



Lion's Mane News

*Lutheran School Association
Educating for Tomorrow and Eternity*

April 1, 2016

FACTS is accepting financial aid applications. Click on the link at the bottom of our homepage to get started. Your taxes must be completed in order to file. **The deadline is May 1st** and no applications will be accepted after that date. Financial aid is needs based and is offered on a first come, first serve basis.



**Chapel on Wednesday,
April 6 will be led by
Mr. Karsten.**

Chapel offerings for the fourth quarter will be going to Missionary Reverend Andrew Schlund.

Hearing and Vision Screenings were completed this week. If your student "failed" either of these, they will be rescreened on April 11th. At this time, if they have "failed" again, you will be notified with a referral form for further evaluation.

ABC is looking to hire for Morning and Afternoon ABC! Qualified candidates would be organized, energetic, responsible and reliable and love spending time with kids. Previous child care experience is helpful. The position offers up to 20 hours a week, and ideally would be both before and after school care. If interested, you can pick up an application in the elementary office, or see Ms. Martinek. For more information, you can email amartinek@lsadecatur.net.

His Kind of Love

The LSA Dinner Auction will be held April 16th at the Mt. Zion Convention Center. Now is the time to bring in your donations! Each student that brings in an auction donation will receive a free dress code pass for April 15th. Bring a little or bring a lot, all donations are appreciated! Tickets are \$50 each and are now available in the office. **Classroom Themes are:**

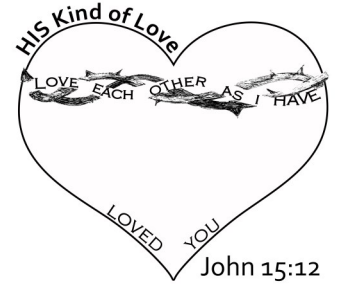
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| KA - Fruit of the Spirit Pottery | 4th - Breakfast Basket |
| KB - Golf Basket | 5th - Dog supplies and accessories |
| 1st - Bookshelf with accessories | 6th - Pigs in a Basket |
| 2A - Camping | 7th Grade - Disney Basket |
| 2B - Carved wooden tray | 8th Grade - Coffee Basket |
| 3rd - Outdoor gas fire pit and chairs | High School - Downtown Decatur |

THE COMMAND IS THIS:
LOVE EACH OTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.
JOHN 15:12

Coffee With Mr. Karsten

There are so many exciting things going on in the LSA office this time of year! We are gearing up for the Annual Dinner Auction, the new LSA Foundation Buy a Brick program, and our March donor update letter. We are also introducing the new LSA GRAND CLUB for those who have donated more than \$1,000. We know this time of year brings many "asks", and may be a bit overwhelming. We have so many great projects that need your time, talent and treasures. There is something for every person and every interest. Thank you for all you do to support the LSA Ministry!

God's Blessings on Your Day,
Mr. Karsten



Looking Ahead...

- **April 4th - 8th**
- Jr. High Trip to Washington D.C.
- **April 10th**
- PTL Family Field Day
DISC 2:00 - 4:00 PM
- **April 21st**
- Papa Murphy's PTL Fundraiser
- **April 29th**
- PTL Meeting
8:45 AM
- PTL Denim Days \$2.50
- **April 30th**
- LSA Track Meet
- **May 1st**
- K-4 Concert 3:00 PM
- **May 3rd**
- Teacher Appreciation
- **May 6th**
- High School Denim Days \$2.00
- **May 7th**
- State Science Fair
- **May 12th**
- HS Concert 7:00 PM





FOR YOUR HEALTH...



SCRIP News

Immunization requirements for school entry for 2016-2017 School Year:

Kindergarten:

- 4 or more doses of DTaP with the last dose on or after the 4th birthday
- 4 or more doses of the Polio vaccine with the last dose on or after the 4th birthday
- 2 doses of the MMR
- 2 doses of the Varicella vaccine

6-12th Grades:

- 1 dose of Tdap at entry to Grade 6
- 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine (probably already done)
- 2nd dose of Varicella at entry to 2nd, or 6-11th Grade
- 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine for entry into Grade 6
- 2nd dose of Meningococcal vaccine for at entry to Grade 12

Drop off by 9:00 AM

- April 4
- April 11
- April 18
- April 25
- May 2
- May 9
- May 16

Pick up

- April 8
- April 15
- April 22
- April 29
- May 6
- May 13
- May 20 by noon

Please make sure you order using a current order form each time you order.

**Orders, both paper and online, are due
by 9:00 AM.**



7th & 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

Students will depart from LSA at 5:00 PM on Sunday, April 3rd. They will return to LSA around 6:30 AM on Friday, April 8th. For those students who are not going to be able to travel with us, school will be in session Monday, April 4 - Thursday, April 7 with a modified schedule. Students will be working as a group to research and explore some of the same experiences the students will be having in Washington DC. Attendance is expected. Absence will be monitored and count against their attendance record for the year. All 7th & 8th grade students will be excused from school on Friday, April 8.

In order to continue to try to improve our communication with our LSA families, we have implemented a new procedure for "Red Card" lunch accounts. We are going to send a daily email to families with student lunch accounts between -\$0.50 and -\$15.00. These emails serve as a courtesy reminder that it's time to make a lunch account deposit. Once a student lunch account reaches -\$20.00, the lunch card will be pulled temporarily, and an alternative lunch will be served until the account is brought current. Our hope is that by using these email reminders, parents will be able to stay well informed and current on their student's lunch account.

