

# The Lion's Roar

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## Special Points of Interest

12/13

Jean Day

12/16

Tacky Christmas Top

12/17

Jean Day

12/18 - 12/20

FINAL EXAMS

12/23 - 1/5

NO SCHOOL



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LSA High School Faculty and Staff  
wishes everyone a

# Merry Christmas

**NO SCHOOL** December 23rd through January 5th.

School resumes on Wednesday, January 6th.

The school offices will be closed during Christmas vacation.

## FINALS SCHEDULE

December 13 - REVIEW DAY

December 16 - REVIEW DAY

December 17 - REVIEW DAY

### December 18

English Final 8:30 - 10:00

Study Break 10:00 - 10:30

Science Final 10:30 - NOON

### December 19

Math Final 8:30 - 10:00

Study Break 10:00 - 10:30

History Final 10:30 - NOON

### December 20

**NO SPANISH FINAL**

Theology Final 8:30 - 10:00

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	

Exemption Policy: A student may exempt a final if they meet certain grade requirements. The teacher may decide not to let a class exempt a final.

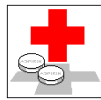
- A. All student may exempt just one final.
- B. Freshman need to have an 80% average between the two quarters and neither quarter may be below a 75%.
- C. Sophomores, juniors and seniors need to have a 90% average between the two quarters and neither quarter may be below an 85%

Dead Days: The three days before the finals are dead days and the intent of these days is to actively review all the material from the semester. No new material will be covered and no assignments are due during these days. Teachers will provide a study guide to help the students organize and prepare for studying for the semester final. Dead days will be December 13, 16, 17.

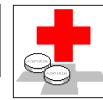
## Friday, December 13th and Tuesday December 17th are JEANS DAYS

Monday, 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.





**FOR YOUR HEALTH...**



*From Mrs. Karsten, RN*

**Noise-Induced Hearing Loss** Children and young adults are at a greater risk for hearing loss today than even a couple of decades ago due to increase popularity of earbuds. When loud music plays through earbuds, the eardrum transfers that sound to the inner ear, where thousands of inner hair cells are transmitting vibrations to the nerves. Earbuds are usually worn as close as possible to the eardrum. Exposure to loud noise over time will cause those hair cells to shear or break off. There is nothing to regenerate these hair cells anymore. Hearing is one of the senses that you cannot get back. Permanent hearing loss can occur when people listen to music above 70% volume (over 85 decibels) through the earbuds. The American Osteopathic Association recommends the 60 percent/60 minute rule to moderate earbud usage: no more than 60 percent of maximum volume for no more than 60 minutes. Noise-canceling headphones pose less of a risk than earbuds because they are worn further away from one's eardrums. They also eliminate background noise, which reduces the need to increase the volume. Monitoring the noise level and length of time earbuds are used will protect your child's hearing.

# Dollars and Cents

Drop off

December 16  
January 2  
January 13  
**NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20**  
January 27

Pick-up

December 20  
January 6  
January 17  
January 31



**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.



**Christmas is coming** and Santa loves to do his Christmas shopping with gift cards he bought using SCRIP! Plan ahead and do your shopping the way Santa does and get 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!

**Want to wear jeans to school?** Every month on the 2nd & 4th Fridays, the high school will have jean days. Punch cards can be purchased for \$10.00 or \$20.00. Proceeds go towards Polar Plunge.

**High School Ala Carte Lunch Program** Due to our vendors increasing their rates for food, we will no longer be serving any of the ala carte meals in the cafeteria. Several of the vendors have raised the rates over the past few months to the point we are not able to even break even. 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.

It's time to start **Freezin' for a Reason!** The Polar Plunge is rapidly approaching and our students are gearing up for our next adventure! The Special Olympics of Illinois Polar Plunge will be Saturday, March 8th at 10:00 am at the Beach House in Decatur. Students can sign up now and begin their fundraising over the Holidays. Each plunger raises \$75 in order to participate and receives a dress-code hoodie and free lunch from the Beach House! The LSA Polar Plunge team will have more Jean's Day fundraisers to help offset the cost for students. We also need parents and teachers to participate! For three years, St. Teresa has beat us in the most plungers. This is our year! We need as many plungers as we can to take home the trophy and \$500 prize for biggest school! Even if you sign up and raise the \$75, you don't have to actually get in the water! You can just be a part of the team and cheer us on! For more information, contact Ms. Hicklin at 233-2000! Hope to see you there!

