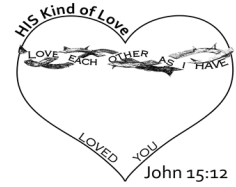


The Lion's Roar

December 2015

CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS at noon on Tuesday, December 22nd. There is NO school December 23rd through January 4th. School resumes with a full day on January 5th.

The high school office will be closed over Christmas vacation.



FINALS SCHEDULE

December 15 - REVIEW DAY
December 16 - REVIEW DAY

December 17

1st Hour Final 8:30 - 10:00
Study Break 10:00-10:30
2nd Hour Final 10:30 - NOON

December 18

3rd Hour Final 8:30 - 10:00
Study Break 10:00 - 10:30
4th Hour Final 10:30 - NOON

December 21

5th Hour Final 8:30 - 10:00
Study Break 10:00 - 10:30
6th Hour Final 10:30 - NOON

December 22

7th Hour Final 8:30 - 10:00
Study Break 10:00 - 10:30
8th Hour Final 10:30 - NOON

Students must be in the appropriate classroom and seated, ready to begin their exam at exam time.

If students do not have an exam period, they do not need to be here.

Students must exit the building when they are not taking an exam. If a student cannot be picked up during a period in which an exam is not given, arrangements must be made prior to that day.

Regarding dress code during finals, students must be in dress code unless they have been given a dress code pass for receiving no tardies or detentions in the 1st semester.

Students who have any detentions not yet served from the second quarter must 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

Looking Ahead...

- **Thurs., Dec. 10th**
English Field Trip to Wicked
- **Sat., Dec. 12th**
ACT National Test Date
- **Sun., Dec. 13th**
K-4 Concert 3:00 PM
- **Tues., Dec. 15th**
English Field Trip to Holocaust Museum;
Mandatory HS Band & Choir Concert 7:00 PM
- **Thurs., Dec. 17th**
HS Final Exams
- **Fri., Dec. 18th**
HS Final Exams,
PTL Meeting 8:45 AM,
K-8 Jeans Day \$2.50
HS Jeans Day \$2.00
- **Sun., Dec. 20th**
5-8 Concert 3:00 PM
- **Mon., Dec. 21st**
HS Final Exams
- **Tues., Dec. 22nd**
HS Final Exams,
End of 2nd Quarter
- **Wed., Dec. 23rd—
Mon., Jan. 4th**
Christmas Break
- **Tues., Jan. 5th**
Classes Resume-Full Day

SHARE THE GIFT UPDATE

Thanks to the amazing generosity of our LSA families and community, Student Government was able to provide Christmas gifts for 65 children. This was our most successful year yet, and we could not have done it without the support of so many thoughtful students and families!

Congratulations Senior Award Winners:

We are pleased to announce that Rachel Poland has been recognized as an IL State Scholar.

Congratulations to Craig Austin and Rachel Poland, who recently received the Ameren Scholar Athlete Award.

Last but not least, congratulations to Baylee Phillips for being November's Bob Ridings in Decatur's "Lion of the Month."

INow and Email

Our Information Now system is up to date and a great resource to keep up on grades and attendance for your student. You can even sign up to receive alerts for failing grades and tardies.

By now you should have received several emails through our Information Now system.

It is imperative that parents check email regularly in order to stay informed of important information and dates that relate to the high school.

Email is the preferred form of communication for most teachers. Teachers are also required to check their email daily in order to help with parent concerns. If you do not have email, please call the high school office to verify your preferred form of communication.



FOR YOUR HEALTH...



From Mrs. Karsten, RN

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.

News from the PTL!

The LSA Parent Teacher League would like to expand its reach into the high school, but we need your help! Join the LSA PTL Facebook page to stay up to date on timely news and volunteer activities. Our next meeting is December 18 at 8:45. We normally meet the last Friday of the month at 8:45 am in the LSA Board Room. If you can not attend the meetings, you can still be involved through our Facebook page and email lists. All meeting minutes and announcements will be emailed out at least monthly. Please contact Sherri Vandermyde on Facebook or at cell 217-855-6257 for more information or to be added to our email list.

In December, PTL has published our annual "These are a few of my favorite things" wish lists. This year all K-12 teachers are included. Great ideas for classroom needs, teacher gifts and prayer requests. Check them out online at www.lsadecatur.net. (A link is provided on the PTL Facebook page in the comments posted on 12-8-15.) We are very blessed by our LSA teachers!

Stay tuned for upcoming events and fundraisers which will include high school students and parents ... Krekels lunch orders during Lutheran Schools Week in January and a Nelsons Fried Chicken Dinner fundraiser in February. Order forms for the Krekels lunch and tickets for the Nelsons chicken dinner will be made available in January.

