



Cougar Chronicle  
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### Annual WOL Basketball Tournament & Inaugural Alumni Game

On Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, Word of Life will be hosting their annual basketball tournament. I would like to encourage you to join us to support our school. If you would like to come and cheer on our team, **our boys play their first game at 10:15 AM on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students, and children 5 and under are free. Go Cougars!

In addition, our athletic directors, Mr. Nathan Dehn and Miss Allie O'Toole, are looking for volunteers to help with concessions, admissions, the scoreboard, and the books at the tourney. If you are willing and able to commit even an hour of your time, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mr. Dehn at [ndehn@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:ndehn@wordoflifeschool.net) or Miss O'Toole at [aotoole@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:aotoole@wordoflifeschool.net) to find out how to help. They would be thrilled to have some extra helping hands. Thanks for considering it!

Lastly, we have recently launched the Word of Life Alumni Association. We are excited to start off 2018 with our inaugural event - the 1st Annual Alumni Basketball Game! The **Alumni Basketball Game will start at 6 PM** following the WOL Basketball Tourney Championship. All are welcome! Even if you are not a Word of Life graduate, you are welcome to come and watch the fun! This is a family-friendly event!

If you are an alum and would like to play in the game, please indicate that on the RSVP, so we can get a headcount and roster together. Have no fear! This is a casual, fun, pickup style co-ed game. All players are welcome. Please RSVP at [rachelroman23@gmail.com](mailto:rachelroman23@gmail.com) if you would like to play.

#### **Alumni Game Coaches:**

*Pastor Ron Rall* - long-time Pastor at Timothy and former WOL parent of 6 WOL grads

*Mr. Tim Brackman* - former loved WOL Teacher and Coach; current Principal at LHSN

#### **Alumni Game Official:**

*Mr. Chuck Conover* - former long-time WOL Principal and WOL parent of 2 WOL grads

Happy Hour to follow for more fun and fellowship!  
The Mack Neighborhood Bar & Grill  
4615 Macklind Ave  
St. Louis, MO 63109

This weekend is sure to be memorable. I hope you can join us in some capacity!

In Him,  
Alicia M Klug – Principal

### Marketing and Outreach News

Open House! If you know of anyone who would like to learn more about preschool and K-8 at Word of Life please invite them on Sunday, January 21 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. to our Open House. The preschool locations at Timothy and St. Lucas will be open, as well!

### Joy-Worthy News

Welcome to all of our new students and their families who joined our Word of Life family this semester! We have two new kindergarteners and five new preschoolers. We are so thankful they are here!

### School Mission Statement

*Word of Life Lutheran School is committed to providing a high-quality educational program in an environment where Christ prevails, where a child's human and spiritual needs are met, and where love, dignity, and professional accountability are valued, promoted, and implemented.*

**Word of Life PTL News**

\*The Word of Life PTL would like to thank each of you who has come out to support us at the recent Restaurant Nights. The money raised allows the PTL to support Word of Life teachers by adding educational materials and resources within each of the classrooms, as well as, providing learning experiences for the entire school. We wholeheartedly thank you for your continued support!!!

\*The annual Word of Life Trivia Night with Silent Auction will be held on February 24th at WOL in the main campus gym. Doors will open at 6:30 and trivia will begin at 7:00pm. It will be \$20 per person with 8 people per team. Individual registrations are welcome as well. The cost will go up to \$25 a person if paying at the door on the day of the event!!! Outside food and drinks are welcome. Adult beverages allowed. Soda and water will be provided. The theme is Under The Big Top (Circus) and a table decorating contest will take place. To register or for more information please email Alisa Woods @ [alisamwoods@gmail.com](mailto:alisamwoods@gmail.com)



**2017 – 2018 Dress-Down Days**

Every Friday, students can wear Word of Life spirit wear on top, but still need to wear everything else in dress code OR they can pay \$2.00 for a complete dress-down day. The money collected will go to help with lunch assistance. In addition to the options above, all students can have a complete dress-down day **for free** on the following dates:

- Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

\*Homeroom teachers can decide to remove the privilege if it is misused\*



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**THE NEW YEAR**

Dear Lord, as this new year is born  
I give it to Thy hand,  
Content to walk by faith what paths  
I cannot understand.

Whatever coming days may bring  
Of bitter loss, or gain,  
Or every crown of happiness;  
Should sorrow come, or pain,

Or, Lord, if all unknown to me  
Thine angel hovers near  
To bear me to that farther shore  
Before another year,

It matters not — my hand in Thine,  
Thy light upon my face,  
Thy boundless strength when I am weak,  
Thy love and saving grace!

I only ask, loose not my hand,  
Grip fast my soul, and be  
My guiding light upon the path  
Till, blind no more, I see!

--Martha Snell Nicholson

**January 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> –**  
3:00 – 3:30 PM: Optional Boys' Basketball Practice  
4:00 – 5:00 PM: Girls' Home Basketball Game vs. Tower Grove Christian  
7:15 – 8:30 PM: Junior Winds Rehearsal @ LHSS

**Tuesday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> –**  
4:30 – 5:30 PM: Girls' Away Basketball Game @ Zion, Harvester  
5:30 – 6:30 PM: Boys' Away Basketball Game @ Zion, Harvester

**Wednesday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> –**  
8:15 – 8:45 AM: Chapel led by Pastor Hatcher from Trinity in Soulard & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders  
7:30 – 8:30 PM: Junior Winds/Junior Singers Concert @ LHSS

**Thursday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> –**  
7:30 AM – 3:00 PM: Junior Winds/Junior singers Tour Day  
3:30 – 4:45 PM: Girls' Basketball Practice  
4:45 – 6:00 PM: Boys' Basketball Practice

**Friday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> –**  
Early Dismissal  
12:15 PM: K-8  
12:30 PM: Pre-K  
4:15 PM – 6:15 PM: Scholar Bowl @ Salem, Affton  
PM: Word of Life Boys' Basketball Tournament

**Saturday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> –**  
AM/PM: Word of Life Boys' Basketball Tournament (10:15 AM: Word of Life plays)  
6:00 PM: Word of Life's 1<sup>st</sup> Alumni Basketball Game/Social Gathering