



# Lion's Mane News

*Lutheran School Association  
Educating for Tomorrow and Eternity*

April 15, 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 20th will be led by Pastor Weseloh of Trinity.** Chapel offerings for the fourth quarter will be going to Missionary Reverend Andrew Schlund.

## LSA Community Open House Dippel Retirement Reception

The LSA and our Parent Teacher League are planning an LSA Community Retirement Reception for Mrs. Dippel on May 15 from 2:00 - 5:00 PM in the LSA Theatre. The reception will be an open house to share a card, a prayer, or a hug with Mrs. Dippel as she leaves LSA and the community. The reception is open to any LSA family or friend or anyone from our association churches or other groups and events, who may have met her along the way. Mrs. Dippel has been a part of the LSA for many years, and she has taken on many roles here. We will all miss her very much. Mark your calendars and join us on that day to show your support for her as she enters a new journey in her life!

**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 [amartinek@lsadecatur.net](mailto:amartinek@lsadecatur.net).

## Coffee With Mr. Karsten

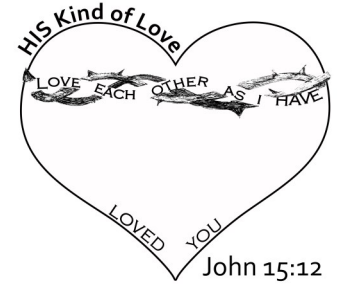
**Today, I want to share with you a testimony by one of our LSA families on why they chose LSA:**

*Our children have been at LSA for six years now and there are several reasons why we continue to choose LSA. I could write a whole page on the excellence of the academics and the programs that are offered. We love that our children are challenged academically and that they are also exposed to wonderful art, music, and athletic programs. I could fill two pages writing about the wonderful faculty! Our children are loved and, more importantly, felt loved by the teachers and staff. There is no substitute for sending our children to a school where they are safe and loved.*

*However, the main reason we choose LSA is also the highest priority we have for their lives, a Christian education. LSA partners with us as parents to raise godly children who know and love Jesus. We love that Christian songs fill their heads and they sing them in the shower. We love that when our children hear of another's suffering, the first thing they do is pray. We appreciate that certain behaviors, which might be tolerated in a public school, are not acceptable at LSA and are dealt with in a loving and teachable way. The faculty at this school are helping us to grow our children into responsible, compassionate adults who will be ready to face the world with a foundation built on a relationship with God. There is nothing in life that is more important than this.*

What is your story? Why did you choose LSA and how has LSA blessed your family. We'd love to hear your story. Please feel free to share it with the office, and with another family who might be blessed by the strong college-prep, Christian Education that happens here.

God's Blessings on Your Day,  
Mr. Karsten



## Looking Ahead...

- **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
- **May 15th**  
- Retirement Open House 2:00 PM



**FOR YOUR HEALTH...**

**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

# SCRIP News

**Drop off by 9:00 AM**

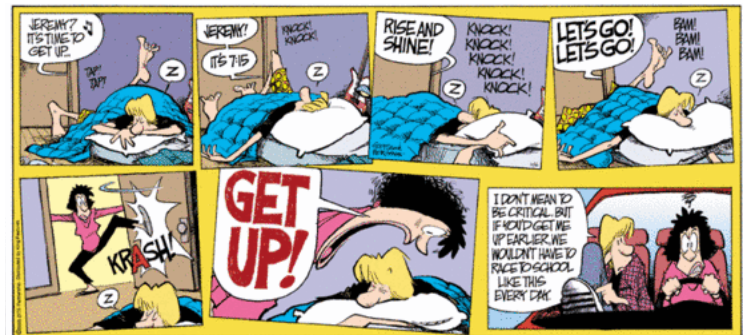
April 18  
 April 25  
 May 2  
 May 9  
 May 16

**Pick up**

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.**



**Chicken Noodle Dinner:**

St. John's Lutheran Church, Ladies Friendship Circle is hosting a Chicken Noodle Dinner on Sunday, April 17 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Cost: Adults \$8.50 Children 3-12 \$3.50. Menu: Chicken Noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the St. John's Office or at the door. Proceeds will go toward our 125th Anniversary celebration.

