display Christian behavior at all times.
3. Display respect for rules, advisors, and all who are in authority.
4. Display a spirit of cooperation and teamwork.
5. Be faithful to the activity in which you participate.

An important component of participation is **commitment**. Advisors will clearly indicate a level of commitment that their particular cocurricular activity requires. Students need to take responsibility for meeting these expectations.

Desire to have a job and to be involved in other activities should be weighed carefully before committing oneself to an activity. Work schedules need to be adjusted to avoid conflict with practices, rehearsals, and scheduled events.

Any student who quits an activity may not be allowed to participate in future cocurricular activities.

### **STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR**

The standards of behavior listed are intended to be upheld throughout the calendar year (includes summer vacation and out of season times). They aid in the proper administration of the cocurricular program at KML within the framework of mutual Christian love and respect for the well-being of all concerned.

1. The participants understand that drinking alcoholic beverages, using tobacco products, or using narcotics, hallucinatory drugs, or other substances that are illegal for minors hinder maximum effort and performance. Any violation of the above, no matter how seemingly insignificant means suspension from the co-curricular activity pending review by an administrator and the advisor or coach. A professional assessment may be required at the student's expense. The privilege to participate may be restricted for a period of time or forfeited. Currently a first offense incurs a 20% loss of participation time. Penalties for out of season violations will be applied to the student's next activity or season. Training rules are in effect year round.
2. The participants understand that rest and sleep are essential to proper training and performance, and they must get enough of both to function effectively.
3. The participants understand that as a representative of their family, school, and community they should conduct themselves properly at all times. Due to the high visibility of those involved in cocurricular activities, advisors may have additional dress and grooming requirements beyond those identified in the Student Handbook.
4. All participants involved in overnight trips must have a signed parental permission form on file in the office. This form will include information regarding illness, misconduct, curfew violations, etc., particular to the trip.

5. The participants understand that they must obey specific training, practice, and organization rules established by the advisor of each activity. Noncompliance with these specific rules will subject the participant to dismissal from the activity or to other disciplinary action as may be determined by the advisor. Should dismissal become necessary, the individual's parents will be notified.
6. The participants understand that the administrators and advisors have the best interests of the participants in mind as they plan and conduct the program.
7. Social Media: Student-athletes are reminded to make use of the many forms of social media in a God-pleasing manner. Posting confidential information, derogatory, discriminatory, negative or sexist messages or photos on social networks, (ie Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.) is harmful to your neighbor's reputation and not reflective of the sanctified lifestyle of God's children. Student-athlete misconduct through these media outlets will be dealt with on an individual basis and may include suspension of practice/games/meets/matches etc.

NOTE: These guidelines apply to all students who represent the school in any co-curricular activity.

## **CLUBS**

### **BOOK CLUB**

Advisor - Erin Laabs

Any KML students who are interested in reading quality literature and having the opportunity to discuss it are welcome to participate. Meetings take place about once or twice a month at Kettle. During the meeting, the book selected for that month is discussed, after which the book for the next month is selected. Book selections are based on the students' interests and range from classic novels to modern novellas to popular series.

### **CHESS CLUB**

Advisor - Angie Molkentn

Chess is the most widely played strategy game in the world and improves problem-solving skills. The KML Chess Club will meet weekly from October to March, and students can join at any time to learn how to play and improve their skills. All skill levels are welcome. Those interested in playing chess competitively will have opportunities to learn and train, and a competition schedule will be distributed to those who agree to compete for KML. There is no fee to join the KML Chess Club, however, competitive events will have player entry fees. Watch for meeting announcements.

### **CLUB OLÈ'**

Advisors - Micah Nelson and Barb Olsen

Club Olè is a club designed for students presently enrolled in Spanish classes at KML. The primary purpose of Club Olè is to provide an extracurricular opportunity to further develop and enhance language and cultural acquisition. Officers will meet once a month for an organizational meeting. The entire club will meet after school at least once a month on a mutually agreeable day. In addition, Club Olè will try to schedule out of school activities when possible and available in the area. All students are expected to contribute to the club in the area of time and talents. A onetime fee of \$5.00 will be collected at the first meeting in September. Other fees involving transportation or entry fees to various activities will be collected for each individual event as the year progresses.