Lunch Menu

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Week N	Brunch for Lunch	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Fish Nuggets	Chicken and Noodles	Mexican Pizza
Alt=Sandwich		Rice	French Fries	Vegetable	Vegetable
		Vegetable	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
		Fruit	Dessert	Biscuit	Cookie

Lions Sports News

THIS WEEK IN LIONS SPORTS

- Friday, April 1st** - High School Baseball @ Buffalo Tri-City at 4:30 PM
- Saturday, April 2nd** - High School Boys Track @ Eisenhower at 10:00 AM
High School Baseball @ Leroy at 10:00 AM
Jr. High Track @ U of I Armory at 9:00 AM
- Monday, April 4th** - Jr. High Track @ Arthur at 4:00 PM
High School Baseball @ Springfield HS at 4:30 PM
- Tuesday, April 5th** - High School Soccer @ Pana at 4:30 PM
High School Track @ Maroa Forsyth at 4:30 PM
High School Baseball VS Heritage Broadlands - **Home** at 4:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 6th** - High School Baseball VS Arcola - **Home** at 4:30 PM
- Thursday, April 7th** - High School Tennis VS MacArthur at Fairview Park at 4:00 PM
High School Soccer @ Eisenhower at 4:30 PM
- Friday, April 8th** - High School Track @ Arthur at 4:00 PM
High School Baseball @ Bethany at 4:30 PM

If you have a current 8th grade daughter that is interested in playing high school volleyball next year, there will be open gyms this spring on the following dates:

2016-2017 High School Volleyball

Open Gym Dates

April 16th - 8:00 AM

April 30th - 12:00 PM



Current 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade girls interested in playing basketball next fall are invited to Spring Open Houses

beginning Monday April 4th, from 5:00 -7:00 PM.

Continues every Monday through April and May (except Memorial Day)

If you have any questions, please contact Coach Lon at pschigodal@yahoo.com.

LSA has scheduled sports physicals on **Tuesday, May 17th, 2015 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM**. They will be held in the gym hallway and locker rooms. **Please put this day on your calendar. Any student wishing to play a sport, no matter what age or grade they are in, will be required to have a sports physical before they are allowed to participate.** The cost is \$25 and the check can be made out to DMH Medical Group. Physicals are good for 13 months.

The scheduled times will be:

- High School**
3:00 – 3:45 PM
- 6th-8th grades**
3:45 – 4:30 PM
- K-5th grades**
4:30 - 5:00 PM



Extra Curricular eligibility will be checked on a weekly basis in accordance with IESA guidelines. Eligibility is based on the grades available at the time of the check. Eligibility will be checked every Wednesday. If a student receives a failing grade, the student and parents will be notified on Wednesday. Changes in grades from the day of the check to any day within the time limit of the ineligibility will not change the length of the suspension from practices and/or games. Academics must come first.

Volunteering Opportunities

LSA ReSale Shop

Come see our Spring & Summer merchandise at 421 E. Cerro Gordo. Our hours are from 9:00 AM—3:00 PM. If you have any spare time, we can always use volunteers. Bring your gently used items to us and help raise money for LSA at the same time! If you have a furniture pick-up, please call (217) 423-0122 for a date and pick-up time.



Lunchroom Volunteers

Our cafeteria staff is always looking for extra hands to help serve lunch. This is a fun way to get your service hours in while getting to interact with the students and staff. To volunteer, go to our website www.lsadecatur.net and click the Sign-Up Genius link on the bottom, right corner of the home page.



K-12 LSA Family Field Day at the DISC

PTL has planned a Family Field Day at the Decatur Indoor Sports Center (DISC) on **Sunday, April 10 from 2 - 4 p.m.!** All K-12 students, teachers, and their families, cousins, grandparents, etc. are invited to enjoy a fun afternoon in the DISC auxiliary gyms, complete with free admission to the bounce house and rock climbing wall. The back gym will cater to younger children with scooters and ball playing and the front gym will be for older kids to enjoy basketball, volleyball and other games. A family dodge ball game is also planned! Maybe parents vs. kids or boys vs. girls, who knows! Who will win?

Fliers and rock climbing waiver forms are attached and were sent home with students on Tuesday. PTL is asking for \$5 per family to offset the costs of rental. Money and forms can also be turned in at the door, but we are hoping to reserve families early for this event, which is currently posted on The LSA Parent Teacher League Facebook page. Please pre-register your family and turn in the climbing wall waiver and payment by April 6. Registration also accepted at the door that day.

Mark Your Calendar - Papa Murphy's Pizza Fundraiser April 21!



Library Volunteers

The library is a really fun place to volunteer. You can make it a weekly occurrence or just come as you can. Sign-Up Genius is set up for the dates and times that Mrs. Martinek needs help.

We need your help! Next Monday, April 4th at 9:00 AM, we plan to put together a very large mailing, and are in need of assistance. If you would like to help, please email Katie at kbulava@lsadecatur.net ASAP, and let her know what times you would like to help, so she can put together a list. We appreciate all that our parents do for the LSA!



The educational impact of parents involved with their children's school cannot be understated. **We are requiring each family to serve a minimum of ten hours a year to the needs of the school.** You can record your hours of service by logging it in the Family Participation Log in the office. In the event that your hours have not been served by May 15th, a \$10 charge for each hour not served will be added to your family's account. Thank you so much for partnering with us to make your child's experience at LSA the very best it can be! Questions? Email Katie at kbulava@lsadecatur.net