

The Lion's Roar

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*LSA High School Faculty and Staff
wishes everyone a*

Merry Christmas

*Special Points
of Interest*

12/19 - 12/22 FINALS
12/23 - 1/4 NO SCHOOL

NO SCHOOL December 23rd through January 4th.

School resumes on Wednesday, January 4th.

The elementary school office will be open 9:00 AM—3:00 PM during Christmas vacation.

FINALS SCHEDULE

December 15—REVIEW DAY	
December 16—REVIEW DAY	
December 19	
1st	8:30—10:00
2nd	10:30—12:00
December 20	
3rd	8:30—10:00
4th	10:30—12:00
December 21	
5th	8:30—10:00
6th	10:30—12:00
December 22	
7th	8:30—10:00
8th	10:30—12:00

High school students should be here in time for the final and should leave immediately following tests. Proper arrangements need to be made so that the student is not “hanging out”. If no final—they do not need to be here.

Those students who have any detentions not yet served from the second quarter need to serve those prior to December 17th. No final will be taken if student has outstanding detentions to be served

Semester Grades are figured on each quarter grade:

Quarter 1	40%
+ Quarter 2	40%
+ Exam	20%
= Semester Grade	



Friday, December 16th, the Student Government is hosting a Tacky Christmas Top contest. We know everyone does not have access to an 'Ugly Christmas Sweater', so any Tacky Shirt will do! Make it, borrow it, or look for one at the Resale Shop...The student (or teacher) who proves they are the tackiest - will win a prize. The cost to enter is \$2 and all who enter may wear jeans with their tacky top! All proceeds will go to upcoming Student Government activities such as Lunch Bunch and Winterim!



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The Northeast Community fund would like to share their thanks and appreciation for the student participation in the recent food drive. Our relationship goes back over 40 years and the LSA food drive does make a difference in the lives of people in need.

KUDOS to AP English student Alec Goss for winning a \$250.00 scholarship for his creative writing entry in a contest sponsored by Millikin University

Semester 2 schedule is being organized. Your student should receive schedules during Christmas break.

Dollars and Cents

Drop off

December 12

Pick-up

December 16

NO SCRIP THE WEEKS OF DECEMBER 19 / 26 AND JANUARY 2

January 9

January 13

In Stock: \$25 and \$100 Walmart cards, \$25 Target cards, and \$25 and \$100 Marathon gas cards on a first come, first serve basis.

NEW FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON:

The following cards will be in stock on a limited basis for your last-minute gift needs.

Amazon	iTunes	Menards	Lowe's
Panera	Starbucks	Subway	
Red Lobster/Olive Garden			

To ensure that your student(s) will receive a 2012 yearbook this spring, choose one of three easy payment methods:

- ◆ Return your order form and payment to school
- ◆ Order on the secure website www.YearbookOrderCenter.com
- ◆ Call the toll-free number 1-866-287-3096, Monday through Friday. If you order online or by phone, you will need to know our **Order Number is 17126.**

By visiting YearbookOrderCenter.com, all students and parents may submit photos to LSA e-share.


Mr. Fote is also accepting yearbook staff applications. Take pride in creating your own yearbook. The staff will meet once a week after school. Positions include: business manager, layout designer, and head photographer.

Make plans for the 2012-2013 school year. Registration will begin February 1st at \$50.00 per student and then will increase at \$50.00 increments until August.

Christmas is coming and who doesn't love to do their Christmas shopping with gift cards they bought using SCRIP? Plan ahead and do your shopping while getting money off of next year's tuition. SCRIP gift cards are also the perfect gift for the people on your list that are hard to buy for!

DID YOU KNOW? That you can pay your child's lunch money online? Simply go to our homepage at www.lsadecatur.net and click on the "Make a Payment" button in the top, right hand corner.

It is important that families remain current on all accounts so that the school can operate in a responsible and prudent manner. Removing students from classes is not the way our school wants to proceed, but it is how we must handle payments not paid on time. Thank You.



The LSA collects the following: Campbell's UPC's for Education, General Mill's Box Tops for Education, and printer cartridges. **Save all year long!!! We no longer collect cell phones!!!**

POP TABS Keep up the good work. Your assistance with collecting pop tabs for the Decatur Memorial Hospital family lodge is a great blessing.