### **ECOLOGY CLUB**

Advisor - Mr. David Kren

EcoClub is open to any student (9-12) that wants an environmental experience. Meetings will typically take place after school, and occasional outings occur on weekends, after school, or on days off of school. Currently the Ecology Club is restructuring. Contact Mr. Kren for details.

### **FINE ARTS CLUB**

Advisors – Jonathan Pasbrig and Sarah Mayer

The KML Fine Arts Club provides opportunities for students to experience the arts at the professional level. Membership is open to all KML students. A schedule of activities is published in the fall and students sign up for the events that interest them. Past Fine Arts Club events have included the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Broadway in Milwaukee, Milwaukee Gallery Night, and more. All fees are paid by individual students and are charged to the student's KMLHS account once parental permission has been received.

### **GERMAN CLUB**

Advisor - Wes Schmandt

The German Club is an opportunity for interested students who are enrolled in German classes at KML to expand their knowledge of German language and culture through various activities--including German movies, hosting and attending German meals, special outings, guest presenters etc. The aim of German Club is primarily to experience German as a fun and living language.

### **LATIN CLUB**

Advisor - Pastor Ron Mehlberg

The Latin Club provides Latin students at KML an opportunity to grow in their understanding and appreciation of the history, art, culture, society, government, and army of Rome and the lands it ruled. Current students in any of the Latin classes are welcome to participate. Meetings will be held monthly after school September through February.

## **MATH TEAM**

Advisor - Tim Kuehl

The KML Math Team exists to allow students to use their God-given aptitude for math to test their skills while representing KML at various mathematics competitions. All students, freshmen through seniors, are invited to join the team regardless of your math skill or level. The season typically runs from September through April, with our league meets being held in the evening the second Monday of each month. We also participate in many other local, synod, state, national, and international meets. Math instructors may specifically invite their top students to participate in special meets as well.

## **SOUND & LIGHT CREW**

Advisor - Joshua Schoeneck

The Sound & Light Crew is a service organization that gives students an opportunity to assist behind the scenes with music, drama, and fine arts productions, school dances and other events that require the use of sound and lighting systems. Students with any level of experience have a chance to learn more about audio/video technologies in a hands-on way. Contact the advisor if you are interested in assisting.

## **COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES**

### **CHILDREN'S THEATER**

Advisor - Erin Laabs

Children's Theater has two primary functions. The first is to provide high school students with an opportunity to be part of a live theater production by making use of both acting ability and stage skills such as scenery design, makeup, and costuming. The second purpose is to be part of the recruitment process for the federation's youngest members. Each Children's Theater production is performed for elementary students in the area as a way to introduce them to our Lutheran High School. The Sound and Light Crew assists with the technical services. Any KML student who is committed enough to follow the instructions of the director; who can attend rehearsals, work sessions, and performances; and who shows an aptitude for theater is welcome to join. A production schedule is distributed in advance so students can plan for this commitment.

### **EQUESTRIAN**

Advisors - Sheila Krause, Kayli Pesch, Rebecca Meyer

The Equestrian staff is responsible for producing the KML yearbook. The staff will meet periodically throughout the first semester and once or twice a week during the second semester to assemble the yearbook. Student help may also be needed during the summer, especially in early June. Students need to be willing to learn and work hard throughout the year. There are high standards in print journalism, so student work will be evaluated, edited, and constructively criticized. Yearbook provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn and to showcase their abilities as they have fun working alongside their peers.

### **FORENSICS**

Advisor - Barb Olsen

The Forensics Team belongs to two state organizations which organize and support forensic competition. The Wisconsin High School Forensic Association (WHSFA) supports subdistrict and district competition that determines individual qualifiers for the state meet in Madison each April. We also hold membership with Wisconsin Forensics Coaches Association (WFCA) and attend meets hosted by them. The KML team competes for the Flyway Conference team championship. Forensics offers students the opportunity to develop and improve their speech making, acting, and oral interpretation skills.

