



Lion's Mane News

*Lutheran School Association
Educating for Tomorrow and Eternity*

December 20, 2013

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
New Year's Eve Worship 6:30 PM

St. Paul's:

Christmas Eve Worship: 5:00 PM,
7:00 PM & 9:00 PM
Christmas Day Worship 10:00 AM
New Year's Eve Worship 7:00 PM

Trinity:

Christmas Eve
Worship 7:00 PM



Chapel on Wednesday,
January 8th will be led by
Pastor Weise.

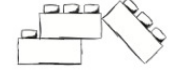


Christmas break is upon us, and the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season is filling our world. It is so easy to get drawn up into the rush. However, we need to take a step back and examine the true reason for the season. What would CHRISTmas be without CHRIST? We would not know the greatest gift ever given. We would not have the peace and joy that only comes through God's gift of His Son. We would not look forward to the hope that only Christ can bring into our lives through His death and resurrection.

Our lives would be empty and a waste, much like the pretty bows and papers left on the floor once the packages are opened. Our lives have reason because God sent His Son, Jesus Christ for each one of us-even in our undeserving state. What a joy to know that we are so richly loved and chosen by God! What a joy to be able to share this most precious message with all in whom we come in contact! What a joy to be able to share that message on a daily basis with the children and families here at the LSA! May you be drawn closer to the Christ of Christmas and may your hearts and minds be filled with Jesus' love, joy, and peace. Merry Christmas and may God bless our New Year.

Lisa Dippel, Principal

BUILD EACH OTHER
UP
IN CHRIST
1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

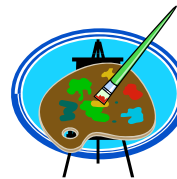


Looking Ahead...

- **December 20th**
End of 2nd Quarter
Noon Dismissal
- **December 23rd -
January 3rd**
CHRISTMAS BREAK
NO SCHOOL / ABC
LSA OFFICES
CLOSED
- **January 6th**
School Resumes

Young Artists Showcase

5th-8th grade artists from LSA and from surrounding area schools will be competing in the 2014 Young Artists Showcase judged exhibition. During the entire month of January the award winning artists will have their best work on display at the Madden Arts Center. Please congratulate the following artists: Christian Stoner, Grant Karsten, Kierra Young, Sabrina Spolarich, Mikalia Cunningham, Sebastian Taylor, Foster Schroat, Gabi Henkel, Jared Gregory, Dustin Reynolds, Tee Brown.



Coffee Talk

Today's Coffee with Mr. Karsten covered music at LSA with Mrs. Hoaglund and Mr. Gallegos. We talked about the curriculum and how students are being prepared from kindergarten and up. By the time students get to 5th grade and are part of ensembles, they already have a head-start and are able to read music and rhythms. It is then a matter of learning to play an instrument and use their voices. To find out more about the music program, look for minutes in the next newsletter and for the corresponding YouTube video, which should be online soon. The next Coffee with Mr. Karsten meeting will be January 10th, at 7:45 am in the library. Have a Merry Christmas!





FOR YOUR HEALTH...



Drop off

January 2
January 13

Pick-up

January 6
January 17

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20

January 27
February 3
February 10

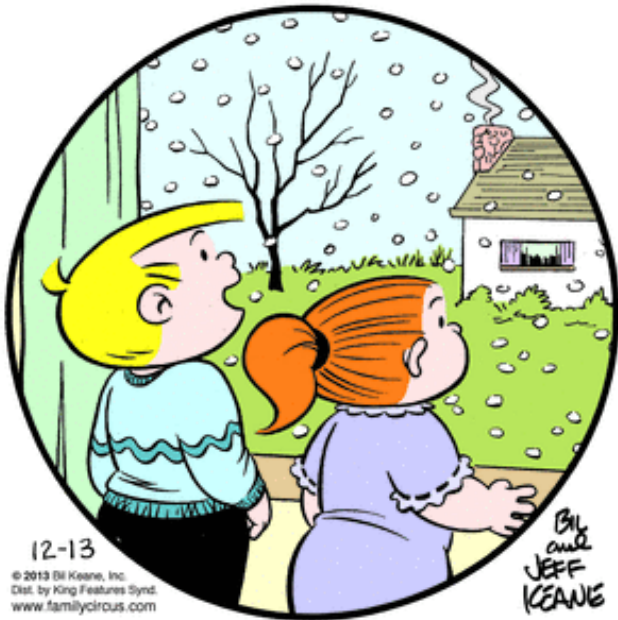
January 31
February 7
February 14

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17

Now available to order - University Service at 5%

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.



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"Yes! I guess my prayer for a white Christmas got put on the fast track!"

ALL ABOUT WASHINGTON D.C.

Need to wash your car?

