

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*

**March 2026**

## Grand Island Lutheran High School

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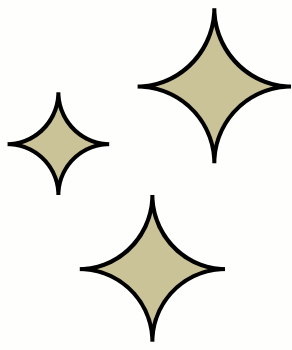


As we continue through the spring season, we can reflect on some of the great experiences and performances from our students. From a memorable prom, the completion of the third quarter, and the beginning of our spring activities, March was a great month here at GILH. We are especially grateful for the support shown at this year's Red and Blue Gala. It was a tremendous success, and we thank everyone for your commitment to Lutheran education in our community!

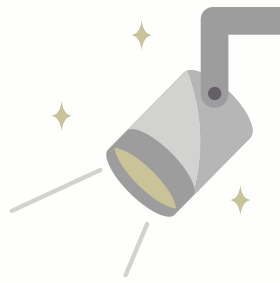
We are so excited for our upcoming school musical and the opportunity to see our students share their God-given talents on stage. Our students and staff have been working tirelessly to put on a wonderful presentation. Please come out and watch our production of *"The Sound of Music."* We are also beginning to turn our attention toward graduation, as we prepare to celebrate our seniors and all they have accomplished during their time at Grand Island Lutheran High.

As always, thank you for supporting Grand Island Lutheran High. Let's have a strong finish to a great year here at GILH!

*--Jeremiah Slough*



# Lightning SPOTLIGHT



## Meet Our TEACHERS



Ms. Naomi Ristvedt serves as our Guidance Counselor, Speech Advisor, Assistant Track Coach, and the director of this spring's production of *The Sound of Music*. In addition to her work at GILH, she spends her afternoons at Trinity Lutheran School where she serves as Music Director and also teaches counseling classes. Her favorite part about being at Lutheran High is being able to support the young men and women here as they build relationships in our school, community, and themselves. One thing that always makes her day better is she loves when students stop by her office just to say hello. One piece of advice Ms. Ristvedt likes to give students is "Don't take yourself too seriously. There is not one specific path chosen for you. God works through us, usually in spite of our choices, and blesses us with even more than we need."

## Student VOICE

Seth Reynolds is a junior at Grand Island Lutheran High School this year. He is involved in football, basketball, and track. He shared that the highlight of his year so far has been the football season, along with a fun basketball season. When asked why someone should consider attending Grand Island Lutheran, Seth said that the teachers and students are great. Above all, he said the most important thing is the Christian education he receives and hearing the gospel each and every day.



# Notes from the Front Office:

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

## Upcoming Events

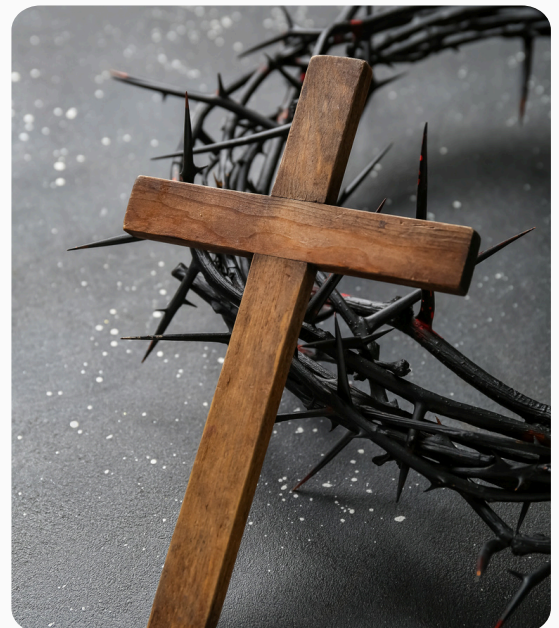
- April 1<sup>st</sup>- Blood Drive
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>-Easter Break
- April 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>- Musical
- April 24<sup>th</sup>- Scholar Bowl \*No School
- April 30<sup>th</sup>- Spring Concert
- May 1<sup>st</sup>- No School
- May 8<sup>th</sup>- Youth Track Meet \*No School
- May 11<sup>th</sup>- Activities Banquet
- May 14<sup>th</sup>- Academic Awards
- May 17<sup>th</sup>- Graduation
- May 20<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

## Tickets Now Available!

April 10<sup>th</sup>- 7 PM  
April 11<sup>th</sup>- 2 PM and 7 PM  
April 12<sup>th</sup>- 3 PM



Adults- \$8  
Students and Seniors- \$5 (must be purchased in-person)  
Children 5 & under- Free  
Purchase on Eventbrite or in the HS office.





