



## GPLHS Monthly Update

March 2025

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### Prayer for GPLHS

Heavenly Father, as we enjoy special opportunities this Lenten season to sit at your feet and contemplate your Son's passion, we thank you for all schools, such as Great Plains Lutheran High School, where students daily have the opportunity to hear your word and grow in your grace. Bless all those who faithfully serve in our Lutheran schools. May the knowledge that you have overcome sin and death through Christ Jesus uplift us, empower us, and move us to live as lifelong disciples of Christ. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may do all things to your glory. Amen.



### **Call News**

On Wednesday, January 22, the Board called Mr. Benjamin Riegsecker to be our Math/Science Instructor along with STEM/VEX Robotics. Mr. Riegsecker has accepted the call.

On Wednesday, February 19, Mr. Sam Kleinke received a call to teach Biology and Anatomy at Winnebago Lutheran Academy in Fond du Lac, WI.

Please keep Mr. Kleinke, WLA, and GPLHS in your prayers as he seeks the Lord's guidance in his decision.



### **Thrivent Choice**

Are you a member of Thrivent? If so, you may have Choice Dollars to donate. Eligible benefit members will be designated a minimum of 25 Choice Dollars and a maximum of 5,000 Choice Dollars per eligibility period (1/1 to 12/31)

You can find out if you have Choice Dollars to donate by:

- Contacting your Thrivent agent
- Checking your Thrivent account online
- Calling 800-847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice" when prompted

If each Thrivent member donated Choice dollars to GPLHS each year, there is the potential for donations of \$18,000.

You still have time to donate your Choice Dollars from last year! Thank you for taking a few minutes to look into this.



### **GPL Grade School Basketball Tournament**

We are looking forward to our Grade School Basketball Tournament coming up on March 7-8, including competitive and recreational divisions. This event gives our GPL Honor Society members the opportunity to serve in various capacities and prospective students a chance to experience a weekend at GPL.



### **Purchase GPL Wear at the Tournament**

Do you need GPL items to show off your Panther Pride? The Honor Society will be selling Panther items such as t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, polos, stadium chairs etc. on the GPL Elementary Basketball Tournament, March 1-2. The

prices will range from \$10.00 to \$80.00 and there will be a variety of sizes. The proceeds from these sales will benefit the Honor Society. Thank you for your support.

### **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](http://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.



### **GSI Thrift Annual Meeting**

GSI Thrift will hold its annual meeting at GPLHS on Sunday, March 16 at 1:00pm. The meeting will include the approval of disbursement recommendations, the election of board members and reports from the GSI board president and store manager. Over the years GPLHS and its students have been greatly blessed through the efforts of GSI, its staff, donors and volunteers. Individuals interested in this work are invited and encouraged to attend.



### **Spring Concert and Winter Awards Ceremony**

Join us on Sunday, March 16 at 2:20pm for music from our piano students and 3:00pm for the GPL Spring Concert. GPL music students, both instrumental and vocal, will perform in the GPLHS Chapel/Auditorium. If you are not able to join us in person, you can watch online.

The awards ceremony for our winter activities for students and families will be held on Sunday, March 16 immediately following the Spring Concert. Participants in girls and boys basketball, cheerleading and the One Act play will be recognized.



### **Booster Meeting**

The Panther Booster club will meet on Thursday, March 13 at 7:00pm. All families are welcome to come to the meeting as we take a look at the blessings from this year's concession seasons and consider how these gifts can be best put to use at GPLHS for our students and programs.

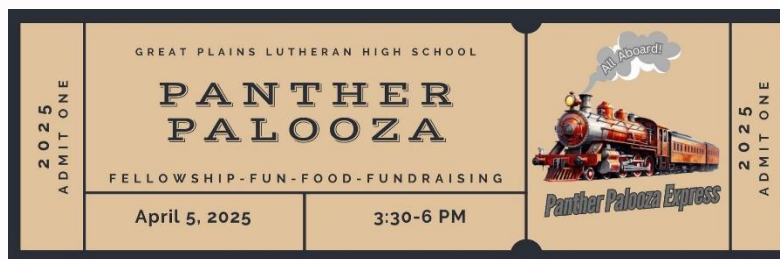


### WELS Band Festival

March 7-9 six GPL students along with other students from all the area Lutheran High Schools will be participating in the WELS National Band Festival at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. The culminating event is a 2:00pm concert on Sunday, March 9, featuring these students. The concert will be live-streamed. More information can be found at [www.welsfinearts.org](http://www.welsfinearts.org).

