



Lion's Mane News

*Lutheran School Association
Educating for Tomorrow and Eternity*

December 12, 2014



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

Chapel on Wednesday, December 17th

will be led by Mrs. Dippel.

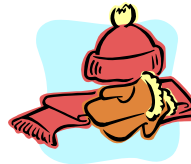
Chapel offerings for August -

December will be going to the Northeast Community Fund. During December we will be collecting

noodles. You can send packages in with your student and they will be delivered to NECF at the end of the month. We collected 218 boxes of stuffing in November.

Deck the Halls

During the month of December, students are asked to bring in new hats, gloves, scarves, earmuffs, etc. to donate to the homeless in Decatur. These items will be displayed in the hallways and then delivered to the Northeast Community Fund.



Music Notes

The **5th - 8th** grade Christmas Concert will be held this **Sunday, December 14th 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. Contact Mrs. Hoaglund at mhoaglund@lsadecatur.net with questions.



Looking Ahead...

- **Dec. 12th**
6th - 8th Grade Winter Dance 7:00 PM
- **Dec. 14th**
5th - 8th Christmas Concert 3:00 PM
Grey Court
St. John's K-4 Choir Singing @ 9:30 AM
- **Dec. 16th**
HS Christmas Concert 7:00 PM
- **Dec. 19th**
PTL Meeting 8:45 AM
End of 2nd Quarter FULL DAY
- **Dec. 22nd - Jan. 2nd**
Christmas Break
NO ABC
LSA Offices Closed
- **Jan. 5th**
School Resumes Full Day

Coffee With Mr. Karsten

Thank you to all of our families who have been actively volunteering this fall. We have recorded over 1,300 hours so far from our families this year. Please keep those hours coming, and don't forget to turn in your signed blue volunteer slips. We continuously need your help in all areas of the school. You can always find opportunities in the newsletter (see the last page) or on Sign Up Genius (linked on our website). Areas that constantly need volunteers include our lunch room, library, athletic games, and LSA ReSale Shop. However, there are many other areas that could use your help as well. Remember that parents are required to perform at least 10 hours of LSA Volunteer Hours per family. We hope that you won't stop there, and I'm so pleased to see so many families going above and beyond. Thank you! -Mr. Karsten





FOR YOUR HEALTH...



We have had a large number of illnesses this week. Many are due to the stomach flu and another portion are due to a respiratory virus, including a fever, in most cases. Some have been diagnosed

as "Influenza", so we know that is going around. It is not too late to get your student a flu shot (which helps protect against the respiratory flu, not the stomach flu).

In order to protect all of our students at school, we need to all be diligent in keeping the sick children home. We will watch your children closely at school and call you if they show signs of illness here. **PLEASE do not send them to school if they have had a fever in the last 24 hours (WITHOUT the use of Tylenol or Motrin).**

Please do not send them to school after giving them Tylenol for the fever at home. Reducing their fever with medication does NOT mean they are better. This would be like covering up chicken pox with make-up and saying they are well. They may still be contagious and potentially pass on the illness to other classmates. **PLEASE do not send them to school if they have vomited in the last 24 hours.** Again, they may still be contagious, and, more than likely, not feel up to being in school. Always consider if you would be happy to have a child with your child's symptoms sitting next to yours. THANK YOU for your help in keeping our student body healthy. God grant us mercy as we continue on through "Cold and Flu Season".

Washington D.C. Coupon Books

- All money turned in **MUST** be in check form for ease of record keeping.
- Checks will be collected on **December 15th and January 9th from 3:30 - 5:30 PM in the atrium.**
- When all of the books/money are returned, the signed contract will be pulled and parents will be released from the contract for the quantity that is remitted.
- Each student will be responsible for collecting on any checks returned for non-sufficient funds.

SCRIP News

Drop off by 9:00 AM

December 15

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29

January 5

January 12

Pick up

December 19

January 9

January 16

Monday is the last order before Christmas!

Kroger is no longer participating in the Scrip program. They have switched over to a Kroger Plus Community Rewards program much like the Target Red Card program. They will no longer be available for purchase through Scrip and reloads will no longer be credited to Scrip accounts. We apologize for an inconvenience this may cause.



Lost and Found is full! December 19th is the day that all lost and found items will be taken to the LSA ReSale Shop. If your student is missing anything, please check the rack in the main hallway.

