

The Lion's Roar

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Upcoming Events

- **March 8th-12th**
Lutheran Schools Week
- **March 11th**
Open House
4:00 to 6:30 PM
Concert 7:00 PM
- **March 19th**
End of 3rd Quarter
NOON Dismissal
- **April 1st**
Maundy Thursday
- **April 2nd**
NO SCHOOL
Good Friday
- **April 5th -9th**
Easter Break

National Lutheran Schools Week 2010



Concert Thursday, March 11th, the Concert Choir and Strings of the Lutheran High School of St. Charles County, MO will perform a concert at the LSA at 7:00 PM. The 32-voice choir and 9-piece strings ensemble will be touring through the Midwest including stops in Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. The concert at the LSA will be the first stop on their tour. The concert will follow our Open House for Lutheran Schools Week and will be held in the multi-purpose room.

This is a great opportunity to be able to learn and share information about our Lutheran School.

Mrs. Lisa Dippel

Speaking of music...Congratulations to the following students who represented LSA in the high school solo and ensemble contest. Division I Superior ratings were: Ariana Shelton, Rebekah Sack, Mao Eguchi, and Ensemble which included Mao Eguchi, Morgan Stanzone, Breanna Stubblefield, Kate Baker, Summer Pond, Shelby Williams, Bri Anderson, Krystal Williams, and Kassie Yancey.

March Mania



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2009 was the 50th anniversary of the LSA, and 2010 is the tenth anniversary of LSA High School. In honor of these anniversaries, the high school, during Lutheran Schools' Week (March 8-12), will be putting a new spin on what used to be called Winterim. We will be celebrating March Mania.

Classes for all high school students will be unique and out of the ordinary on Tuesday, March 9th.

Some of the activities included: bowling, rock climbing at the Disc, swimming at the Y. Other students will be throwing clay pots on the potters wheels, blowing glass ornaments at Prairie Fire Glass, grilling their own lunches, solving a murder mystery, or going to the zoo.

Each student picked one class to do in the morning and one in the afternoon. It will be an exciting and fun filled day! A blast from the past with a present day spin! Ask a high school student about his/her mania experience.

Dollars and Cents

LSA ReSale Shop Spring has sprung at the ReSale Shop. Come see all our new spring and summer items. We could use infant to 2 children's summer clothes, men's summer shirts and pants, pots and pans, small electrical appliances, towels, sheets, dishes, glasses, silverware, jewelry, knick knacks, Easter items, books, summer toys and any furniture. If you need a pickup for furniture, please call 423-0122 and ask for Judy Gross to setup a pickup day. Thank you and have a blessed spring.



Drop off by 9:00 am

Mar. 15 Mar. 19
 Mar. 22 Mar. 26
 Mar. 29 **Thurs. Apr. 1**

Changes: Exxon will increase to 2.5% until April 2, American Eagle will increase its discount to 10%.

In Stock: \$25 and \$100 Wal-Mart cards on a first come, first serve basis.

Check out the online ordering!

Want to help the LSA Dinner Auction, but don't know how? Order a gift card from scrip! Place your order any Monday morning and note that it is for the auction and we will take it from there. Make money for tuition and help the LSA at the same time!

Help Wanted
 LSA is looking to fill a few elementary and high school teaching positions, along with an evening maintenance cleaning position. Please contact us for an interview and with any questions you may have at 233-2000.



The next Market Day pick up is Wednesday March 17th. Forms need to be turned in by March 11th. Internet orders by Friday March 12th at NOON.

Concordia Lutheran Church,
 3303 E. Maryland, Decatur, IL
 Presents Soup and Chili Supper **Monday, March 15th** from **4:30 to 6:30 PM**. Chili prepared by celebrity chili cook-off winner, Sandy Alsop. Menu is soup or chili, carrots and celery, dessert and drink.



\$5.00 Soup Meal
 \$2.50 Kids Meal
 \$1.50 Hot dogs

Financial Aid forms for scholarships are available in the school office on a first come, first serve basis and will need to be postmarked by May 1st. Students need to be registered for the 2010-11 school year.



FOR YOUR HEALTH...



*From Mrs. Karsten, our School Nurse: Any medication needed to be given at school requires an authorization form signed by doctor and parent- even Tylenol or Motrin. **NO EXCEPTIONS.***

The Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) Competition Update. Two individuals placed, Brian Caldwell (3rd in Mathematics) and George Svancara (1st in Computer Science). By getting 1st, George advances to sectionals at Eastern Illinois University on March 11, 2010. If he gets 1st, 2nd or meets the minimum qualifying score, he will advance to the State Finals Competition. To learn more about WYSE go to <http://www.engr.uiuc.edu/wyse/>.