### **MUSICAL**

Advisor - Erin Laabs

The Musical brings together the musical, acting, and production talents of students, teachers, and volunteer staff. It also provides another opportunity for area elementary students to attend a production on KML's campus. KML students may participate as singers, actors, chorus members, orchestra, stage crew, artists, costumers, and makeup artists. The Sound and Light Crew assists with the technical services. As with any full-scale production, the musical requires a serious commitment on the part of its members. A production schedule is distributed in advance so students can plan for this commitment.

### **WINTER DRAMA**

Advisor - Erin Laabs

The Winter Drama occurs around the end of February of every school year. This production provides a unique opportunity to participate in a more intensive drama experience in a different genre. The genre is different each year, including serious drama, comedy, farse, etc. Any KML student who is committed enough to follow the instructions of the director; who can attend rehearsals, work sessions, and performances; and who shows an aptitude for theater is welcome to join. A production schedule is distributed in advance so students can plan for the commitment involved. The Sound and Light Crew assists with the technical services.

## MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

### ECHOES

Advisor - Jonathan Pasbrig

The KML Echoes is a co-ed show choir comprised of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. This group represents the school each year at various functions in the Federation and community. Each November, Echoes participates in the WELS Choral Festival. In the spring they participate in the WSMA Music Festivals. Other performances include churches, nursing homes, community functions, and school concerts. Each singer in Echoes must be an active member of one of the curricular choirs at KML. A vocal and basic choreography audition is held in the spring. Rehearsals are held on twice a week. Students may participate in other athletic or extracurricular activities, and efforts are made to remain flexible with scheduling.

### JAZZ ENSEMBLE and JAZZ COMBO

Advisor - Wes Schmandt

Our jazz ensemble performs for concerts, festivals, and various functions throughout the KML Federation. Students will explore a variety of jazz styles and performance techniques. Membership is by audition and participants must be a member of either Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble. Exceptions are piano, bass, and guitar players. Rehearsals take place outside of the regular school day.

### KML SUNDAYS

Advisor - Jonathan Pasbrig

Members of the Concert Choir travel to Federation congregations throughout the year and lead worship services. The Concert Choir is comprised of sophomores, juniors, and seniors with auditions held in the spring.

### PEP BAND

Advisor - Nate Amundson

All members of Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble are invited to participate in the KML Varsity Band. This pep band plays a variety of rock and pop music and lends color and atmosphere to selected KML athletic events. Rehearsals take place during the regular band period.

### PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Advisor - Wes Schmandt

KML's Percussion Ensemble meets once a week (Wednesdays from 3:00-4:30). The ensemble performs for musical events at KML and is often asked to provide entertainment at various events in the area. The KML Percussion Ensemble participates in the Wisconsin School Music Association festival. Through outside clinics and class, the students are able to explore different areas of percussion and expand their appreciation for the music found in percussion. Members of the ensemble must be enrolled in the KMLHS band program, and must display a high level of commitment and ability in percussion technique. Intermediate/advanced piano students who currently take piano lessons but do not play another instrument are also welcome to participate (with director's approval).

### WSMA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

Advisors - Jonathan Pasbrig and Sarah Mayer

Students have the opportunity to perform at our district Wisconsin School Music Association Solo and Ensemble Festival in February. Students must be a member of either a choral or band ensemble except for pianists. Students are critiqued and awarded with an appropriate rating. Students receiving a top rating in Class A will advance to state competition in May.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

### CLASS OFFICERS

Advisors - freshman - Wes Schmandt and Matt Moeller; sophomores - Dar Schramm and Barb Olsen;  
juniors - Kayli Pesch and Micah Nelson; seniors - Pastor Ron Mehlberg

Class Officers are voted on by their peers during religion classes. A Class President and a Class Secretary are selected from each class. Each class has different duties that they are responsible for (ie. Junior/Senior Banquet, Graduation Committee, Homecoming class decorations, etc.).

### CROSS TRAINERS

Advisors - Mark Heckendorf and Pastor Phil Malchow

***1 Corinthians 1:18, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."*** Cross Trainers is an organization that encourages KML students to use their time and talents in service to others. These activities include mentoring new students to KML as they transition into high school, assisting WELS congregations as they reach out to people in their communities and helping local service groups. A training session(s) will be provided before the beginning of each school year. Occasional meetings will be required and publicized throughout the school year.

