

# The Lion's Roar

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## Special Points of Interest

**Sept. 1st** - Labor Day  
No School

**Sept. 8th** - Golf Outing

**Sept. 11th** - Back To  
School Night

**Sept. 19th** - Mid-Term

**Sept. 22 thru 27th** -  
Homecoming Week

## Athletic Events

Golf, Soccer, Football and Volleyball have begun. Check out the schedules on our website [www.lsadecatur.net](http://www.lsadecatur.net) and come out and support the Lions.

Follow us on  
Twitter @LSA\_Athletics



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The theme for the year is "ONE IN CHRIST" based on Ephesians 4:4-6. Many of our beginning chapels, PRIDES, and class room devotions will be based on this message. The goal is for all of our students, teachers, and staff to be united in our common faith through Jesus Christ. We have theme shirts for sale in the front office.

**Parent Back to School Night** is Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will begin with a short presentation in the Multipurpose room and then you will follow your student's schedule and get a chance to meet the teachers and hear about what they will be doing in each of their classes. There will also be informational booths in the freshman commons area for a variety of topics: ACT and scholarship, Costa Rica Trip for 2015, yearbook, letter jackets and class rings, etc. Hope to see you all there.

**Student Government** will begin raising funds for our annual *Share the Gift* program. Each year, the students raise money to provide an entire Christmas for children in need. Last year, the high school was able to purchase gifts for 17 children. We generally try to spend \$100 on each child as what we provide are generally the only gifts these children receive. To help raise money, the high school has "*Jeans Days*" on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. The cost is \$2.00 payable by check. Punch cards can be purchased for \$10.00 (five jeans days) or \$20.00 (ten jeans days.) Punch cards are available in the high school office and our first Jeans Day is September 5th.

Please be reminded that **LSA cannot accept cash** for any type of payment. Check, credit card, or money orders are the only payments that will be accepted. We are sorry for any inconvenience.



## Drop off by 9:00 AM

**NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1ST**

September 8	September 12
September 15	September 19
September 22	September 26
September 29	October 3
October 20	October 24



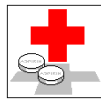
## Pick up

**My Scrip Wallet** is now available! This is a great way to up your Scrip dollars earned. You can buy scrip on your phone while at the store or restaurant and then pay with your phone when you check out! My Scrip Wallet is for use with ScripNow only.

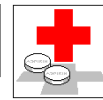


**Food Drive** Chapel offerings for August - December will be going to the Northeast Community Fund. We are now collecting cans of soup for them as well. Students can drop cans off in the high school office.

**Coffee With Mr. Karsten** This past week, you could feel the excitement as students returned to new classrooms and new students ventured into the school for the first time. We welcome everyone to the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year at LSA and hope that your first week went well. This year, our school's focused vision is on the relationships and partnership between parents and the school. Before school even began, our teachers and staff got a head start on this by taking part in meetings and a Share Your Faith workshop. All of the preparation before school started is truly part of a bigger picture and our long range planning for the school. We look forward to seeing how God blesses this school year, as we focus on being members of one body to glorify Christ. *-Mr. Karsten*



**FOR YOUR HEALTH...**



*From Mrs. Karsten, RN*

**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 233-2000 by 9:00 AM.

**Physicals are due by October 15th for 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*

# Homecoming

**September 22nd - 27th** is Homecoming week. There will be dress up days each day along with several activities. (This info will be provided in a separate email to all students K-8.) The theme is *L.A. to Tokyo* and the kids have come up with great ideas to turn the entrance and multi-purpose room into a fabulous mix of California and Japan. If you'd like to help decorate, make snacks, or contribute in any way, service hours are available. Please call the office and sign up anytime before Homecoming week.

**Monday, September 22nd** is the Powder Puff game at 7:00PM on the football field. This is always a fun tradition and the students look forward to being able to participate as upperclassmen. Please come and cheer them on.

Homecoming T-shirts are available now for \$15.00. The shirt is dress code and may be worn to school any time! Each class has their own color and will be worn on Spirit Day during Homecoming week when we have our annual Dodgeball Tournament.

**Friday, September 26th at 2:00PM** is the all school Pep Assembly in the gym. This is always a fun time with games and school spirit. The Homecoming King & Queen, as well as their court will be announced at this assembly. We would love for families to attend this event!

**Friday, Sept 26th from 5:00 -7:00PM** is the Tailgate hosted by our Sophomore class. All proceeds go to the 2016 Prom. We hope you can join us. Tickets will be available mid-September.

**Saturday, Sept 27th at 8:00PM** is the Dance with Coronation being at 8:15PM and parents are welcome to stay and take pictures until 8:30PM. The dance will end at 11:00PM. Tickets will be available this week through September 12th for \$10.00. Beginning September 15th, the price is \$15.00. Please purchase early so that we can plan and purchase items in advance.

# College Information



## Important Information

**LSA ACT Prep class** Mr. Richter will offer a class to help prepare your student for the ACT exam on both content and test taking strategies on Saturday mornings from 8:00AM - 10:00AM at LSA starting in September 13th and will be completed in time for the October 25th test date. There will be two opportunities to take a scored practice exam. The cost for this class is \$150, but if you have perfect attendance for the course you will receive a refund of \$50.

