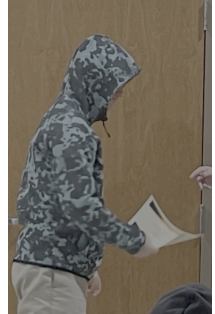
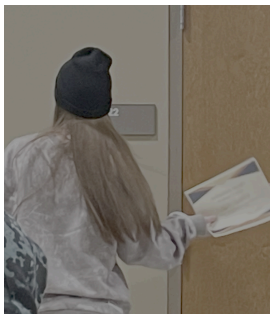
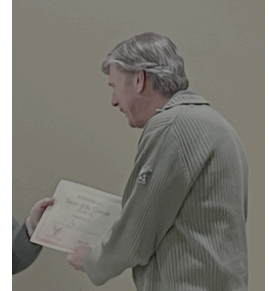
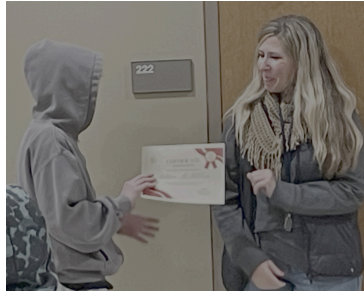


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Important Dates

March 6 - PLC Early Release at 12:30

March 12-13 - Spring Break

March 23 - No School, Teacher Work Day

March 26 - Parent Teacher Conferences

[Graduation- May 28!](#)

Field Trip Announcements

March 3 - Select students will participate in Tech Day at Minnesota West. This field trip is full. Students who attend must fill out a permission form and be at the school at 7:30 am

March 24 - Select students will be visiting Martin Luther College. This trip is full.

March 25 - All on-campus 10th grade students will be attending the Career Expo at the New Ulm Civic Center. Students will be introduced to a variety of careers from the New Ulm Region.

Semester Awards

Congratulations to our semester award winners pictured above!

Students of the Semester-Ashton, Isabelle, Jazmine
Perseverance Award- Christian
Bobby Award- Malachi
Phoenix Award- Joseph
Attendance Awards- Kylie, Ryan, Peyton, Emily, Kenre

From the Principal's Desk

Vape Sensors + New Consequence Option

Due to the significant problems the ALC has had with students vaping in the bathrooms, sensors were installed in the bathrooms to alert us when this is occurring. Since the installation of the sensors, student vaping in the bathrooms has decreased significantly. However, there are a few students who continue to use the restroom at school on a regular basis as a place to vape.

In order to help students to address this problem, I am adding a different consequence for students who are repeat offenders. Students will now lose open lunch privileges to complete the online program INDEPTH while eating at school. Once the program is complete, students may return to open lunch. Students who refuse to complete the program or parents opting out of the program for their student will continue to receive the traditional consequence of progressive suspensions.

This change will hopefully help the students who cannot get through a school day without vaping in the bathrooms to find different coping strategies. Although the students may see the loss of open lunch as a significant consequence, the purpose of the program is to help students with the underlying problem without multiple suspensions from school.

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INDEPTH

The [American Lung Association's INDEPTH program](#) (Intervention for Nicotine Dependence: Education, Prevention, Tobacco and Health) is a voluntary, four-session alternative-to-suspension program for students caught vaping or using tobacco. It focuses on addiction education, quitting strategies, and healthy alternatives, rather than just punishment, and is designed for youth.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

[March 26th](#) is parent-teacher conference night. [signup.com](#) is being used so parents can schedule conferences with the teachers they would like to meet with.

[In-person, Google Meet, or Phone](#)- new options for how to meet with the teacher so that travel and time do not become a barrier to meeting.

Look for an email from the school with the link to sign-up for a conference time the first week of March.

**Graduation: May 28th at the New
Ulm Community Center**

**Graduation has officially been moved from the
26th to the afternoon of May 28th!**
