



Lion's Mane News

*Lutheran School Association
Educating for Tomorrow and Eternity*

December 5, 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 6:00 PM, Service 7:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran:

Dinner 5:00 PM, Service 6:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran:

Dinner 5:30 PM, Service 7:00 PM

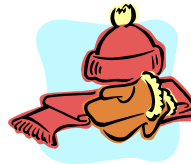
Chapel on Wednesday, December 3rd

will be led by Pastor Damery of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church.

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 **K-4th** grade Christmas Concert will be held this **Sunday, December 7th at 3:00 PM**, and the **5th - 8th** grade Christmas Concert will be held **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. 7th**
K-4 Christmas Concert
3:00 PM Grey Court
- **Dec. 10th**
HS Choir at Concordia
Market Day Pick-Up
- **Dec. 12th**
6th - 8th Grade
Winter Dance 7:00 PM
- **Dec. 14th**
5th - 8th Christmas
Concert 3:00 PM
Grey Court
- **Dec. 16th**
HS Christmas Concert
7:00 PM
- **Dec. 19th**
PTL Meeting 8:45 AM
End of 2nd Quarter
- **Dec. 22nd - Jan. 2nd**
Christmas Break
- **Jan. 5th**
School Resumes
Full Day

Coffee With Mr. Karsten

LSA is already thinking about next year. Are you? I encourage each of our current families to invite your friends and family members to come tour LSA. Tell them why you love LSA. Tell them about our Christ-centered atmosphere, college prep academics, enhanced music and art programs, athletics, One-to-One technology, financial aid options, and more. Be sure to share that incoming Kindergarten students and incoming High School students are eligible for the Tuition-Free drawing if they tour before February 15th. Incoming High Schoolers can also apply for the new "Excellent Student Scholarship," due by the end of March. And remember that re-enrollment and enrollment opens for everyone in February. This may seem far away, but it is right around the corner. Please share LSA with someone! And if you could qualify for any of the above-mentioned opportunities, be sure to ask our Admissions Office for more information. -Mr. Karsten



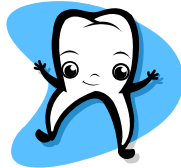


FOR YOUR HEALTH...



REMINDER: If your student needs to take medication during the school day, it must be dispensed through my office. All medication requires an authorization form completed by the doctor and parent. This includes OTC medication.

REMINDER: Dental exams are due for students in K, 2nd and 6th grade by the end of this school year. Christmas vacation is a great time to get these scheduled. The forms are available through our website.



SCRIP News

Drop off by 9:00 AM

December 8
December 15

Pick up

December 12
December 19

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29

January 5

January 9

January 12

January 16

Now is the time to start stocking up on Christmas gifts. Buy your gifts with Scrip cards or give the cards themselves!



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.

The next trip will be in the spring of 2016 and will include both the 2016 & 2017 classes.



As of December 15th, 2014, Kroger will no longer be 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.

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.

Lunch Menu

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Week L	Chicken Sandwich	Macaroni and Cheese	Beef Nachos	Chicken and Noodles	Hot Dog
Alt= Pizza	Veggie	Veggie	Veggie	Veggie	Veggie
	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
	Pretzels	Cookie	Dessert	Biscuit	Cookie

Lions Sports News

THIS WEEK IN LIONS SPORTS

Friday, December 5th - 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball VS Arthur - **Home** 6:00 PM
 High School Boys Basketball @ Cumberland at 6:00 PM

Saturday, December 6th - 4th - 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Holy Family at 9:00 AM
 High School Girls Basketball @ St. Teresa at 4:30 PM
 High School Scholastic Bowl @ Farmer City at 8:30 AM
 4th & 5th Grade Girls Basketball @ U of I halftime of the 1:00 PM Game

Sunday, December 7th - 4th & 5th Grade Boys Basketball @ Warrensburg at 1:00 PM

Monday, December 8th - High School Girls Basketball VS Auburn - **Home** at 6:00 PM
 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Trinity Bloomington at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 9th - High School Boys Basketball VS Springfield Calvary - **Home** at 6:00 PM

Thursday, December 11th - High School Girls Basketball VS Argenta-Oreana - **Home** at 6:00 PM
7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball will be recognized at halftime of this game
 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Maroa-Forsyth at 6:00 PM

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



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

A big thank you to everyone who attended or helped out with the Family Reading Night. Readiculous gave us a wonderful performance that had kids and parents alike laughing away! A special thank you to Mrs. Dippel for her long hours and to Mrs. Martinek and the kids at ABC for their help in setting up the multi-purpose room.

Now on to another favorite thing - baking and eating! PTL will be holding a bake sale before and after the K-4 (Dec. 7) and 5-8 (Dec. 14) Christmas concerts, so bring your sweet tooth. All proceeds will go toward teacher grants. Bakers are still needed for the 5-8 concert. Please contact Sherri Vandermyde at lvandermyde@comcast.net. So far we have awarded 6 teacher grants - these 4 were awarded in November:

- Mrs. Bayles 5th grade - \$350 to start a Lego club for 4th - 8th grade and purchase a robotics kit to work with initially. In the future the club could enter competitions.
- Mrs. Tomkinson, 1st grade - \$100 to replace old Dr. Seuss books in her classroom.
- Mrs. Martinek - Library - \$132.37 for white board, markers, erasers to use in library discussion, book ideas and reminders.
- Mrs. Martinek - ABC After School Program - \$190.88 for area rug and bean bag chairs to create a reading corner for ABC students.

PTL encourages parents and grandparents to get involved in your child's classroom. Christmas parties are coming up and there are lots of other ways to help out! Stop by or drop your teacher(s) a note. Another big thank you to everyone who ate at Ruby Tuesday in November, participated in Market Day and donated during monthly Denim Days. All of these things greatly benefit our teachers!

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