

The Lion's Roar

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Special Points of Interest

- **Sept. 3rd**
Labor Day
NO SCHOOL
- **Sept. 7th**
Football
vs. Metro East
7:00PM
- **Sept. 10th**
NO SCHOOL
Teacher In-service
LSA Golf Outing
- **Sept. 12th**
Market Day Pick-Up
3:00—5:30 PM
- **Sept. 14th**
Mid-term
- **Sept. 21st**
Homecoming
Tailgate / Football
vs. Mt. Olive

LSA Golf Outing Monday, September 10th is the date for the annual LSA Golf Outing! Join us at the exclusive Southside Country Club for fun, food, prizes, and the opportunity to benefit a worthy cause. Make your plans now to enter your favorite foursome, or register in smaller groups or individually.

Entry Fee: \$150 per person or \$600 a group —includes green fees, golf cart, lunch, and dinner. Contact Rachel Bishop at 233-2001 ext. 104 for more information.



Booster Club Chicken Dinner
Catered by Nelson's Dinner, the meal will be half a chicken, green beans, and mashed potatoes and gravy.

Prices are: \$10.00 per adult dinner
\$ 9.00 for 60+
\$ 3.00 for children's dinner of hot dogs, chips, and a drink. There will be a Bake Sale as well. Tickets will be on sale at registration and will also be available in the offices. Please RSVP to either office so that we can get an accurate head count for the caterers. All proceeds are going to the Friday Night Lights fund to light the football field.

Spiritwear orders should be in sometime next week. Everyone is invited to the Booster Club meeting Sept. 6th at 5:30 PM in cafeteria. All JFL and High School football players are asked to donate items to the Bake Sale at the all school dinner Sept. 7th to benefit the "Friday Night Lights Campaign. Please bring items to the booster club meeting Sept, 6th or bring to the school any time on Sept 7th.



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School Picture Day is October 11th!
Students must be in dress code for these pictures. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Letter Jackets Illini Grad Sales will be back on Tuesday, September 4th from 3:00-7:00 to take your LSA letter jacket orders

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are in need of people to help us with both the SCRIP program and the Market Day program. Please contact Jayme at frontoffice@lsadecatur.net or 233-2001 if you are interested in helping with either of these programs.

ReSale Shop Our fall season started out with a bang with wonderful donations and sales. Thank you to everyone who participated in our project. If you have a few hours free, come on down and give us a hand. We are open 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Saturday. If you need a pick up for furniture, call Judy Gross at 423-0122 to arrange a date and time.



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. **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.** If you wish to walk your student in to the building in the morning, please park SOUTH of the safe zone. Help us keep our children safe!





FOR YOUR HEALTH...



From Mrs. Karsten, RN

Physical forms are missing for a 9th graders. Students will be excluded from school if not received by **October 15th**.

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.

When keeping your child home ill, please call the school office at 233-2000 by 9:00 AM.

Rachel's Challenge assembly will be on **Thursday, October 25th** in the gym. There will be one session for 7th and 8th grades and a Year Two Challenge session for the high school students. This is an amazing testimony of one of the first victim's of Columbine who, before her death, urged others to be good to others. It is developed to enhance a positive school climate and ask students to be the change.



Introducing...

Adam J. Bulava I originally grew up in the south suburbs of Chicago, IL. I attended public school through 8TH grade and then began high school at Luther East High School in Lansing, IL. While a student there, I lettered in two varsity sports (soccer and basketball) and participated in four theater productions. I graduated from Luther East as valedictorian in the spring 2000.

That fall, I started at Concordia University, in St. Paul, MN. I spent five years earning my BA in Secondary Education with an emphasis in Social Studies. I also earned two minors, Theatre and Lutheran Confessionalism. When I was not in class, I spent my time hanging around the theatre participating in over a dozen shows over five years. When not involved in school related theatre productions, I was working for Conference and Events staff helping other organizations do theatre on campus.

After graduating Magna Cum Laude, I moved to Las Vegas, NV to accept a position teaching 7TH grade U.S. History and 8TH grade World Geography at Faith Lutheran Jr/Sr High School. After two years at Faith, I moved on to teach U.S. Government for five years at Canyon Springs High School in North Las Vegas. While teaching at "C-Springs," I assisted the school in preparing the "We the People..." team for district and state competitions. In the Spring of 2011, I was awarded a scholarship by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship to pursue a Master's degree from the American Military University online program.

While living in Las Vegas, I met my wife, Kathryn while working on theatre productions at Las Vegas Little Theatre. After a two year courtship, we were married in July 2009 in Las Vegas in front of family and friends. A year later, we became pregnant with our first child, Samantha, who was born in April of 2011.

Amanda Spinner Greetings! I am excited to be here at LSA for my first teaching position. I am currently the Chemistry and Physics I and II teacher for the high school. I have had a long, round-about journey to get to this point and I am glad to finally be here.