### Annual ECC Band Concert

The ECC Band Festival will be taking place at GPLHS on Thursday, March 27. Participants will be performing a band concert at 5:30pm in the gym at GPLHS to which everyone is invited.



### Start Registering for Panther Palooza

This year’s Panther Palooza will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 3:30-6:00pm. There will be food, fellowship, entertainment, and fundraising for the Fine Arts, student programs and student assistance. The theme this year is *All Aboard*. Just like we did last

year, you will sign in and bid on items on your own smartphone, laptop or computer. To register please go to [bit.ly/25palooza](https://bit.ly/25palooza).



### **Panther Camp**

Panther Camp is a one-week camp for young people who will be in grades 7-9 during the 2025-2026 school year. It is a time to relax and have fun, get acquainted or reacquainted with other young Christians, get to know the GPLHS family, and develop the talents and abilities God has given each of us.

Panther Camp is held on the GPL campus and utilizes all of the school's facilities, including the dormitory. The camp is staffed by the faculty, staff and coaches of GPLHS with the assistance of GPLHS students and alumni. 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 can be found at [gplhs.org](https://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 again be a joint effort with Minnesota Valley Lutheran Camp (Camp Shetek). More details and registration information will be coming.

### **Panther Palooza Needs your Help!**



Panther Palooza needs your help by donating items or themed baskets or packages. These items should be attractive and inviting for people to bid on. Items donated will be placed into the silent or live auction. Major items will be placed into the live auction which will give more exposure to the donors. Some ideas for themed baskets or packages are: Weekend Getaway, Meat Bundles, Pet Lovers, Camping Crazy, Movie Night, Baby Shower, Spa at Home, Beach Bums, Car Care, Gourmet Coffee, Global Beers/Drinks, Potting About in the Garden, etc. Use your imagination and have fun. Just drop off the donated items or baskets or packages by March 31 in the school office. Thank you for your donations.



### **Sports Page**

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





### **Mission Advancement Thoughts**

We have so many blessings to praise God for. We have raised over \$1.3 million for *Praises Continued* in the first year of this three-year campaign. Students, faculty and staff are blessed to be utilizing the new classrooms and office spaces. God has shared so many blessings with our ministry.

God has also blessed us with some important opportunities to take note of and address. One opportunity to address is gifts to Active Ministry. We have fallen short of needed gifts to the Active Ministry for the first few months of the year and are behind budget for the fiscal year. Knowing this and knowing that the first several months of the calendar year are traditionally some of our slowest months in regard to income, I am asking that you please prayerfully consider the opportunity to make a special gift to the Active Ministry. These gifts are needed, are greatly appreciated, and are an important blessing to the ministry of GPLHS.

Your mission advancement team and I would love to share ways for you to support this awesome ministry by volunteering at school or at GSI, by encouraging parents to think of GPLHS, and by sharing gifts with 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 another set of girls and boys javelins along with a carrying case. These javelins are needed due to the popularity of this new high school event in track. Track season is here and with more participating in this event, practices will be efficient with more javelins. This javelin package is \$750. Designate your gift to “Wish List – javelins” or call Angie at 605-886-0672.

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### **Dates to Note**

March 1	Board of Directors Meeting
March 2	Honor Choir sings at Trinity in Clear Lake, SD
March 7-8	GPL Grade School Basketball Tournament
March 7-9	WELS National Band Festival at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN
March 13	Panther Booster Meeting 7:00pm
March 16	GSI Annual Meeting 1:00pm
March 16	Spring Concert 3:00pm; Piano Music starting at 2:20pm
March 16	Winter Awards Ceremony 4:30pm

March 19-24      Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

March 27          ECC Band Festival Concert 5:30pm

March 27-29      All-State Band at Watertown High School

April 3            *Murder on the 518* Performance at 10:00am

April 4            *Murder on the 518* Performances at 12:30pm and 7:00pm

April 5            *Murder on the 518* Performance at 7:00pm

April 5            Panther Palooza 3:30-6:00pm; Register at [bit.ly/25palooza](https://bit.ly/25palooza)

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**Thanks again for your support!**



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