The LSA collects the following: Campbell's UPC's for Education, General Mill's Box Tops for Education, and printer cartridges. **Save all year long!!! There are special prizes and incentives for schools to collect right now. The "Big Clip" is giving schools the chance to win \$50,000 for the grand prize and \$250,000 for 2 first prizes!!! Let's see how much we can collect! We no longer collect cell phones!!!**

College Information

5 Majors That Didn't Exist 10 Years Ago

Forensic accounting Forensic accountants are like money detectives – they investigate suspected financial mishandling and assist in legal matters. Forensic accountants must have a broad understanding of business practices beyond standard accounting skills. **Jobs:** Financial firms, Law Enforcement, Federal Agencies

Average Salary: \$50,000

Green Building/Design With the environment on everyone's mind today, going green is becoming the new standard. Obtaining green certification on new buildings is now the norm and the industry is looking for skilled professionals to develop new sustainable projects.

Jobs: Architect, Landscape Design, Urban/Regional Planner **Average Salary:** \$50,000

Homeland Security New majors in homeland security have sprung up at colleges to meet the demand of protecting the nation from future threats. Homeland security majors study everything from psychology to disaster relief and federal law to handling hazardous materials. **Jobs:** Emergency Management, Port Security, Disaster Preparedness

Average Salary: \$54,000

E-Marketing This field focuses on buying, selling and marketing items on the Internet and may also include communicating with customers, employees and business partners. Demand for employees in this field is expected to grow faster than average. **Jobs:** Search Engine Marketing, E-Mail Marketing, Digital Ad Buyer **Average Salary:** \$47,000

A common scholarship myth is that millions of dollars go unclaimed each year, and it is exactly that: a myth. But there's another way to save money that has gone untapped by thousands of students and their families, a source of help "hidden" in plain sight. It's so hidden, students failed to take advantage of millions of dollars in benefits, according to a recent government study. What is this hidden financial gem? The tax break.

The Benefits in a Nutshell When it comes to education-related tax breaks, there are two kinds of benefits: the tax credit and the tax deduction. Note that you may not claim both a credit and a deduction—you must choose one path or the other.

Tax credits: Reduces the amount of taxes you pay dollar-for-dollar, no matter what tax bracket you're in (though the amount of the credit you qualify for could depend on your income). Typically, you can save more money with a credit than a deduction. Note that you won't receive a refund if the amount of your credit exceeds your total tax liability. **Example:** If you owe \$3,000 in taxes and receive a \$2,000 tax credit, it means that you will pay \$2,000 less in taxes.

So you think just the neediest kids, the brainiacs and the jocks receive all the scholarship money?

Wrong. "What most families don't realize is that the most aid, whether it be in grants — scholarships or loans — goes to those who are savviest about applying for it," says Kalman Chany, author of "Paying for College Without Going Broke."

Many families rely solely on the generosity of the financial aid office and are often disappointed with what they are offered.

What many parents fail to understand is that while their relationship with a financial aid office is not inherently an adversarial one, the administrators do receive their paychecks from the college. Their job is to share the resources of the university with the most sought-after students.

For the last two decades college costs have risen at nearly three times the rate of inflation. "Colleges have been sitting in a supply-and-demand sweet spot and have not been punished for raising their prices," says Lynn O'Shaughnessy, author of "The College Solution."

In fact, some colleges have recently raised their tuition to be in line with their closest competitors, based on the perception that families felt that a more expensive college provides a better education.

Parents are often at a loss for how to assist their high school seniors during the admissions process. While counselors and admissions officials agree that it is inappropriate for parents to be overly involved with college applications, it is fine for mom and dad to take the lead in the scholarship search.

Some great resources:

www.Fastweb.com . This is a great site to start the process. It is free, easy and user-friendly and once you register you will receive-mails with scholarships that match your criteria.

www.finaid.com. Provides a great overview of scholarships, loans, grants and even military aid. The site provides financial aid applications, financial aid calculators and great instructions on filling out the FAFSA (Free Applications for Federal Student Aid). There is also a section where you can "Ask the Advisor" and receive personalized help.

www.collegeispossible.org. This is a great site to get introduced to what financial aid is all about. There is information on determining financial aid packages, descriptions of different grant, loan and Federal programs as well as an area on tax benefits.

LSA AUCTION

On behalf of the Lutheran School Association, we would like your assistance in helping to make our 19th annual LSA dinner auction a success. This year's auction, to be held April 24, 2010, will include both a silent and live auction to raise funds for scholarships, curricular enhancement, and athletics for the LSA.