**Share the Gift** The Student Government members raised over \$2,000.00 for our annual Share the Gift project. The money was raised through Jean's Days and Homecoming fundraisers. That money was used to buy the entire Christmas for 19 children from Lutheran Child & Family Services. The students shopped at Walmart on December 5th, packing their carts with warm clothes, hats, mittens, books, and toys for the children in need. After a celebratory lunch at Buffalo Wild Wings, the students wrapped their presents with the paper, bows, boxes, etc that were generously donated by LSA parents. The project was the biggest success we have had yet and we hope that we will be able to bless as many students as we did this year! Thank you to all of the parents who donated!

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.

## Sports are great...your brain is forever!

This year's Scholastic Bowl team is off to a good start with a very young, but balanced team. Our goal is to return to IHSA State competition in 2 years. We are in need of some strong math people. It's not too late to join! Contact Mrs. Ragle at 855-9761, or talk to Megan Boerger. Practices are on Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:15 pm in Mrs. Boerger's room. This month's top scorer is

## MUSIC NOTES

Sophomore Baylee Phillips was selected to sing with the ILMEA All-District Choir back in November. The Choir performed All-State as well as District repertoire at Eastern Illinois University under the direction of Dr. Jim Henry from University of Missouri - St. Louis.

High School Band/Choir Winter Concert  
Sunday December 15, 2013 @ 7:00PM

Coffee Talk If you missed "Coffee with Mr. Karsten" we talked about the five congregations that make up our school and touched on a brief history of how LSA became what it is today. We also encouraged our families to continue growing spiritually together by going to church regularly and invited everyone who does not have a church home currently to visit any of our five. To find out more about the topic, look for minutes in next week's newsletter and watch for a new YouTube video that will be uploaded next week. The next "Coffee with Mr. Karsten" will be on Friday, December 20th, at 7:45 AM in the library, and we will be talking about K-12 music.



You can now sign up to help out in the lunchroom online. Go to our homepage [www.lsadecatur.net](http://www.lsadecatur.net) and click on the Sign Up Genius button at the bottom, right side of the page. **The lunchroom**

**is always looking for volunteers and any time that you can spare will be appreciated.**

**Sign Up Genius** is set up for all 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 the link that is on our homepage to sign up for your chosen shifts. Any parents not signed up will be assigned shifts to work.

## Lions Sports Updates

### BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Level	Opponent	Site
12/13	6:00 PM	Varsity	Arthur High School	Away
12/19	6:15 PM	Varsity	Argenta-Oreana	Home
12/21	4:00 PM	Varsity	Martinsville	Away
12/26 - 28		Varsity	BSN Classic	Away
1/3	6:15 PM	Varsity	Atwood Hammond	Home
1/10	6:15 PM	Varsity	Judah Christian	Away
1/14	6:15 PM	Varsity	Normal Calvary Christian	Home
1/17	6:00 PM	Varsity	DeLand-Weldon	Away
1/21	6:00 PM	Varsity	University Laboratory	Away
1/24	8:00 PM	Varsity	Decatur Christian School	Home
1/28	6:15 PM	Varsity	Cornerstone Christian	Home
1/30		Varsity	Buckley Christ Lutheran	Away
2/1	4:00 PM	Varsity	Sangamon Valley	Away
2/4	6:15 PM	Varsity	Ridgeview	Home
2/11	6:00 PM	Varsity	Atwood Hammond	Away
2/15 - 22		Varsity	ECIC Conf Tourn	Away
2/24 - 3/1		Varsity	Regionals	Away

### GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Level	Opponent	Site
12/12	6:00 PM	J.V.	Cerro Gordo	Away
12/13	6:15 PM	Var/J.V.	University Laboratory	Home
12/16	6:15 PM	Var/J.V.	Springfield Lutheran	Away
12/19	6:15 PM	Var/J.V.	Mt Pulaski	Away
12/21-28		Varsity	Okaw Valley Christmas Tourney	Away
1/2	6:15 PM	Var/J.V.	Shiloh	Home
1/4	5:00 PM	Fresh.	Cerro Gordo	Away
1/4	6:00 PM	Var/J.V.	Cerro Gordo	Away
1/9	6:00 PM	Varsity	Judah Christian	Away
1/13	6:15 PM	J.V.	Cerro Gordo	Home
1/13	7:30 PM	Varsity	Normal Calvary Christian	Home
1/18	6:00 PM	Var/J.V.	Maroa-Forsyth	Away
1/20	6:00 PM	Var/J.V.	University Laboratory	Away
1/24	5:30 PM	Varsity	Decatur Christian School	Home
1/27	6:15 PM	J.V.	Eisenhower	Home
1/27	7:30 PM	Varsity	Cornerstone Christian Academy	Home
1/30	6:15 PM	varsity	Buckley Christ Lutheran	Away
2/1 - 8		Varsity	ECIC Conf Tourn	Away
2/10 - 14		Varsity	Regionals	Away