Music Notes

The High School Christmas Concert will be held **Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 PM**. The concert is mandatory for students and will last about an hour.



Bus Driver Needed!!! We have one driver but need one or two more.

We are specifically looking for drivers that are available during the day for field trips and early sporting events. Contact the school office at 233-2001 ext. 102 to learn more about the requirements for becoming a certified bus driver for LSA.



Coffee With Mr. Karsten

In thinking about the next few wintery months, we want to be certain each family knows what to expect in the event of inclement weather that would require closing school. If weather or other severe conditions would require a cancellation, it will be announced on the following stations: WSOY 1340 AM, WSOY 102.9 FM, WEJT 105.1 FM, WDZ 1050 AM, WDWZ 95.1 FM, WCIZ Ch. 3, WICS Ch. 2/10, and WAND Ch. 7/17. We do not follow one particular public school district. LSA makes its own decision to be in session or to close. As always, if you personally feel it's not safe to travel, by all means stay home and call the office about your student absence. Please note that we do not plan on closing the school for "Cold Days," unless there is an emergency situation. While many public schools feel it is necessary because of bus routes, country commutes, and students walking to school, LSA can continue to provide educational services despite the temperature. We do not want our parents to have to find alternative plans for their students when we have the resources to stay in session. We provide our students with a great education, a warm meal, warm shelter and indoor recess. In addition, we have indoor dismissal procedures in place to ensure that our students are dismissed safely, no matter the temperature. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions about school closings. God's Blessings on Your Day, Mr. Karsten

College Information

Notes from the Guidance Counselor...

After filing tax returns for 2015, families may come in for help completing the FAFSA - the first step in applying for college. ISAC will be available February 11th at 6:00 PM in the computer lab to assist families also.

If you have any questions or would like information, please contact me at anolen@lsadecatur.net. I am here to help.

Allison Nolen



NOTE FROM THE LUNCHROOM:

Since we now have a parent portal through our new system, Chalkable Café, the cafeteria staff will no longer be providing weekly statements. It is your responsibility to monitor your student's balance by accessing your account at this link:

<https://www.chalkablecafe.com:8019/Parent/Lutheran>.

When your child becomes negative, they will receive a red card in place of their lunch card. If the account isn't brought current, your child will be provided with a lunch consisting of a ham and cheese, fruit OR vegetable, and a milk.

If you have any questions or need assistance accessing your account through Chalkable Café, please call Tricia Summers at 217-233-2001 ext. 110, or email at tsummers@lsadecatur.net.

Weekly Service Projects

Each week on Thursday at 1:30 PM, there will be students going to Hickory Point Christian Village. Here the students will participate in visiting with the residents, playing board and card games, and doing crafts during their time there. If your student would like to be a part of this great project, please call our office!

Just a reminder that every student needs 20 hours of community service which can be done at school, through community organizations, at the churches, or even at home. Students need to fill out a service hour form and turn it into the office each time they complete a service project.

ACT® Important Information	
Testing Date	Registration Deadline
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016

ACT CODE: 141-567

Fees: ACT (not writing) \$35.00 Includes reports for student, his/her high school, and up to four college choices.

ACT Plus Writing \$50.50 Includes reports for student, his/her high school and up to four colleges.

SCRIP News

Drop off by 9:00 AM

December 14

NO SCRIP DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 4

January 11

Pick up

December 18

January 15

NEW VENDOR - The Wharf is now offering \$10 Scrip cards with a 15% rebate!

Please make sure you order using a current order form each time you order.

Orders, both paper and online, are due by 9:00 AM.

Volunteering Opportunities



LSA ReSale Shop will be having work nights every **Thursday at 5:30 PM**. All adults and high school students are invited! You can also volunteer during the work day if you're available. They are open from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM daily. If you are looking for a way to get started with this year's service hours, call Judy at 423-0122 to volunteer.

Lost and Found is full! December 22nd 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.



LSA Booster Club 2015-2016 BASKETBALL SEASON IS HERE! HELP NEEDED!

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 in the concession stand.* These can count towards your parent volunteer hours but please be aware that even if you have fulfilled your 10 required hours, you still need to work your shifts for your student's sports. Click on the link that is on our homepage to sign up for your chosen shifts.

Lions Sports News

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



High School Basketball Home Games

When: Monday, **December 14th**
What: Wear your favorite Santa hat and/or Christmas accessories



When: Friday, **December 18th**
What: Wear your favorite Santa hat



JV tip-off is at 6:00 PM for all games.
We will see you on the bleachers!

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