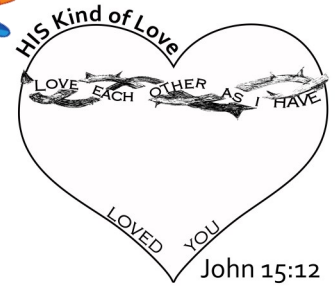




# Lion's Mane News

Lutheran School Association  
Educating for Tomorrow and Eternity

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## Music Notes

The K-4th grade Christmas Concert will be held this **Sunday, December 13th at 3:00 PM**, and the 5th - 8th grade Christmas Concert will be held next **Sunday, December 20th at 3:00 PM** in the gym on the grey court. The concert is mandatory for students and will last about an hour. After the concert, you will pick your student up from their homeroom. The children are working hard to get ready for this concert.



Chapel on **Wed., Dec. 16th** will be led by Pastor Wray. Chapel offerings for the second quarter will be going to Merci's Refuge in Champaign.  
<http://www.mercisrefuge.org/>

## Advent Worship Opportunities

**Concordia Lutheran:**  
Dinner 6:00 PM, Service 7:00 PM  
**Mt. Calvary Lutheran:**  
Dinner 6:00 PM, Service 7:00 PM  
**St. Paul's Lutheran:**  
12:15 PM  
Dinner 5:30 PM, Service 6:30 PM  
**St. John's Lutheran:**  
Dinner 5:00 PM, Service 6:30 PM  
**Trinity Lutheran:**  
Dinner 5:30 PM, Service 7:00 PM

With the weather getting colder, please remember to send appropriate outerwear with your children. All of the grades do spend time outside each day.



## Project Pajama

The elementary school will be collecting women's pajamas for Merci's Refuge through December. Women's pajamas of any size are needed. You may also send monetary donations which the classroom teachers will then use to shop for appropriate pajamas. Monetary donations should be checks made out to LSA, no cash will be accepted. Thank you for your generosity!



- ### Looking Ahead...
- **Fri., Dec. 11th**  
- Jr. & Sr. High Open Gym Night 7 - 11 PM
  - **Sun., Dec. 13th**  
- K-4 Concert 3:00 PM
  - **Tues., Dec. 15th**  
- High School Concert 7:00 PM
  - **Fri., Dec. 18th**  
- PTL Meeting 8:45 AM  
- K-8 Jeans Day \$2.50  
- HS Jeans Day \$2.00
  - **Sun., Dec. 20th**  
- 5-8 Concert 3:00 PM
  - **Tues., Dec. 22nd**  
- End of 2nd Quarter  
- Noon Dismissal
  - **Wed., Dec. 23rd - Mon., Jan. 4th**  
- Christmas Break
  - **Tues., Jan. 5th**  
- School Resumes Full Day
  - **Mon., Jan. 11th**  
- HS Girls Basketball Faculty Appreciation

## Coffee With Mr. Karsten

It's hard to believe, but plans are already well under way for next school year! It is our hope, as you begin to plan as well, that you would be thinking about another family who could bless and be blessed by the LSA. Have the conversation with your neighbors, fellow church members, family and friends about all the wonderful things happening at our school. Share positive stories about the educational and spiritual benefits to attending LSA. Invite a family to think about LSA, to take a tour and learn more about all we offer. Tell them why you love LSA. Tell them about our Christ centered atmosphere, our outstanding athletic programs, our ever growing fine arts programs, financial aid options and top notch education. For our incoming kindergarteners and high school freshmen, be sure to mention our Tuition Free drawings for all who tour before February 27th. Help us share the gifts that being a part of the ministry at LSA can bring! God's Blessings on Your Day, Mr. Karsten





**FOR YOUR HEALTH...**



# SCRIP News

**Healthwatch:**

As we approach Christmas break, be reminded that if your child is in Kindergarten, 2nd or 6th grades, they will need proof of a dental exam. This would be a great time to schedule this, so they will not need to miss school.

Overall our students are staying healthy. There seem to be a few stomach flus that linger longer than the typical 24 hours. I have also heard from some parents that their children have sore throat/cough with or without fevers. Encourage rest. I know that's difficult with busy schedules this time of year!



**Notice Regarding School Lunch Accounts**

Since we now have a parent portal through our new system, Chalkable Café, the cafeteria staff will no longer be providing weekly lunch account statements. It is your responsibility to monitor your student's account balance by accessing your parent account. The link to the parent portal is located on the LSA home page [www.lsadecatur.net](http://www.lsadecatur.net). Instructions to set up your parent account were sent home at the beginning of the year.

When your student's lunch account becomes negative, they will receive a red card in place of their lunch card. If the account isn't brought current, your student will be provided with a lunch consisting of a ham and cheese sandwich, fruit OR vegetable, and a milk.

If you have questions or need assistance accessing your account through Chalkable Café, please call Tricia Summers at 217-233-2001 ext. 110, or email her at [tsummers@lsadectur.net](mailto:tsummers@lsadectur.net).