FREE TUTORING Is your student struggling with one of his/her classes? RCC offers FREE tutoring services for all high school students. To schedule a visit at RCC, please call 875-7211 ext. 379, Mary Atkins or ext. 224, Sheryl Blahnick.



There will be a new session of weights and condition beginning this **Monday, December 12th** after school. The fee is \$50 and can be made payable to Coach Jenny Mudd.



FOR YOUR HEALTH...



As a school we strive to promote health and wellness in all areas: physical fitness, diet, and rest. Children learn and function better when they are healthy. There are also ideas included for healthier snack options for school treats.

Illinois Music Educators Association Announces All-State Winners! The Illinois Music Educators Association announced its All-State winners the first week of December for the upcoming IMEA convention to be held January 26-28th at the Peoria Convention Center. An All-State selection meeting was held in Peoria, IL, in late November where the winners were decided. All 9 districts in the IMEA bring score sheets from their top scoring students at the district level, and it is there that the All-State performing groups are determined. We had 2 high school students selected at the Senior High District level and 7 students selected at the Junior High District Choir.

This year at the LSA High School, we have two senior students who have achieved the honor of being selected as All-State musicians. Rebekah Sack and Ariana Shelton have been selected to perform with this year's Illinois All-State Choir.

Scholastic Bowl News...BECAUSE YOUR BRAIN IS FOREVER...For those of you who aren't familiar with scholastic bowl, it's similar to Jeopardy – but with categories that include history, geography, science, math, literature, arts, music, current events, etc. As of 12/6/2011, our varsity record is 11 wins & 7 losses. We got 3rd place in the Porta Kickoff Tournament in November, with Mark Ragle winning an individual award for getting 77 tossups in 10 games! Congratulations to the team on an awesome start to the season.

LSA will be sponsoring **ACT Prep classes** for all juniors. We will give consideration depending on student numbers for sophomores and seniors if the time is still beneficial around your college applications. This call will have substantial benefits to students.

We considered several things when setting up the schedule: not interfering with daily classroom learning, not interfering with AM or PM Heartland Technical Academy scheduling, and not interfering with athletics and after-school activities.

There are two options available:

1. On-site at LSA from 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM in late January thru March.
2. At Sylvan Learning Center, 4833 E. Rte. 36, on Saturday & Sunday from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (8 sessions in March and early April)

Both sessions will have a pre ACT test and a post ACT test.

Further detailed information is being mailed to junior parents.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Should LSA have to close for inclement weather or some other incident or emergency, parents can receive the school closing information from one of the following methods. LSA closings will be determined separately each time. We will not follow any one school district here in Decatur.

WSOY, Y103, WZDQ Instant text message can be sent if you sign up on their website. www.WSOYAM.com

Capitol Radio Group WTAX (1240 AM), WDBR (103.7 FM), WABZ (93.9 FM), WQQL (101.9 FM), WYMG (100.5 FM)

WIBI wibi@wibi.org

WICS – TV (ABC Springfield)
www.wics.com/shutdown

WAND – TV (NBC Decatur)

WEJT, WYDS, WZMK, WZUS

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Don't forget to sign up for the Polar Plunge! It will be held at the Beach House on March 3, 2012 at noon! Fundraising has begun in the high school! Each plunger needs \$75 to get their free lunch and awesome dress code Polar Plunge Hoodie! Last year, we were the 2nd largest high school plunging, St. Teresa took home the trophy and the \$500. This year, we are aiming for the biggest school with the most amount raised for the Special Olympics of Illinois. Even if you are not plunging, come root on the 2nd LSA Polar Plunge team or make a donation for a plunger! If you need help donating or signing up to plunge, please contact Ms. Hicklin at ahicklin2@gmail.com or at 233-2000.



The LSA High School is gearing up for the Relay for Life to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Our team is rapidly growing and we are hoping to once again be the largest high school at the Relay. Our goal is \$4000 by July 20th! If you can't relay, maybe you can help in other ways, such as donating to our team, bringing snacks or coffee/soda during the night, letting the team borrow your CAMPER or RV for the evening, helping with set up or break down of the campsite, or signing up for an hour of supervision so Ms. Hicklin can take a little nap. If you have any questions about how to sign up or how to volunteer, please contact Ms. Hicklin at ahicklin2@gmail.com or 233-2000.

