



# Lion's Mane News

*Lutheran School Association  
Educating for Tomorrow and Eternity*

August 23, 2013

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## Booster Club Chicken Dinner October 4th 4:30 - 7:30 PM

Catered by Nelson's, dinner will be half a chicken, green beans, and mashed potatoes and gravy. Prices are: \$8 in advance, \$10 per adult dinner at the door. A children's dinner of hot dogs, chips, and a drink is \$3 in advance, and \$4 at the door. There will be a Bake Sale as well to benefit the Friday Night Lights campaign. Tickets will be available in the offices. Please RSVP to either office so that we can get an accurate head count for the caterers.



There will be a parent informational meeting about the Washington D.C. 2015 trip (current 7th graders) on August 29th at 7:00 PM in the LSA Theater. See the attached order form for the stadium chairs that are the current fundraiser for this trip.

## 2013 Dads, Grandpas, & Kids Campout

Saturday September 21st- Sunday September 22nd at Camp CILCA (sponsored by St. Paul's Men's Ministry). See the attached flier for more details. Everyone is invited, you don't have to be a member of St. Paul's to attend. This is a fantastic fellowship opportunity!

Chapel on Wed., Aug. 28th will be led by Pastor Laux of Trinity Lutheran Church.

The LSA Parent Teacher League is starting up again and we want you to join us! We are planning some amazing, family-friendly events this school year. If you are interested in finding out more about the PTL or would like to volunteer a small portion of your time to our efforts please contact Sonya Jensen (217)412-9227 or sonyajensen813@hotmail.com. An informational meeting will be scheduled for September. More details next week! The LSA Parent-Teacher League... connecting families, advancing education.

## Information Meeting for current & new Daisy/Brownies Parents:

Our first Brownie meeting of the year will be next Tuesday, August 27th from 3:30 - 4:30 PM in the board room. If your daughter is already enrolled, please attend a brief parents meeting at 4:30 PM. If your daughter is in 2nd or 3rd grade and is interested in joining our Brownie group, please come to our new member meeting at 5:00 PM.

Presently we do not have a Daisy Troop (K-1st) so if anyone is interested in starting one, please join us at the 5:00 PM meeting or feel free to call me with any questions.

Donna Moma 872-0448.

## LERT Volunteer Training Event

Led by Rev. Glenn Merritt, LCMS Disaster Response Director, St Louis MO on **August 31, 2013, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM**

**(registration begins 8:00 AM, sessions begin 8:30 am) at LSA.**

The registration fee for the LERT Volunteer Training Program is \$35.00, which includes your disaster response training manual, LCMS volunteer vest, other helpful materials, and lunch. You will also receive your certificate of participation and volunteer certification badge from LCMS Disaster Response and the Office of National Mission.

For Additional information contact: Stephen Born (member St. John's Lutheran Church, Decatur) at 217.220.0162 or bornstephen@yahoo.com.

## Looking Ahead...

- **Aug. 30th**  
Coffee with Mr. Karsten 7:45 AM
- **Sept. 2nd**  
Labor Day  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**NO ABC**
- **Sept. 9th**  
LSA Golf Outing  
**NO SCHOOL**
- **Sept. 18th**  
Market Day Pick-Up 3:00—5:30 PM
- **Sept. 13th**  
7th Grade Leaf Projects Due  
Jr. High Dance Grades 6-8 7:00 - 9:30 PM
- **Sept. 18th-20th**  
6th Grade Outdoor Ed
- **Sept. 20th**  
8th Grade Bug Projects Due



## FOR YOUR HEALTH...



Welcome back to school! My goal is to keep the school environment healthy and safe so your child can concentrate on learning. I am here Monday - Friday and can be reached by calling 233-2001. Please come to me with any health related concerns you have that may affect your child while he/she is at school.

**Any medication given during the school day must come with an authorization form that has been filled out by both the doctor and the parent. This includes over the counter medication.** Medication is dispensed only from the office and must NOT be carried in backpacks or pockets. The only exception is a rescue inhaler (although this needs to be authorized by your child's doctor).