**Drop off by 9:00 AM**

December 14

**Pick up**

December 18

**NO SCRIP DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 4**

January 11

January 15

**Monday is the last order before Christmas!**

**Kohl's will only be available in \$25 and \$100 increments and Culver's is no longer available to purchase effective immediately.**

**LSA School Closings**

In the event of circumstances that cause us to cancel school at LSA, please view or listen in to one of the local medias (radio or tv). LSA makes its own decision as to whether to close school or not. It does not follow one school district or another. We will make every effort to make any decision to cancel school as early as possible on a given morning or the night before (if we can). Certainly parents need to always be safe as they drive if weather is questionable and school is not officially canceled.



**Did you know** that you can pay your lunch money online? Go to the website [www.lsadecatur.net](http://www.lsadecatur.net) and click the "Make a Payment" button at the bottom of the page.



## Lunch Menu

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
<b>Week 1</b>	Brunch For Lunch	Taco	Chicken Nuggets	Grilled Cheese	Toasted Ravioli
<b>Alt.= Sandwich</b>		Veggie	Mashed Potatoes	Soup	Salad
		Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Vegetable
		Churro	Biscuit	Sherbet	Fruit

# Lions Sports News



## High school basketball home games

**When:** Monday, **December 14th**

**What:** Wear your favorite Santa hat and  
or Christmas accessories



**When:** Friday, **December 18th**

**What:** Wear your favorite Santa hat



**JV tip-off is at 6:00 PM for all games.  
We will see you on the bleachers!**



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.

**Stay updated with all sports by following us on Twitter @LSA\_Athletics!**

## THIS WEEK IN LIONS SPORTS

**Saturday, December 12** - 4th & 5th Grade Boys Basketball @ Cerro Gordo at 11:00 AM

**Monday, December 14** - High School Girls Basketball VS Uni High - **Home** at 6:00 PM

High School Boys Basketball @ Meridian at 6:00 PM

**Tuesday, December 15th** - 5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball @ Taylorville Elementary at 6:00 PM

**Thursday, December 17th** - 5th Grade Boys Basketball @ St. John Champaign at 6:00 PM

High School Girls Basketball @ Mt. Pulaski at 6:00 PM

**Friday, December 18th** - High School Boys Basketball VS Central A&M - **Home** at 6:00 PM

**Saturday, December 19th** - High School Girls Basketball @ Okaw Valley Tournament

4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Boys Basketball VS Okaw Valley - **Home** at 10:00 AM

**Monday, December 21st** - High School Boys Basketball @ St. Teresa Tournament

4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Boys Basketball @ Clinton Junior High at 5:30 PM

# Volunteering Opportunities



LSA ReSale Shop will be having work nights **every Thursday at 5:30 PM**. All adults and high school students are invited! You can also volunteer during the work day if you're available. They are open from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM daily. If you are looking for a way to get started with this year's service hours, call Judy at 423-0122 to volunteer.

## 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.



## 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.

## PTL Update

Join the LSA PTL Facebook page to stay up to date on timely news and volunteer activities. Our next meeting is December 18 at 8:45 AM. We normally meet the last Friday of the month at 8:45 AM in the LSA Board Room. If you can not attend the meetings, you can still be involved through our Facebook page and email lists. All meeting minutes and announcements will be emailed out at least monthly. Please contact Sherri Vandermyde on Facebook or at cell 217-855-6257 for more information or to be added to our email list.

PTL just published our annual "These are a few of my favorite things" wish lists. This year all K-12 teachers and administrators are included. Great ideas for classroom needs, teacher gifts and prayer requests. Check them out online at [www.lsadecatur.net](http://www.lsadecatur.net). (A link is provided on the PTL Facebook page in the comments posted on 12-8-15.) We are very blessed by our LSA teachers!

Stop by the PTL bake sales fundraisers on December 13 and 20 before and after the Christmas concerts to enjoy delicious treats and purchase vintage PTL cookbooks while supporting LSA teachers and classrooms.

Stay tuned for upcoming events and fundraisers which will include all K-12 students and parents ... Krekel's lunch orders during Lutheran Schools Week in January and a Nelsons Fried Chicken Dinner fundraiser in February. Order forms for the Krekel's lunch and tickets for the Nelsons chicken dinner will be made available in January. Merry Christmas from the PTL!

## Christmas Worship Opportunities

### Concordia:

Christmas Eve Worship 7:00 PM

### Mt. Calvary:

Christmas Eve Worship 7:00 PM

New Year's Eve Worship 7:00 PM

### St. John's:

Christmas Eve Worship 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM, & 10:00 PM

Christmas Day Worship 9:30 AM

### St. Paul's:

Christmas Eve Worship: 6:00 PM & 8:00 PM

Christmas Day Worship 10:00 AM

### Trinity:

Christmas Eve Worship 7:00 PM

# Merry Christmas