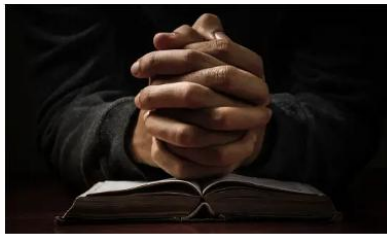




GPLHS Monthly Update

April 2025



Prayer for GPLHS

Lord Jesus, may the peace, joy, and confidence that come through your Easter victory move us to support Great Plains Lutheran High School and every effort to proclaim the power of your resurrection. Work in the hearts of our youth that they may be at peace in your grace, rejoice in knowing they are your redeemed children, and confidently serve by seizing opportunities to offer words and actions of love toward you and their neighbor. Bless us all as we rejoice in the wisdom that reveals a Savior who died for us and lives again. Amen.



Call News

Mr. Sam Kleinke and Pastor Karl Schauland both returned their calls.

On Tuesday, March 11, Mr. Mike Haugly received a call to teach Freshmen Religion at Divine Savior Academy in Doral, FL.

On Sunday, March 23, Mr. Ryan Rosenthal received a call to teach 7th and 8th grade at Resurrection and Life Lutheran in Rochester, MN.

Please keep Mr. Haugly and his family, DSA, Mr. Rosenthal and his family, Resurrection and Life Lutheran, and GPLHS in your prayers as they seek the Lord's guidance in their decisions.

New Student Enrollment

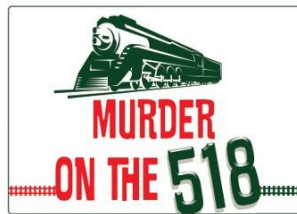
It is now time to enroll for the 2025-2026 school year! For new students, the application process starts at gplhs.org/admissions. There you will find information, an opportunity to schedule a tour, and a link to our online application form. If you have an eighth grader, check it out. If you don't have an eighth-grade student, please pass this information on to those who are or might be interested.



Track and Golf Seasons Begin

Track practice began March 3. The first track meet of the year was held on March 25 at NSU. The first golf practice was on March 31. Since spring weather is so unpredictable, there will likely be adjustments to both track and golf schedules. Please check our website frequently (gplhs.org) for up-to-date competition dates and locations.

Great Plains Lutheran High School
proudly presents



A family-friendly murder mystery
by Michelle Giles

Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado

Thursday, April 3rd, 10:00 AM
Friday, April 4th, 12:30 PM, 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 5th, 7:00 PM
Tickets \$10 for adults, under 18 free!

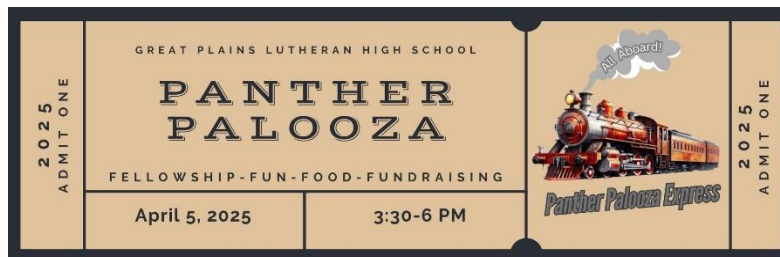
Spring Production

Come join us for our family-friendly murder mystery production, *Murder on the 518!* The performance times are Thursday, April 3 at 10:00am, Friday, April 4 at 12:30pm and 7:00pm, and Saturday, April 5 at 7:00pm. The cost for adults is \$10; Under 18 are free. You may use your Activity Pass to attend the performances.



Impromptu Piano Recital

The GPLHS piano students and their instructor, Dede Rosenthal, invite you to attend an impromptu piano recital on Saturday, April 5th, at 2:00pm in the GPLHS Auditorium. Come and hear jazz and rag music from the 1920's performed by the GPLHS piano students before attending Panther Palooza!



It's Panther Palooza Time

Ready to have some fun, fellowship, food and entertainment? Come join us for our 2nd Panther Palooza! The theme this year is *All Aboard* and will take place in the GPL gymnasium on April 5 from 3:30-6:00pm. There will be a silent and live auction along with entertainment by the *Loose Ties*. Then at 7:00pm you can sit back in the auditorium to watch the family friendly murder mystery *Murder on the 518*. The proceeds from this event will support Student Assistance and the Fine Arts Department. To register go to bit.ly/25palooza.



Panther Field Day

Each spring the GPLHS family welcomes area grade school students to campus for Panther Field Day. This year Panther Field Day is scheduled for Friday, May 2. Area Lutheran elementary schools often participate, but the day of fresh air, fun, fellowship, and friendly competition isn't just for students at these schools. All grade school students (and parents) are invited to attend. The time of the activities will start around 9:30am. To get more information, or to let us know you are coming, please call 605-886-0672. Lunch will be available to purchase that day as part of the Sophomore class fundraiser. Join us for a great day of celebrating the gifts God has given our schools and students!