When keeping your child home ill, **please call the school office at 233-2001 by 9:00 AM.**

All physicals are due by **October 15th for K, 6, and 9th graders.** I will be contacting you shortly as a reminder if I have not received these yet.

In His Care,

Jeanne Karsten, RN

LSA School Nurse

**Parking Lot Reminder** Be courteous to each other. There is no cell phone usage in the parking lot as per Illinois law. Please make sure that you follow the posted signs and arrows so that you go with the flow of traffic. A map of the layout is attached. **Make sure that your students are ready to get out of the vehicle when you pull up to the drop off lane.** Students that are unprepared to get out of the vehicle hold up traffic and make others late for school. If you need a couple of extra minutes, please park in a designated parking spot until you are ready to go. **Do not pass vehicles that are dropping students off even if your children have already exited your vehicle.** Help us keep our children safe!



### LOST AND FOUND

We already have quite a bit of lost and found piling up in the hallway by the cafeteria. If your student is missing anything, please check the rack.

### Drop off

August 26

NO SCRIP WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3rd

NO SCRIP WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9TH

September 16

September 23

September 30

October 7

### Pick-up

August 30

September 20

September 27

October 4

October 11



**In Stock:** We have many cards available in the office on a first come, first serve basis.

**School Picture Day is October 10th!**  
**STUDENTS MUST BE IN DRESS CODE FOR THESE PICTURES. NO EXCEPTIONS!**



### Booster Club News

The next Booster Club meeting is September 12th at 5:30 PM in the Board room. (All meetings attended count for Volunteer Hours).

**All Spiritwear order forms are due by August 30th.** Order forms are attached. The next order will be November for a Christmas delivery. Some items are available in the Elementary Office. The Booster Club is looking for volunteers to be the Liaison for the sports programs both High School and Grade School. The volunteer would get credit for all service hours worked. The Liaison would be responsible for:

1. Maintaining Sign Up Genius
2. Making sure that the Coach's request forms got to the booster club meeting so that the booster club can vote to get items for Team's needs.
3. Making sure all Spiritwear needs come to the Booster Club Spiritwear Coordinator.
4. Being an active member of the booster club.

If you are interested in being the Liaison please sign up at Sign Up Genius. [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F48AFAB2BA75-booster](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F48AFAB2BA75-booster)

Please contact Chris Galka or Teresa Edwards with any questions.

## Lions Sports News

# Follow us on Twitter @LSA\_Athletics!

### Little LIONS Cheer Camp

The cheer camp is open to all little girls at LSA in grades K-6th. Learn cheers with the LSA High School cheerleaders and perform with them at the varsity High School football game.

**Cheer Camp: Saturday September 14th 9am-noon at LSA Perform at the High School Football game on Friday September 20th Cost: \$35 per student (includes camp T-shirt).**

Please make checks payable to LSA with Cheer Camp in Memo Please register by September 3rd to receive your t-shirt! Let's Hear You ROAR!

For more information, please email Coach Stacey Jones [off2shop@comcast.net](mailto:off2shop@comcast.net) with subject "Cheer Camp."



Picture day for softball, football, cheerleading, and cross country is **August 29 at 2:45 PM** in the gym. Baseball Pictures will be taken **August 30th at 2:45 PM** in the gym.

There will be an informational meeting for all girls in grades 4-8 interested in playing basketball on **Thursday, August 29th at 7:30 PM in the cafeteria.** Please bring your sports physical (if we don't already have it on file), a check for \$50 made out to LSA for your sports participation fee, and your insurance card with you to this meeting.



There is still time to come out for Jr. High Cross Country. This is Pastor Troy's first year coaching CC and he is very excited about teaching your son/daughter how to build endurance and the skills to be a life long runner. Anyone interested can email him at [troy@tredecatur.org](mailto:troy@tredecatur.org).



Softball and baseball are off to a fast start. Check out the schedules below or on our website [www.lsadecatur.net](http://www.lsadecatur.net) and go out and support the Lions.