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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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**LIGHTNING CLUB VOLLEYBALL  
WAS RUNNER AT THE CENTURA  
TOURNAMENT!**



**RAMSEY RATHJEN, CLASS D  
181LB POWERLIFTING STATE  
CHAMP!**

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
COLTON ZEHENDNER ON  
ACADEMIC ALL  
CONFERENCE!**

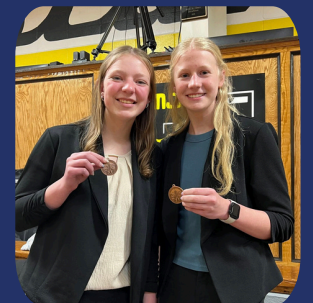
**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
JR. HIGH QUIZ BOWL TEAM ON  
THEIR ESU 10 MEET  
CHAMPIONSHIP!**



**ALL CONFERENCE  
BASKETBALL PLAYERS:  
1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM: LUKE OLSON AND  
MAXWELL MURDOCH  
2<sup>ND</sup> TEAM: EMA KOCH  
HONORABLE MENTION: CHLOE  
KEASLING, ABIGAIL UDEN,  
AND SKYLER LIESS  
CONGRATULATIONS!**

**WINTER NCPA ACADEMIC  
ALL STATE:  
BOYS BASKETBALL:  
COLTON Z. & LUKE O.  
SPEECH:  
KATELYN H. & LAUREN J.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL:  
ABIGAIL U. & AUBREY R.  
CONGRATULATIONS!**

**THE SPEECH TEAM WRAPPED UP A SUCCESSFUL SEASON.  
CONGRATULATIONS TO DISTRICT SPEECH MEDALISTS:  
TAYLOR KELM AND LAUREN JOHNSEN- 4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE- DUET ACTING  
SKYLER L, MAYA S, BLAKE H, BROCK A-5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE- OID**





# TRACK AND FIELD



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# GOLF



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*Red & Blue*



**CENTRAL NEBRASKA  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended, volunteered, sponsored, and supported the Red and Blue Gala on March 21st at Babel's Barn in Wood River. The evening was a wonderful celebration of our school and we are grateful for the continued support of our school and our mission.



Prom

March 28, 2026



# Dodgeball



The Quiz Bowl team and National Honor Society hosted a Dodgeball Tournament for area Lutheran Schools on March 6th. It was a great evening of fun and competition!



# Champions

# HONOR ROLL

## JUNIOR HIGH 3<sup>R</sup>D QUARTER

### JUNIOR HIGH

- Daniel Bader\*
- Harper Bennett\*
- Tommy Canady
- Micah Captain
- Madden Culler
- Simon Gustafson\*
- Zane Harvey
- Xavier Hauser
- Ellie Keasling
- Abigail Meyer\*
- Maeve Nott
- Drew Sullivan
- Jacob Theisen
- Nevaeh Bucknell
- Colin Driewer\*
- Gavriel Ellison
- Olivia Lassonde
- Graham Laurent\*
- Jordan Liess
- Keaton Malmstrom
- Claire Manchester
- Annika Morris\*
- Oliva Salmon\*
- Katelyn Sandoval
- Caleb Strong\*

\*denotes all As

*Congrats!*



# 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



Devin Rathman is a 2020 HLHS graduate. He is currently a social studies teacher at Concordia Preparatory School in Towson, Maryland teaching Middle School Life Skills, Junior United States History, and Senior American Government. Devin was just admitted into Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana for the next academic year and plans to pursue his calling to the Church of Christ further as a pastor. He is engaged to Stephanie Mashuga of Gibbon, Minnesota and they are planning on getting married this coming June. One of Devin's many favorite school memories was being able to participate in and try everything from football to the drama department. His favorite teacher was Mr. Holden, and his United States History courses.



Devin's advice to the freshmen would be to try it all, make friends do things you wouldn't normally do who knows what you may discover about yourself and your interests, and to focus on your GPA this will be a trying year but you will learn lots. His advice to the Sophomores is learn time management well, it will benefit you greatly in your future especially next year. Juniors, his advice to you is to dig deep, you are going to be challenged more than you ever have been, everyone will admit that Junior year is the most difficult year. Seniors as a final piece of advice as a 2020 graduate who lost lots of memories due to the Covid lockdown don't be to anxious to leave, God will provide for your future and he has molded you all into excellent Men and Women that will do great things for His Kingdom, but instead cherish all of your moments that you have together with friends. Seniors, take a freshman under your wing and show them what it means to be a student at Grand Island Lutheran; they will appreciate it more than you know and it will set the school culture as a place of welcoming and peace. And above all, to all students, remember that Christ loves you and died for the forgiveness of all your sins. Make sure you show that same love, patience, and sacrifice to all of your fellow classmates.