*Notes from the Guidance Counselor...*As you may know, I have either met or have made initial contact with all seniors to schedule appointments to discuss college planning.

Things we discuss are ACT testing/scores, possible careers, possible colleges, graduation requirements, and how to obtain scholarships. I have sent a note with each student containing instructions on how to begin the scholarship process that includes their GPA and class rank. Please sit down with your student and go through the survey on [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) to find what scholarships they are eligible for. I am happy to help with the application process when the list is complete. I am encouraging each senior to apply for at least three scholarships this year. Financial information is needed in the survey, so parental guidance is necessary to assure accurate information.

After filing tax returns for 2014, families may come in for help completing the FAFSA - the first step in applying for college. I will be coming in to Senior English classes to teach the students how to access and fill out college applications, writing college essays, and completing Career Cruising again if necessary.

If you have any questions or would like information, please contact me at [ahicklin@lsadecatur.net](mailto:ahicklin@lsadecatur.net). I am here to help.  
*Allison Hicklin*

**Upcoming College Visits** being held at LSA at noon in the lunchroom. Parents are encouraged to attend.

September 2nd	Greenville College
September 9th	Eastern Illinois University
October 10th	DePaw University
October 12th	Illinois State University
October 13th	Truman College
October 14th	Bradley University

Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 13, 2014	August 8, 2014
October 25, 2014	September 19, 2014
December 13, 2014	November 7, 2014
February 7, 2015*	January 9, 2015
April 18, 2015	March 13, 2015
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015

### ACT CODE: 141-567

**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

*An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest. ~Author unknown*

**Weekly Service Projects** Starting in September we will have weekly service projects for the freshman and sophomore class. Each week on Tuesday at 10:00AM Mr. Richter will take four freshmen to the LSA Resale shop to introduce them to a project that can help them fulfill their 20 hours. At the ReSale shop the students help with activities like sorting toys and game, movies and books, putting clothes on hangers, and general organizing of shelves.

Each week on Thursday at 10:00AM, Mr. Richter will take four sophomores to the Hickory Point Christian Village. Here the students will participate in visiting with the residents, playing board and card games, and doing crafts during their time there.

Just a reminder that every student needs 20 hours of community service which can be done at school, through community organizations, at the churches, or even at home. Students need to fill out a service hour form and turn it into the office each time they complete a service project.



**LSA ReSale Shop** will be having work nights every Thursday at 5:30 PM. All adults and high school students are invited! If you are looking for a way to get started with this year's service

hours, call Judy at 423-0122 to volunteer.

**Market Day** If you are interested in being the new Market Day coordinator, please contact the office. This involves collecting the order forms and placing the order online each month and then handing out the orders on pick-up day. Training is provided.



**LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Training) Volunteer Training Events** The registration

fee is \$35 which includes your disaster response training manual, LCMS volunteer vest, other helpful materials, and lunch. Plus, you will receive your certificate of participation and volunteer certification badge from LCMS Disaster Response and the Office of National Mission.

Registration begins at 8:00 am. Sessions begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 4:30 pm. Led by Randy Wolf, LCMS (CID) Disaster Response Coordinator and Stephen Born, LCMS (CID) Disaster Response Regional Coordinator.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
1209 Kingsbury Road, Washington, Illinois  
Saturday, August 9, 2014

<http://www.cidlcms.org/LERTWashington.9Aug14.pdf>

Lutheran Church of St. John  
3340 State Street, Quincy, Illinois 62301  
Saturday, August 23, 2014

<http://www.cidlcms.org/LERTQuincy.23Aug14.pdf>

Trinity Lutheran Church  
2815 West 3rd Street, Coal Valley, Illinois 61240  
Saturday, September 27, 2014

<http://www.cidlcms.org/LERTCoalValley.27Sep14.pdf>

St. John's Lutheran Church  
509 South Mattis Street, Champaign, Illinois 61821  
Saturday, October 4, 2014

<http://www.cidlcms.org/LERTChampaign4Oct14.pdf>

**First PTL Meeting** All LSA parents are invited to the first Parent/Teacher League (PTL) meeting on August 29th right after drop off at 8:45 AM in the LSA Conference Room. We're excited about planning new family events and continuing with fundraisers this year. Everyone is welcome. Bring your younger kids with you. If you have any questions about joining PTL or being on our mailing list for minutes and volunteer opportunities, please contact Sherri Vandermyde at [lvandermyde@comcast.net](mailto:lvandermyde@comcast.net).

**Scrip Volunteer Needed** We are looking for a volunteer to pick up the local Scrip cards around the Decatur area. This would take place on Wednesdays every week that we have Scrip. Call the office if you are interested.

**Lunchroom Volunteers** Our wonderful 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.

**LSA K-12 Booster Club 2014-2015** The LSA booster club is made up of parents, teachers and coaches from both elementary and high school. We are looking for additional families that want to help increase awareness of our school, our students, and our athletic programs. We have had several successful meetings over the summer and would love for you to join us. It is a fantastic way to get to know other parents, fulfill service hours and just to show your pride in the LSA.

We are not just about concession stands and spirit wear anymore. (Although both are fantastic) We are looking to expand our club!!!

Please contact [skeane@lsadecatur.net](mailto:skeane@lsadecatur.net) for more information.

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." –Margaret Mead*