I was born and raised in Clinton (30 minutes north of here) on a small farm of our horses. I am the oldest of three girls, all of which play/played volleyball and various other sports. I enjoy the sports of volleyball and showing horses and continue as I have time. I have attended the First Christian Church in Clinton since before I could walk and still make it back on Sundays to go to church and spend time with my family. John and I have been married just over a year. He attended Warrensburg High School followed by attending Murray State University.

After graduating from Clinton High School, I attended Black Hawk East College on a full volleyball scholarship. After attaining my Agricultural Transfer Associates degree, I transferred to University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for two years to receive my Bachelors of Animal Science/Pre-Veterinary Medicine degree. Considering I am currently teaching, I obviously decided to not pursue a veterinary medical degree. After college, I worked as a veterinary technician for a few vets and worked several other various jobs until I ended up in a Post Office. While I maintained my job at the Post Office, I attended school full time at Illinois State University and attained my Bachelors in Biology degree and Secondary Certification to teach.

I student taught last year at Lincoln High School and substitute taught in the spring. My teaching experiences, combined with my job experience, have given me a unique view of the classroom and the path your students should take. Once I get through my first year, I will looking towards continuing my education in the Biology field.

Homecoming Week Activities

This year the high school has chosen a Hawaiian Luau theme for Homecoming Week. The students will participate in a variety of activities and dress up days during the week devoted to the island state. The Homecoming dance will be held Saturday, September 22nd from 8:00-11:00 pm. Coronation will be at 8:30pm, so parents - please come for photos and to see the decorations. **The Tailgate dinner will be Friday, September 21st from 5:00-7:00 pm outside of the gym.** We will be having our version of a Hawaiian pig roast (Pulled Pork dinner or hot dog with two sides, a drink, and dessert!) Come and enjoy a fundraising dinner for LSA Prom held by the Sophomore class before you root on our football team. Tickets for the Tailgate dinner will be on sale next week in the high school office for \$5.00 per person or \$20 for a family of 4 or more. We are expecting a huge crowd - please purchase tickets so we can be prepared. There will be a carnival for the kids, so invite your friends and family. Wristbands will be sold for \$5.00 for an evening of games and fun for the kids. Due to the water restriction, we cannot have our annual teacher/administrator dunk tank, but we will have something equally as messy, so bring your dollar bills to have your chance!

LSA Homecoming Celebration 2012

Homecoming is the week of September 17th – 21st.

There is a theme for the dress for students K-12 for each day this week. This letter will list what you can and can't wear that day. If you do not want to participate in the theme you are expected to be in regular dress code attire.

MONDAY: Monochromatic Day: Students or classes are to pick one color and then wear clothing in that color. It is okay to wear hats, scarves, shoes, socks that fit with the ONE color they choose. Students are not allowed to dye or color their hair or wear face/body paint. If they choose purple, they can wear clothes that are different shades of purple.

TUESDAY: Tourist Day: Students are to dress like they are tourists in Hawaii. They may wear outfits that make them look as such. It is important that the right amount of coverage in their outfit. Shirts must have sleeves and go no lower than the collar bone. Shorts still have to go to the knees. Flip flops are okay today only. Hawaiian shirts are great!

WEDNESDAY: Pajama Day: Students can wear their pajamas to school or their sleeping outfit. Slippers and robes are okay, but let's not bring blankets or pillows to school. Again, the coverage must be modest: nothing below the collar bone, and within three inches of the knees.

THURSDAY: Dress Like Your Favorite Teacher: On Monday, every teacher will post what outfit they are wearing on Thursday – students are encouraged to dress as similarly as they can to any teacher of their choice. This should not be done in a mocking or degrading manner. The student who looks most similar to a teacher will receive a prize.

FRIDAY: Spirit Day: Wear your LSA attire and show your school spirit. You may wear clothes from your sports teams as long as nothing shows below the collarbone and it is within 3 inches of the knee. High School students will wear their Homecoming T-Shirts!

The student council will take a tally each day to see how many in each grade participate in these theme dress days. The class with the highest percentage of participation for the week will receive a prize: If a student chooses to dress in something inappropriately for any of the theme days, we will not be able to have this fun activity for spirit week, so please choose wisely. Let's make it a fun week, please.

CALENDAR ITEMS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Kickball tournament for the high school from 1:00 - 3:30pm

Thursday: Volleyball Game: 6:15/7:30pm

Friday: Whole School Pep rally: 2:30 – 3:30pm

Dance decorating: 3:30 – 5:00pm

Tailgate and Carnival: 5:00 - 7:00pm

Football Game: 7:00pm

Saturday: High School Dance: 8:00 - 11:00pm

Dollars and Cents

Drop off

NO SCRIP WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3rd
 September 10
 September 17
 September 24
 October 1

Pick-up

September 14
 September 21
 September 28
 October 5 (no school this day
 but the office will be open)



Herff Jones will be here on Tuesday, September 4th at 8:45AM to speak with sophomores regarding class rings.

Time is running out to purchase your Market Day for the month of September. Turn in your order form by **Wednesday, September 5th** or order online at www.marketday.com by **Friday, September 7th by 11:00 PM**. Market Day pick up is **Wednesday, September 14th from 3:00 to 5:30 PM** in the multi-purpose room.