LSA has been serving children of the Decatur area for over 100 years with a quality Christian education. We are a not for profit, 501 (C) 3 organization and a K-12 school educating 518 area children.

As a non-profit, LSA relies on support from civic minded individuals, families and corporations. Your auction sponsorship, donation and/or attendance, will directly and positively impact the social and educational fabric of our community.

If you have any questions or would like to make arrangements for your item to be picked up, please contact us at the school office at (217) 233-2001.

It is donors like you who help strengthen our commitment to education. We truly appreciate your generosity and support.

Plan to Attend:

Tickets purchased by March 26, 2010, will be \$40.00, and you will be able to choose your table.

After March 26th, tickets will be \$45.00, however, seating may be assigned by the office depending upon availability.



The classroom competitions are now on for donations and for ticket sales to the Dinner Auction. Get your items ready to turn in to the office as soon as possible. Win a pizza party for your classroom!!!



Scholastic Bowl News The LSA Scholastic Bowl season is almost at an end. Regional playoffs, held Monday, March 8th in Rochester, mark the last two weeks of our season.

Varsity players this year were seniors Brian Caldwell, Dylan Foster, Dustin Schultz and George Svancara, and juniors Matthew Edwards, Alex Fredrich, Ariel Spengler, Matt Stymets and Lindsay Tipsword. Junior Varsity players were Austin Craig, Alex McCrady, Neashy Powell, Mark Ragle, Nathan Snoke and Krystal Williams. Brian, Dylan and Lindsay served as Varsity captains, and Mark was JV captain. Teachers John White and Jan Bryant coached the teams.

The Varsity was in a rebuilding year after graduating last year's All-Stater, Patrick Carter, winning about one-third of its matches. The Junior Varsity has several promising players and won more than half its matches. They finished very strong in winning 12 of the last 16 matches. And, the JV Team finished second in the Riverton Octangular JV Tourney, where Mark Ragle was named to the All Tourney Team.

Moms In Touch—Mothers meeting to pray for their children and school. We meet every Thursday school is in session @ 2:30 PM in the Board Room. All ladies are invited to attend. For more information, please call Glenda Buhr at 875-5162.

Did you know...you can pay lunch money on our LSA Website with your debit or credit card?

Visit - www.lsadecatur.net

Click on the make a payment button and then choose the epayment option.



For each petal on the shamrock
This brings a wish your way -
Good health, good luck, and happiness
For today and every day.
~Author Unknown

Tails From The Den...Sporting News

Visit myschoolcalendar.net to find current game schedules



Soccer is off and kicking!!! The 2010 Girls soccer team promises to be one of the best in the area this year. We are practicing everyday until 5:30PM as we get ready for our first game against powerhouse MacArthur in the first round of the St. T Tournament March 16th at 6:15PM. Come out and support your Lady Lions.

Upcoming Soccer Games

3/15	St. Teresa Tournament at Stephen Decatur	vs. MacArthur	6:15PM
3/23		vs. Monticello	4:30PM
3/25	@ W/L		4:30PM
3/30	@ Meridian		4:30PM
4/8	@ Judah Christian		4:30PM
4/16	@ Mt. Zion		4:30PM

Football Conditioning For the month of March, the Lions football team will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30—5:00PM with the exception of the week of March 22nd—there will be no conditioning. If you have any questions, please call 233-2000.



If you are interested in High School cheerleading, please attend the High School parent/participant meeting on Thursday, March 25th @ 7 PM in the 8B classroom. Learn what you'll need to know for tryouts, how to play other sports and participate in cheerleading, and the schedule for fun, upcoming events! If you have further questions or cannot attend, contact Nikki Corbin at corbin.nik@gmail.com or 636-541-0989.



Can You Help Us? The LSA High School Drama Team is seeking a volunteer to be Costume Coordinator for this production. No experience is necessary, but a pleasant, organized person will be most helpful. Being available evenings May 3 – 8th is important. To inquire about this position or other Drama Team volunteer opportunities, please call Katrina Wilkerson at 428-8022.

This is the Drama Team's 5th year of full scale play productions. As is the tradition, last year's cast of "Anne of Green Gables" has chosen to present "Football Romeo" on May 7 & 8, 2010, on the LSA Sports Complex Stage at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$5 and for any student \$4. They can be purchased at the door. Dinner with the characters and crew at 5:30 p.m. prior to each show is \$25 per person, which includes admission to the performance. Dinner reservations are required prior to Friday, April 30 by calling 428-8022 and leaving a message.