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.
<b>Week 1</b>	Hot Dog	Taco	Chicken Nuggets	Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich	Spaghetti
<b>Alternative=Sandwich</b>	Vegetable	Vegetable	Mashed Potatoes	Corn Chips	Salad
	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Vegetable	Fruit
	Dessert	Churro	Biscuit	Fruit	Garlic

# Lions Sports News

## THIS WEEK IN LIONS SPORTS

- Friday, April 15th** - 4th - 8th Track @ MT. Zion at 3:30 PM  
High School Soccer @ Mt. Zion at 4:30 PM
- Saturday, April 16th** - High School Baseball VS Central A&M - **Home** at 10:00 AM  
High School Soccer VS MacArthur - **Home** at 11:00 AM
- Monday, April 18th** - High School Soccer VS St. Thomas More - **Home** at 4:30 PM
- Tuesday, April 19th** - High School Baseball VS Morrisonville - **Home** at 4:30 PM  
High School Track @ Monticello at 4:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 20th** - 4th - 8th Grade Track @ Maroa Forsyth at 4:30 PM  
High School Baseball @ Cerro Gordo at 4:30 PM
- Thursday, April 21st** - High School Tennis @ Shelbyville at 4:30 PM  
High School Soccer VS Uni High - **Home** at 7:00 PM
- Friday, April 22nd** - High School Tennis @ Springfield High School at 3:30 PM  
High School Track @ Tuscola at 4:00 PM  
High School Baseball @ Arcola 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:pschigodal@yahoo.com).

LSA has scheduled sports physicals on **Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 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
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades**  
3:45 – 4:30 PM
- K-5<sup>th</sup> 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

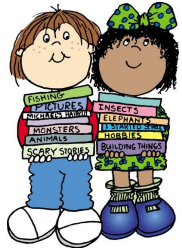
## LSA ReSale Shop

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](http://www.lsadecatur.net) and click the Sign-Up Genius link on the bottom, right corner of the home page.



## 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.

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](mailto:kbulava@lsadecatur.net)

## Pizza Selfies with Mr. Karsten!!

Stop by Papa Murphy's Pizza from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 and LSA PTL will receive 20% of your purchase! No flier needed, just say "LSA" when you order and remind others around you to do the same. Even better - if you take a photo with Mr. Karsten in his pizza costume... **YOU GET A FREE DRESS DAY!!** (Note - in order to be eligible for free dress, photos must be taken AT Papa Murphy's and you must receive a certificate and take it to school the next day.) He will be available at Papa Murphy's immediately after school pickup, from about 4-5pm. Also, if you still need family volunteer hours, the PTL needs volunteers to be at Papa Murphy's from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and from 3:30 to 7:30 (1 hour shifts available or work the total hours) to cheerfully ask other customers to "Just Say LSA" when they order. All of the day's pizza proceeds will go towards future PTL classroom grants and special events. Hope to see you there! (Gluten Free options are available. For volunteer hours, please contact Sherri Vandermyde at text 217-855-6257 or [lvandermyde@comcast.net](mailto:lvandermyde@comcast.net).)

## Upcoming PTL Events/Opportunities to Volunteer:

- April 26 and April 29 - K-4th art show set up - volunteers needed - please contact Sherri Vandermyde at [lvandermyde@comcast.net](mailto:lvandermyde@comcast.net) or 217-855-6257
- May 1 - K-4th concert and art show
- May 2 - 6: Teacher Appreciation Week - plan to come to chapel on Wednesday that week and celebrate our teachers
- May 3: Volunteers needed to cover elementary and high school teacher lunch hours and recess so they can enjoy lunch provided by PTL. Contact Sherri Vandermyde to help.
- May 11: All School Chapel
- May 12: High School concert/art show
- May 15: LSA Community Open House Dippel Retirement Reception

## READiculous



This fun, 45-minute program includes reading and acting out a READiculous amount of books. Join us at LSA on Tuesday, April 19th at 2:00 PM to join the fun.

[www.decalurlibrary.org/childrens/READiculous](http://www.decalurlibrary.org/childrens/READiculous)