JFL had their first game last week at Maroa. They play again this week on Sunday, August 25th at 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Their first home game will be August 31st at 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM vs. Sullivan.

## THIS WEEK IN LIONS SPORTS

**Saturday, August 24th** - Jr. High Baseball @ Trinity Lutheran Bloomington at 10:00 AM

**Sunday, August 25th** - JFL Lightweights @ Monticello at 2:00 PM

JFL Heavyweights @ Monticello at 4:00 PM

**Monday, August 26th** - Jr. High Softball @ St. Aloysius at 4:30 PM

**Tuesday, August 27th** - Jr. High Softball @ Okaw Valley Jr. High at 4:30 PM

**Wednesday, August 28th** - Jr. High Baseball @ Meridian Middle School at 4:15 PM

**Thursday, August 29th** - Jr. High Baseball @ Maroa-Forsyth Middle School at 4:30 PM

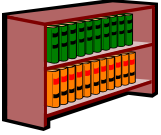
**Friday, August 30th** - Jr. High Softball VS Hartsburg Emden - Home at 4:15 PM

Jr. High Baseball VS Trinity Lutheran Bloomington - Home at 5:00 PM

High School Football @ Georgetown Ridge Farm at 7:00 PM



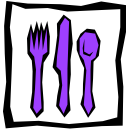
# Volunteering Opportunities



## Library Volunteers for the Week of Aug. 26

	Tues. 8/27	Wed. 8/28	Thurs. 8/29
AM			
PM			

## Menu for the Week of August 26th — Week L



## Lunch Volunteers For the Week of Aug. 26th

Monday	
Tuesday	
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Thursday	
Friday	

## ONLINE GRADE UPDATE

As the school staff works to transition to the new software program, please be patient as we implement grading software. We hope to be able to post grades online within the next two weeks. We will notify families when the system is ready. Thank you for your patience and cooperation!

## Coffee With Mr. Karsten

You are invited to Coffee With Mr. Karsten every other Friday from 7:45 AM - 8:15 AM in the LSA Library. This is a chance for Mr. Karsten to meet more parents, pray together, share thoughts on chosen school topics, and answer any questions that LSA parents have. This opportunity for regular, casual meeting times throughout the year provides a good way to strengthen relationships and gain input from parents in a positive way in order to make LSA the best school that it can be. There are various topics to discuss throughout the year including budget, policies, dress code, volunteer hours, bullying, technology, and many more. Please share your topic ideas by emailing [kkarsten@lsadecatur.net](mailto:kkarsten@lsadecatur.net). Topics chosen for each meeting will be shared in the weekly newsletter. The first meeting date is August 30th.



## LIBRARY NEWS— Welcome Mrs. Ray!!

Many LSA families may remember me from the 2011-2012 school year when I taught Kindergarten. My husband, Adam Ray, received a call as the new Associate Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church so we're back in Decatur! Elaine Brownfield has retired and I will be stepping in as the librarian. I look forward to assisting K-8 with their love of reading! I will also be leading our new Accelerated Reading program so if you have any parent questions, you can contact me at [librarian\\_lsa01@yahoo.com](mailto:librarian_lsa01@yahoo.com)  
-Amanda Ray

## Meet Mr. Greve

Hi! I am Tim Greve. I am extremely excited to be teaching middle school social studies and Physical Education and coaching middle school girls basketball at the LSA. I attended Lutheran schools my whole life (Pre-K through college). My parents and both of my grandpas were Lutheran teachers and coaches. I grew up an hour north of Detroit in Macomb, MI. I graduated from Concordia University Wisconsin. This will be my third year teaching. My first two years of teaching were at Mt. Olive Lutheran in Milwaukee, WI. I was also the 7th-8th grade head girls basketball coach and athletic director there.

Besides teaching, I love coaching any sports, but basketball and football especially. Sorry to all you Illini fans, but I am a Michigan Wolverines fan. However, I do like the St. Louis Cardinals because my grandpa played in the minor league for the Cardinals. I also enjoy reading books and exercising.