Science Fair News The annual LSA Science Fair was held last week. Projects of twenty students from Physical Science, Biology and Chemistry were judged by professional scientists from the Decatur area. Freshmen participants were Alex McCrady, Kyle Merry, Mark Ragle, Breanna Stubblefield, Michael Trebacz, Krystal Williams and Kassie Yancey. Sophomores participating were Jacob Coleman, Noelle Maxey, Ollie Palmer, Heidi Rigg, Rebekah Sack, Jamie Schollenbruch, Ari Shelton and Lizzie Zimmerman. Other participants were Junior Dominique Hughes and foreign exchange student Mao Euch. The judges were impressed with all projects. Those moving on to the Regional Science Fair in Springfield at the end of March will be Michael, Dominique, Heidi, Alex, Jamie, Kassie, Krystal and Mark. We wish them luck! Science Fair sponsors are John White and Andrew Rodenbeck.

Annual Winter Sports Banquet
Sunday, March 21st
5:00PM



Plan now to attend the annual winter sports banquet. All athletes in basketball and cheerleading will be honored.

Cheerleading families should bring a dessert.
Basketball families should bring a side dish.

LSA High Booster Club will provide
meat and table service.

Please call 233-2000 to confirm your attendance.

Open registration for all grades for the 2010-11 school year is going on now. Classes are filling up so contact LSA for more information. The registration fee is presently \$100.00 per child, and will increase to \$150.00 in April.

Recognize anyone...if your name is not listed, you are not registered for next school year.
Hurry and register before the fee increases to \$150.00

<i>Incoming Freshmen</i>	<i>Sophomores</i>	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Seniors</i>
Baggett, Emily	Anderson, Briana	Anderson, Reid	Barter, Rachel
Baker, D J	Bailey, Christian	Brown, Jakera	Boyd, Richard
Baker, Marlin	Brown, Madeline	Coleman, Jacob	Brown, Aaron
Bradshaw, Christopher	Chandler, Kain	Fletcher, Savannah	Buhr, Jennifer
Brown, Sophie	Clark, Jaguer	Goss, Alec	Carter, Chelsea
Brownlow, Dalton	Collins, Trent	Hawkins, Jerica	Carter, Emily
Bujack, Abby	Craig, Austin	Laskowski, Kylie	Clark, Macon
Daily, Brenton	Hedden, Victoria	Martin, Brennan	Criswell, Morganne
Deaton-Reynolds, Sam	Lamb, Darrian	Maxey, Noelle	Dippel, Alexis
Donaldson, Joey	Martin, Kaynon	Musser, James	Dunn, Colton
Donley, Jessica	McCrary, Alex	Rigg, Heidi	Edwards, Matthew
Emmerd, Hailey	Merry, Kyle	Rolofson, Chase	Frey, Timothy
Frye, Daniel	Ragle, Mark	Sack, Rebekah	Friend, Austin
Galka, Paige	Schwartz, Shaina	Schollenbruch, Jamie	Hughes, Dominique
Gilbert, Zachary	Smith, Katelin	Shelton, Ariana	Malcom, Abby
Hadley, Tyson	Snoke, Nathanael	Spence, Dustin	Nieto, Wezly
Hagan, Alicia	Stanzione, Morgan	Tewell, Logan	Nunnery, Tyler
Heidemann, Taylor	Stubblefield, Breanna	Urquhart, Sara	Palmer, Robert
Johnson, Carlee	Taylor, Skyler	Zimmerman, Elizabeth	Pierantoni, Lindsey
Kemnitz, Kristina	Tewell, Ethan	Jones, Michael	Rhodes, Erica
Kraemer, Jacob	Trebackz, Michael	Pond, Summer	Roberson, Zachary
Mell, Mariah	Williams, Krystal		Salogga, Kathryn
Minor, Maya	Washington, Antoine		Schuman, Holley
Minton, Kurtis	Yancey, Kassandra		Spence, Lauren
Morrow, Lance			Spengler, Ariel
Neal, Rayaunna			Stanzione, Logan
Nunn, Corey			Stymets, Matt
Pierantoni, Dane			Tipsword, Lindsay
Resch, Donovan			Weybright, Marissa
Rigg, Aaron			Williams, Shelby
Ruscitto, Jamie			
Salefski, Hayley			
Shelton, Kaitlyn			
Smith, Sydney			
Sroka, Colton			
Summers, Jacob			
Summers, Madalyn			
Taylor, Keera-Mae			
Underwood, Blake			