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In Stock: Buffalo Wild Wings, Cheddar's, Circle K, Crate & Barrel, Culver's, iTunes, Kohl's, Krekel's, LaFondita, Lowe's, Marathon, Menards, Monical's, Paco's, Panera, Pastabilities, Starbucks, Steak N' Shake, Subway, Target, and Walmart **while supplies last!**

Box Top and Soup Label Volunteer Needed this year! Count, sort, and get ready to mail for us. Interested?



Call the office at 233-2001. 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!!!**

Upcoming College Visits:

All college rep visits are during the lunch hour in the MPR.
 September 7th: Millikin University
 September 12th: Illinois College
 October 9th: Valparaiso University
 October 16th: Concordia University – Chicago

ACT® Important Information

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 8, 2012	August 17, 2012	August 18-24, 2012 (paper registration) August 18-31, 2012 (on-line registration)
October 27, 2012	September 21, 2012	September 22 - October 5, 2012
December 8, 2012	November 2, 2012	November 3 - 16, 2012
February 9, 2013	January 11, 2013	January 12 - 18, 2013
April 13, 2013	March 8, 2013	March 9 - 22, 2013
June 8, 2013	May 3, 2013	May 4 - 17, 2013

ACT Fees

ACT (not writing) \$35.00

Includes reports for student, his/her high school, and up to four college choices.

ACT Plus Writing \$50.50

Includes reports for student, his/her high school and up to four college

Preparing students for the ACT is a high priority at the LSA. This year there are several things that are happening to help ready our students for this exam. On October 23rd, all the seventh and eighth graders will be taken the EXPLORE, the practice ACT exam for the middle school level. Also on that day the ninth and tenth graders will be taking the PLAN, the high school level practice exam for the ACT. This will allow us to have data for four years on our students before they take the real ACT exam.

The families of tenth through twelfth graders also have four opportunities to take an ACT prep class this fall. On Mondays and Wednesdays, Huntington will be on campus before school to teach this class and their organization averages an increase of 5 points on the ACT. Millikin University has an ACT prep class on Monday evenings from 7-9:30pm and they average a 4-point increase. There is an online ACT prep class that gives you the freedom to work on it on your own schedule. Mr. Richter will also be teaching an ACT prep class on Saturday mornings this fall. For information on specific dates and cost please contact the school office.

The students who signed up at registration to take the PSAT, the practice exam for the SAT, will do so on Wednesday, October 17th. This test also determines National Merit Scholars.

Lions Sports News

LSA HS Volleyball The LSA high school volleyball season is now underway. Since last Saturday night, we have played two very competitive (and difficult) opponents - St. Teresa and Meridian. Both the JV and Varsity teams are improving with each match, and are “holding their own” against opponents’ teams whose rosters are stacked heavily with experienced Juniors and Seniors. *(The LSA Varsity volleyball team has only 1 Senior and 2 Juniors this season, and the JV team is comprised totally of Freshman players.)* During this past summer, both teams began learning a completely revamped offensive system – and they are adjusting well to a “new” style of play. With their current progression, the future of LSA HS volleyball looks very bright!

We welcome all fans (parents, students and faculty, and community members alike) to come out and support our Lady Lions throughout this high school volleyball season!
Coach Richert



SOCCER IS BACK!!! After a 3 year absence soccer is back at the LSA. On August 23rd the boys kicked off their season with a 4-2 victory over Calvary Christian. Please watch the newsletter for home games coming up and come out and cheer for your LSA Boys soccer team.
Coach Salefski

The third year of the return of LSA golf is just getting underway. Once again, we're a very young team with no seniors on the team. We're off to a bit of a slow start, but I expect to see improvement as the season continues.

Coach Galka



The inaugural season for varsity football is underway for the high school at LSA. To prepare for the season we had a summer full of camps and weight room sessions. The season began August 8th with two a days and the 20 young men on the roster have put in some long hard hours as they ready themselves for the season. The goal of the team this first year is to always be improving. We know with hard work success will come. The opening game against Georgetown Ridgefield was exciting night to showcase the new lights and concession stand at LSA and the team is appreciative of the 640 people who came out to support them. What a great night and atmosphere for our first varsity game.



Admission to home athletic contests is:
ADULTS - \$3.00 SENIORS/STUDENTS - \$2.00

Additional sports schedules are available online

Upcoming High School Athletic Events

Volleyball	9/3 9/4 9/6	at Central A & M vs. Cerro Gordo at Argenta	6:00PM JV / 7:00PM V 6:15PM JV / 7:00PM V 6:00PM JV / 7:00PM V
Soccer	9/18 9/20 9/25	vs. Cornerstone at Uni High at Mt. Pulaski	4:00PM 4:00PM 4:30PM
Football	9/7 9/14 9/21	vs. Metro East at Fifthian Oakwood vs. Mt. Olive	7:00PM 7:00PM 7:00PM

