

# GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH LIGHTNING

*“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15:5-6*

**February 2026**

## **Grand Island Lutheran High School**

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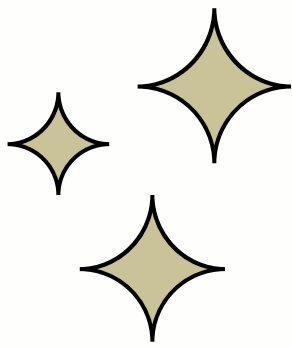


Although our students and staff are still holding out hope for at least one snow day this year, we have reached the end of our winter seasons. All of our winter activities had very successful seasons and have a great deal to be proud of. It was amazing to see the support of our Lutheran High community during our competitions. Reading about our students' love for Jesus in our local media outlets brings great joy, as it is clear that God is working through our ministry here at Grand Island Lutheran High and that our students are glorifying Him with the gifts and talents He has provided.

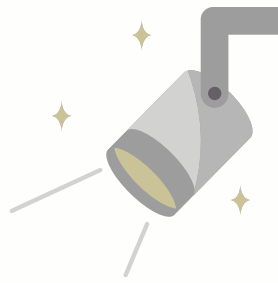
From the new district ACT testing for our juniors to the school musical, the start of spring activities, and everything in between, we are full speed ahead as we approach Spring Break. There is much to celebrate and even more to look forward to.

As always, thank you for supporting Grand Island Lutheran High. We are grateful for your partnership and can't wait to see you at our Red and Blue Gala in late March.

*-Jeremiah Slough*



# Lightning SPOTLIGHT



## Meet Our TEACHERS



Mr. Jonathan Danek has been teaching since 2004. He has taught at Zion Lutheran in Denison, IA; Christ Lutheran in Juniata; Trinity Lutheran Grand Island; and Grand Island Lutheran. He currently teaches in our middle school and also freshman science. In addition to teaching, Jonathan is also our bus driver! His favorite part of teaching at GILH is the relationships that he builds with coworkers and being able to teach his students about Jesus every day. One piece of advice that Mr. Danek likes to share with students is, be respectful. It goes along ways in your education and in life.

## Student VOICE

Grace Bader is a Freshman this year at GILH. Grace is involved in Volleyball, Cheer, Track, Speech, Band, Choir, Handbells and Student Council. She said her favorite thing about school this year has been attending Speech meets.

Grace has had much success this year in Speech while competing in Novice Humorous Interpretation. Grace loves that students at Grand Island Lutheran can participate in as many activities as they want and all the support the coaches and teachers give. She would recommend GILH to anyone because everyone is kind and respectful!



# Notes from the Front Office:

Stay connected  
and up to date by  
visiting our new  
website!  
[cnlutheran.org](http://cnlutheran.org)

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## Upcoming Events

- **March 6<sup>th</sup>**- Dodgeball Tournament
- **March 9-13**- Spring Break
- **March 20**- No School
- **March 21**- Red/Blue Gala
- **March 28**- Prom
- **April 1**- Blood Drive
- **April 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** Easter Break



*Our Weekly School Announcements  
can be found here:*

<https://sites.google.com/cnlutheran.org/weeklycommunication/home>

*Past Newsletters can be found here:*

<https://cnlutheran.org/gilh-newsletter/>



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# ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR 2026-2027



Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. Please log into your Family Portal, click Apply/Enroll, then Reenrollment where you will find your current student listed. If you have an additional student who will be new to the school, please start with a new application for them.

**Enroll today!**

**ENROLL  
TODAY!**



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**OUR QUIZ BOWL TEAMS DID WELL AT CONFERENCE! JUNIOR HIGH FINISHED AS RUNNER-UPS AND THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM FINISHED THIRD! CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SUCCESS!**

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO GRACE BADER FOR PLACING 10<sup>TH</sup> IN NOVICE HUMOROUS PROSE AT THE AURORA INVITE ! TAYLOR KELM AND LAUREN JOHNSEN PLACED 5<sup>TH</sup> IN NOVICE DUET ACTING.**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JH QUIZ BOWL TEAM FOR PLACING 2<sup>ND</sup> AT THE BARR MIDDLE SCHOOL MEET.**