Panther Camp

Panther Camp is a one-week camp held on the GPL campus for young people who will be in grades 7-9 during the 2025-2026 school year. Panther Camp 2025 will run Sunday evening, June 8, through midday Friday, June 13. The cost for each camper is \$150. An online registration form is available at gplhs.org. Panther Camp will be filled on a first come, first served basis.



Camp Luther

Camp Luther will again be held at Sibley State Park, north of Wilmar, MN. This year's camp (June 22-28) will be a joint effort with the Minnesota Valley Lutheran Camp (Camp Shetek). Students entering grades 4-9 are eligible to enroll. More details and registration are available at www.campshetek.org.



Auxiliary/Delegate Meeting

The spring Delegate and Auxiliary meetings will be held at GPL on Saturday, May 3. Both groups will begin their meetings with a devotion at 10:00am. Delegates are selected by association congregations. Anyone interested in supporting the ministry of GPLHS is invited to attend the Auxiliary meeting.



Recap of the GSI Thrift Annual Meeting

Here are some highlights from the GSI Thrift Annual Meeting. First we added 2 new voting members; Jenny Ovall and Michelle Goens. With the Christmas store being at another location, the sales increased significantly during the Christmas season. We have been blessed again this year with many donations, regular customers, dedicated staff, and willing volunteers. The members voted to have \$20,649.28 available for the GPLHS student grants. Volunteers are working towards the funding of these grants which aids families paying for tuition here at GPLHS. We are still in need of more volunteers, especially strong teenagers to lift furniture items, to help at GSI and also donations of children's clothing. We elected 3 new/incumbent board members. Congratulations to these new board members: Liz Arndt, Jenny Ovall and Mary Hovde-Redlin.



Time to Sign Up for the 11th GPL Golf Open

With the mild temperatures outside, our thoughts are turning towards summer and for GPL that means it is time to prepare for the annual Golf Open on Monday, July 14. Just like the previous years, the registration and payments for the open will be done online. Go to the GPLHS.org website and click on the *GPL Open* green button to find all the information you need and to be able to register.



Sports Page

Click [HERE](#) to get the latest sporting event news, scores, updated schedules and news of our athletes' achievements.



Mission Advancement Thoughts

It is so hard to believe that we are moving into the fourth quarter of the school year. GPLHS has been blessed in so many ways. We have new classrooms and offices to use. We are enjoying another record enrollment that is using their talents to God's glory. We remain in a good financial position. We also have many opportunities for us to take advantage of. The faculty and students get to work hard using their talents to finish the year strongly. You as donors get to help us meet our budgetary needs in the area of gifts and donations. Thank you for helping with the ministry of GPLHS. It is such a needed, important and wonderful ministry.

I have listed a few easy methods for you to use if you are led to help support the ministry of GPLHS.

- To donate online you simply go to gplhs.org, then go to the support tab at the top of the page and click on "give now." You will see a list of areas to direct your gift to.
- You can simply send cash or checks to GPLHS, noting how you want your gift directed. (for example, Active Ministry, Student Assistance, Praises Continued, etc.)

- Some neat and often tax-friendly ways to help are:
 - sharing recurring monthly gifts
 - sharing a gift of stock
 - sharing some of your required minimum disbursements from one or more of your retirement accounts (if 72 or older)
 - sharing long term gifts such as annuities, real estate, donor advised funds, life insurance, estates and many others (I am always willing to discuss these with you)
 - making use of GPLHS's endowment funds (Endowment funds are funds that help presently as well as protect long term stability)
- You could establish a new endowment (usually for a larger gift above \$10,000)
- You can contribute to one of GPLHS's existing endowments (Such as the Bethlehem Student Aid Endowment or the GPLHS Operating Endowment)
 - Sharing gifts of grain, livestock or other types of "in kind" gifts

I would be excited and would love to help you make use of any of these giving methods, just give me a call.

Your mission advancement team and I would love to share ways for you to enjoy being part of this awesome ministry by sharing gifts with the ministry of GPLHS. Please feel free to contact any of your mission advancement team with questions or ideas. Your mission advancement team is President Maertz, Sarah Roloff and me.

[Jeff Roloff: jroloff@gplhs.org](mailto:jroloff@gplhs.org) or 605-254-6023



Wish List Item

Our next project is to purchase several items for the Clay Target Shooting Club. These items such as registration fee, range fee and ammo are needed for the Clay Target Shooting Club to be able to participate in the league. There continues to be an increase in interest and many students are able to participate in this club. These items total around \$2000. Designate your gift to “Wish List – Clay Target” or call Angie at 605-886-0672.

Dates to Note

April 3	<i>Murder on the 518</i> Performance at 10:00am
April 4	<i>Murder on the 518</i> Performances at 12:30pm and 7:00pm
April 5	Impromptu Piano Recital 2:00pm
April 5	Panther Palooza 3:30-6:00pm; Register at bit.ly/25palooza
April 5	<i>Murder on the 518</i> Performance at 7:00pm
April 14	Junior/Senior Prom
April 17-21	Easter Break - NO SCHOOL
May 2	Panther Field Day
May 3	Delegate/Auxiliary Meeting 10:00am

Thanks again for your support!