Use [Rainstorm Express Car Wash](#) next to Thornton's on MLK Drive or next to Wal-Mart East on Maryland St. [Scan this barcode](#) or enter **"2013"** when you buy a wash, and Rainstorm with **donate \$1.25** to the **LSA** junior high class trip to Washington D.C. Cards are reusable with no expiration. Don't have a card yet? Pick one up in the office!

THANK YOU for you SUPPORT!!

The Glass House is giving back 10% of LSA purchases toward the junior high Washington D.C. trip. Also, if you spend \$25 or more you will receive a Lion Webkinz or snow globe ornament FREE, while supplies last. This offer is good until the December 24th. All you have to do is tell them that you are an LSA family.

The Glass House 2895 N. Oakland Decatur

875-7077 Hours are Monday -
Friday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM,
Thursday 9:00AM - 8:00 PM, and
Saturday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Thank you to the Trebacz family for this generous offer!

LSA FUNDRAISER
 SCAN THIS CARD WHEN YOU BUY A WASH AND
 RAINSTORM WILL DONATE
 A \$ 1.25 TO THE 8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP!

3840 MLK DRIVE
 DECATUR, IL
 4707 E. MARYLAND ST.
 DECATUR, IL

SCAN BARCODE TO HELP!

OPEN
 MON - SAT
 7:30AM - 7PM
 SUNDAY
 8AM - 6PM

REUSABLE
 NO EXPIRATION
 NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER
 OFFERS

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Lions Sports News

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.

7th & 8th grade girls basketball recognition night will be on **Monday, January 13th** during halftime of the Varsity girls game VS Normal Calvary. All 7th & 8th grade girls basketball players should arrive at 6:00 PM and will get free admission to the games.



Sign Up Genius is set up for all of our sports that are currently in season. **Parents of student athletes are required to work at least two home games per season** either in the concession stand or at the gate. Click on this [link](#) (also on our homepage) to sign up for your chosen shifts.

Booster Club needs all parents of 5th - 8th grade boys basketball players and cheerleaders to go online and sign up for their two shifts right away. The concession stand cannot operate without volunteers. We do not want to have to play games with no concessions so we need your help! Anyone is welcome to sign up to help and gate, book and clock workers are needed as well.



THIS WEEK IN LIONS SPORTS

- Saturday, December 21st** - High School Girls Basketball @ Okaw Valley Tournament at 8:00 AM
 5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball @ OLOL, 5th at 9:00 AM, 6th at 10:00 AM
 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ OLOL, 7th at 11:00 AM, 8th at 12:00 PM
 High School Boys Basketball @ Martinsville at 4:00 PM
- Monday, December 23rd** - High School Girls Basketball @ Okaw Valley Tournament
- Thursday, December 26th** - High School Boys Basketball @ BSN Classic
- Friday, December 27th** - High School Boys Basketball @ BSN Classic
- Saturday, December 28th** - High School Boys Basketball @ BSN Classic



Lunch Menu for the Week of December 16th - L



Did you know that you can pay your lunch money online? Go to the website www.lsadecatur.net and click the “*Make a Payment*” button at the bottom of the page.

Lunch reminder slips were sent home this week. Please make sure that your account is current when we come back from Christmas break.



High School Ala Carte Lunch Program Due to our vendors increasing their rates for food, we will no longer be serving any of the outside vendor meals (such as Krekel’s and Culver’s) for high school students in the cafeteria. At the start of second semester students will still have the hot lunch, salad bar, and vending machines as options for lunch.
Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

LIBRARY NEWS— (Jan. 7,8,9)

Students K-6 should have brought home a blue packet for Six Flags Read to Succeed! Students are to record their hours on the Reading Log and turn it into their teacher by January 21st. All students who record 6 or more hours of reading time will earn a free ticket for admissions to Six Flags St. Louis! (The tickets will not be distributed until May 2014).



Library Volunteers			
Jan. 7,8,9	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning	Angela Cushing (9:20)	Michelle Pschigoda (9:15)	Deevon Cunningham
Afternoon			Beth Tatum (2:00)

Make plans for the 2014-2015 school year. Registration will begin February 1st at \$50.00 per student and then will increase at \$50.00 increments until August.

ABC NEWS

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!!
There is no ABC during Christmas Break.

ABC will resume when school starts on January 6, 2014.

Monday 1-6	Tuesday 1-7	Wednesday 1-8	Thursday 1-9	Friday 1-10
CRAFTY MONDAY Snack: Animal Crackers Craft: Window Cling Snowflakes	COLORING PAGE DAY Snack: Carrots and Dip Craft: Paper Snowflakes	Wii WEDNESDAY Snack: Nachos	BINGO THURSDAY Snack: Cookies and Milk	MOVIE DAY Snack: Popcorn Movie: Despicable Me 2 Craft: Glue Snowmen