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Advisor - Barb Olsen

In order to qualify for consideration for the National Honor Society, a student must earn a cumulative GPA of at least 3.3 through four semesters of high school work. Selection to the National Honor Society is then based on contributions that the student has made in the areas of character, service, leadership, and scholarship. The National Honor Society meets regularly during the school year. Its activities revolve around service. The group regularly conducts two blood drives every school year. NHS students volunteer their time at KML's annual Family Music Fest. Other service activities often arise during the school year. It is expected that each member will be involved in at least five service projects during the year.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Advisor - Pastor Randall Hughes

Student Council is an organization of students, voted into their positions by their fellow classmates and assessed through personal interviews. Once a student becomes a student council representative or an officer, each person has various responsibilities. Each representative becomes a member of one of the 3 homecoming committees (decoration, activities and royalty). Each member is assigned to our standing committees (Dance, Elections, Missions & Charity, Teacher Appreciation, Star Search, Twelve Days of Christmas and Student Issues). Two student council representatives will be elected internally to the offices of class president and vice president. The purpose of the student council is to represent each class in a positive Christian manner concerning issues that are relative to the student body. The two main focal points for student council are student government and planning for organized Christian activities. Student Council seeks to educate the members in parliamentary procedure, in actively running meetings and in planning and carrying out plans and responsibilities. In this way we hope to facilitate in helping young men and women become better Christian leaders for church and community. The Student Council will have a weekend planning retreat in the spring.

## **TASTE OF MINISTRY - PASTOR PROGRAM**

Advisor - Pastor Ron Mehlberg

The Taste of Ministry- Pastor program seeks to give young men of the Junior and Senior classes the opportunity to spend a day with pastors of our federation in order to gain a better perspective on what the life and work of a pastor is like. The host pastors who volunteer for the program and the students share thoughts and ideas on ministry as they enjoy a variety of activities together. The day spent with a pastor, and usually occurs in late January or early February. The date is on the calendar and every effort is made to avoid any conflict with co-curricular activities.

## **TASTE OF MINISTRY - TEACHER PROGRAM**

Advisor - Pastor Ron Mehlberg

The Taste of Ministry - Teacher program seeks to give seniors the opportunity to spend two days with teachers of our federation in order to gain a better perspective on what the life and work of a Lutheran Elementary School teacher is like. The host teachers who volunteer for the program and the students work together in the classroom setting to give the students a real taste of what teaching is like. The two days spent with a teacher are consecutive and usually occur in mid-October. The dates are on the calendar and every effort is made to avoid any conflict with co-curricular activities.

## **TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **GERMAN TRIP**

Advisor - Wes Schmandt

This trip takes place in late July with the next opportunity tentatively set for 2016. Students have the opportunity to travel abroad to German speaking Europe during the 14 day tour. Participants will experience first-hand a different culture in language, food, and life style. Cities and sights visited emphasize the history of Germany and its neighboring countries. The students will participate in a short home stay with members of the ELFK (Evangelical Lutheran Free Church--in fellowship with the WELS). The trip may be taken for 1/2 credit in Social Studies with approval from the social studies department. There is an enrollment fee.

### **RECRUITMENT TRIP TO MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE**

Advisor - Pastor Ron Mehlberg

This trip by motor coach to our WELS ministerial training college in New Ulm, Minnesota, affords the participants the opportunity to visit the campus and classes, stay in the dormitories, hear presentations on finances and ministry, and just talk to those who are already students there. Participants are included in any special events that are taking place on the campus at the time. We usually make the trip the first or second week in November when there is something special to attend. Students usually miss almost 2 days of school - leaving on Thursday and returning early Saturday afternoon. We recommend this trip highly for those who are considering full-time ministry in the church.

### **WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP**

Advisor - Gerald Zeamer

The social studies department hosts a trip to the Washington D.C. area for Juniors and Seniors over Spring break during the even numbered years. Students have the opportunity to study the history of the United States and tour many well-known sights such as Monticello, Mount Vernon, Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Arlington National Cemetery, Gettysburg, the Smithsonian museums, National Capitol, and many of the national monuments in D.C. More information will be available at the Parent Orientation in late August. Students are responsible for all of the expenses for the trip.