**THE SPEECH TEAM HAD A GREAT DAY AT RIVERSIDE! MAYA, BROCK, BLAKE, AND SKLYER'S OLD TEAM PLACED 5<sup>TH</sup> AND MADISON AND KATELYN PLACED 6<sup>TH</sup> IN DUET ACTING! CONGRATULATIONS!**





**THE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FINISHED THEIR SEASON WITH A 9-14 RECORD! CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT YEAR!**



# ATHLETICS



**RAMSEY, RIDER, AND BRINLEY WRAPPED UP A GREAT BOWLING SEASON BY WINNING DISTRICTS! AT THE STATE LEVEL, THE BOYS FINISHED AS RUNNER-UPS AND THE GIRLS BROUGHT HOME THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE! CONGRATULATIONS!**



**THE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FINISHED THEIR SEASON THIS WEEK AND ENDED THE YEAR 16-8. THANK YOU SENIORS, AND THANK YOU PARENTS AND FANS FOR THE FUN YEAR!**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHEER TEAM ON THEIR RUNNER-UP FINISH AT STATE CHEER!**



**EMA KOCH BROKE THE SINGLE GAME SCORING RECORD WITH 27 POINTS SCORED IN A SINGLE GAME! CONGRATULATIONS, EMA!**



# CAREER FAIR

On February 26th, Grand Island Lutheran hosted a Career Fair for students. During the event, students spoke with representatives from a variety of industries and career fields, asking questions and learning more about different job paths and what they involve. We are grateful to the representatives who took the time to share their experiences and insights with our students.



Ema



Chloe



Ramsey



Rafe



Darrin



Vance



Chad



Colton



Aubree



Tommy



Micah



Zane



Jason



Xavier



Izaik



Abigail



Jack



Maeve



Daniel

SENIOR AND 8TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

BASKETBALL. BOWLING. QUIZ BOWL

# LIGHTNING CORE VALUES

## **A-Accountability**

We take responsibility for our actions, words, and growth.

## **B-Belief**

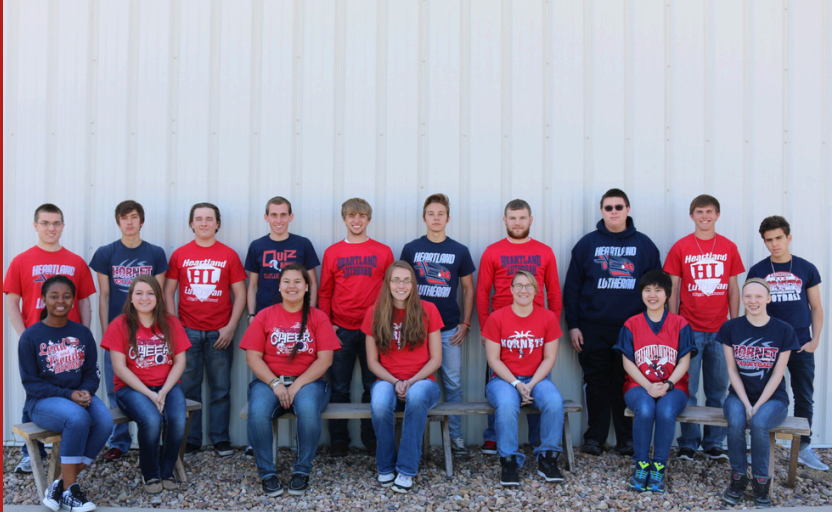
We trust in God-and in the abilities He's given us.

## **C-Consistency**

We show up with integrity and do our best every day.

## **D -Discipline**

We stay focused, work hard, and grow through challenges.




# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Jessica (Bader) Norman is a 2013 HLHS graduate. She is married to Trevor, also a HLHS graduate, and they have 3 children: Trace (8), Ashlynn (6) and Addi (4). Jessica is currently a Dental Assistant at Gentle Dental. In high school, she really enjoyed having Mrs. Moody and Miss Seim as teachers. Her favorite class was Religion. When asked what advice she would give to current students, Jessica said, "worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles. It takes away today's peace."