Lunch Menu

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Week 1	Taco	Horse Shoe	Toasted Ravioli	Chicken Nuggets	Grilled Cheese
Alt.=Sandwich	Veggie	Veggie	Salad	Mashed Potatoes	Soup or Chili
	Fruit	Fruit	Vegetable	Fruit	Fruit
	Churro	Graham Crackers	Fruit	Biscuit	Sherbet

Lions Sports News

THIS WEEK IN LIONS SPORTS

- Friday, December 12th** - High School Girls Basketball VS Uni High - **Home** at 6:00 PM
4th & 5th Grade Girls Basketball will be recognized at halftime of this game
- Saturday, December 13th** - 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Skywalker Tournament
4th & 5th Grade Boys Basketball @ Meridian at 1:00 PM
High School Boys Basketball VS Meridian - **Home** at 6:00 PM
- Monday, December 15th** - 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Garfield Montessori at 6:00 PM
High School Girls Basketball VS Springfield Lutheran - **Home** at 6:00 PM
- Thursday, December 18th** - High School Girls Basketball VS Mt. Pulaski - **Home** at 6:00 PM
- Friday, December 19th** - High School Boys Basketball @ Central A&M at 6:00 PM
- Saturday, December 20th** - High School Girls Basketball @ Okaw Valley Christmas Tournament at 11:30 AM
5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball VS Argenta - **Home** at 10:00 AM
- Monday, December 22nd** - High School Boys Basketball @ St. Teresa Christmas Tournament
High School Girls Basketball @ Okaw Valley Christmas Tournament
7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Mt. Pulaski at 6:00 PM

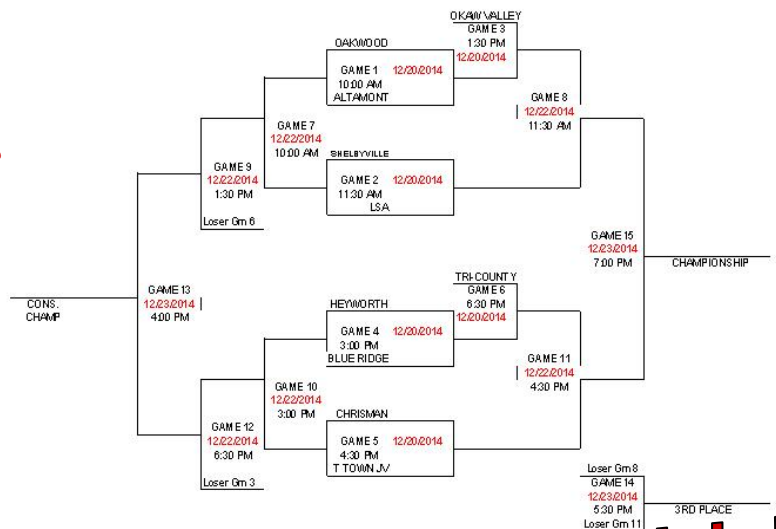
LSA Student Section for Basketball Games Student Admission is only \$1!

- Friday, December 12th** - wear Santa Hats.
Girls Tip-off at 6:00 PM
- Saturday, December 13th** - Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater.
Boys tip off at 6:00 PM



Come join the Lion's Den and roar for your LSA Lions!

GIRLS HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT - DECEMBER 2014



Stay updated with all sports by following us on Twitter @LSA_Athletics!



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. If a student brings home an ineligibility slip on Friday, they are ineligible from Monday through the next Sunday. 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 games.

Notices must be signed and returned to the school office. Academics must come first.

Volunteering Opportunities

LSA Parent/Teacher League

Thank you to everyone who baked, worked or bought goodies at the PTL bake sale held during the K-4 concert. Grades 5-8 get ready for the bake sale this Sunday. All profits will go toward teacher grants to be awarded monthly. PTL has also been working on lists of teacher's "Favorite Things". We asked each teacher to fill out a list and we plan to have them on edline for everyone to access. The list were created to encourage parents and families to pray with our teachers, participate in classroom activities and to get an idea of what our teachers like and need. The following teachers have turned in forms so far: Stubblefield, Voigtmann, Klemm, Hoaglund, Ray, Damery, Helfer, Johnson, Bayles, Dahn, Tomkinson, Bishop, Storck, Younghouse and Bardeleben.

If you would like to have a copy of their list, please log into Edline or contact Sherri Vandermyde at lvandermyde@comcast.net.

PTL would like to hold a winter activity for parents and students. Last year we had a roller skating party. We are looking for ideas of activities to do together the rest of the year. Our next meeting is December 19 at 8:45 am. Have a blessed Christmas! Thanks for your support during the first half of the year!

Be An Art Volunteer!

If you enjoy fostering student's creativity or want to work behind the scenes, you may consider volunteering in the Art Room at the end of the day. Volunteers may help in the classroom, prepare work or help with getting our students artwork on Artsonia.

If you have any of these extra items around the house, the PTL encourages you to consider donating them to the art classroom: paper plates, gift wrap tubes, small to medium dish soap bottles, pump spray hairspray bottles, Gerber plastic rectangular containers with lids, newspaper (not the sale ads), or old towels.

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 Rachel at bishop@lsadecatur.net.

Lunchroom Volunteers

Our wonderful cafeteria staff is always looking for extra hands to help serve lunch. This is a good way to get your service hours in while getting to interact with the students and staff. You can come and serve lunch on a regular lunch day, or volunteer on a special day such as Try-day Friday. To volunteer, go to our website www.lsadecatur.net and click the Sign-Up Genius link on the bottom, right corner of the home page.



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.

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