



# Lion's Mane News

*Lutheran School Association  
Educating for Tomorrow and Eternity*

February 7, 2014

FACTS is accepting financial aid applications. Click on the link at the bottom of our homepage to get started. Your taxes must be completed in order to file. **The deadline is May 1st** and no applications will be accepted after that date. Financial aid is needs based and is offered on a first come, first serve basis.

**Chapel on Wednesday, February 12th** will be led by Pastor Offermann.

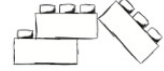


This year you have the opportunity to send a Crush soda, a Secret Admirer message, or a stuffed animal to your LSA student. Cans of Crush are \$1, Secret Admirer messages are 2/\$1, and Stuffed animals are \$3.

**Order forms are attached.**

We continue to encourage our families to stay connected with LSA! If you want to be the first to know about what's going on at the school – including snow days! – make sure that you are connected with us on your favorite social media hub. Stay connected on Facebook with LSA Decatur. Or stay connected on Twitter: Kyle Karsten @KKarstenLSA, LSA @LSADecatur1, LSA Athletics @LSA\_Athletics, and LSA Music @Music\_LSA. You can also sign up for text alerts from WAND or WSOY and watch for it to be broadcasted on local news stations (a list is on our website).

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## Looking Ahead...

- **February 7th**  
Mid-Term
- **February 9th**  
5th & 6th Grade Choir at Trinity Lutheran 9:00 AM
- **February 14th**  
Teacher In-Service  
NO SCHOOL
- **February 17th**  
President's Day  
NO SCHOOL
- **February 18th**  
Science Fair
- **February 19th**  
Market Day  
Pick-Up 3:00-5:30 PM
- **February 25-26**  
Book Fair  
5-8th Grades

## PTL Social Event Just for Fun!!!

Come roller skate with all of your friends and classmates from the LSA on **Sunday, February 16, from 5-7 pm**. George's Skateland is opening the rink just for us! The cost is \$6 per person and that includes skates. It's \$2 more if you prefer inline skates. We're hoping for a BIG crowd! There is a 50 PERSON MINIMUM, so sign up on "The LSA Parent Teacher League"



Facebook page and let us know you'll be attending! Like and share the event for a chance to win a free ticket!

## Coffee Talk

Hello Parents! It is hard to believe that it is already February! This school year has been an exciting year for our families and as an administrator, and I am happy to be on this journey with you and your family. Thank you for choosing LSA for your student.

Many of you probably know about our "Coffee with Mr. Karsten" meetings and YouTube videos that happen periodically on Friday at 7:45 am in the library. Because of our "On the Road" YouTube series that has taken place over the past few weeks, we have gotten a little bit off schedule with our regularly scheduled meetings. We apologize if there has been any confusion concerning the "Coffee with Mr. Karsten" meetings, and we would like to take a moment to outline our upcoming schedule and invite you to join us.

We would love to have you come to this Friday's meeting on **February 7, at 7:45 am**, in the library. Come enjoy a warm cup of coffee, as I enjoy this opportunity to sit down for a while to chat with you. I will be discussing enrollment and reasons to enroll at LSA, and I am excited to share some highlights of the recent parent survey. Other upcoming meeting times include February 21, March 7, and March 21. We will also continue to put reminders in the elementary newsletter, so make sure to watch for any unplanned changes to the schedule. Finally, keep looking for our YouTube videos and subscribe to our channel to get automatic updates sent when we upload a video.



I hope to see you Friday, and we look forward to the rest of this school year and the years to come!  
Mr. Karsten

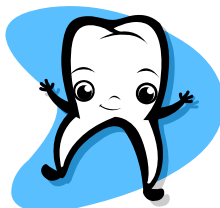




## FOR YOUR HEALTH...



**February is Dental Health Month. Here are some tips for preventing an unhealthy mouth and smile:**



- \* It's important to eat a well-balanced diet and avoid excessive snacking between meals, especially sticky, sweet things like pop and candy.
- \* Keep an eye on your gums for signs of gum disease. Puffy, red or tender gums, gums that bleed or persistent bad breath are signs that you need to see your dentist.
- \* Brush your teeth carefully at least twice a day. Remember, a thorough job takes 1-3 minutes.
- \* Floss your teeth once everyday. Dental floss reaches many areas that your toothbrush can't.
- \* Never smoke or use chewing tobacco, for a number of reasons. This bad habit can make you 4 times more likely to develop oral cancer, bad breath, stained teeth, bone loss, shrinking gums and cavities.
- \* Yogurt, cheese, milk and milk products (calcium containing foods) are great for your teeth.
- \* Visit your dentist regularly for preventative checkups and cleanings. Your dentist is trained to see the hidden problems you can't. If you wait until there is a pain involved, it may be too late to prevent cavities and/or gum disease.

All kindergarten students, 2nd and 6th graders are required to show proof of a dental visit by the end of their school year. Forms are available in the office or on our website. Please have them turned in by May 15, 2014.

### 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 will 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!!**



### Drop off

February 10

**NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17th**

February 24

March 3

March 10

March 17

March 24

March 31

April 7

**NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF APRIL 14th**

**NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF APRIL 21st**

April 28

May 5

May 12

May 19

May 26

### Pick-up

February 14

February 28

March 7

March 14

March 21

March 28

April 4

April 11

May 2

May 9

May 16

May 23

May 30



### Building for a Brighter Tomorrow

The LSA Dinner Auction will be held April 5th at the Mt. Zion Convention Center. Now is the time to bring in your donations! Check with your student's teacher to see what their classroom theme is this year. Bring a little or bring a lot, all donations are appreciated!

### Classroom Themes are:

- K - Cupcake Basket
- 1 - Bookshelf with books
- 2A - Parent's Date Night
- 2B - Mother's Day Basket
- 3 - Tail Gating
- 4 - Backyard BBQ
- 5 - Pottery Garden
- 6 - Family Fun Basket
- 7 - Downtown Decatur
- 8 - Car Lover's Basket



# Lions Sports News

## THIS WEEK IN LIONS SPORTS

- Saturday, February 8th** - 5th & 6th Grade Volleyball @ Mt. Pulaski Tournament  
High School Boys Basketball @ Arthur, JV at 6:00, Varsity at 7:00 PM
- Monday, February 10th** - High School Girls Basketball Regionals - **Home**  
7th & 8th Grade Volleyball @ Hope Academy, 7th at 6:00, 8th at 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, February 11th** - High School Boys Basketball @ Atwood Hammond, JV at 6:00,  
Varsity at 7:00 PM  
High School Girls Basketball Regionals - **Home**
- Wednesday, February 12th** - High School Boys Basketball VS Ridgeview - **Home**, JV at 6:15,  
Varsity at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, February 13th** - 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball @ Sangamon Valley, 7th at 6:00, 8th at 7:00 PM  
High School Girls Basketball Regionals - **Home**



**IHSA Girls Basketball Regionals** will be held at LSA this year. Booster Club needs your help

to staff the gate and the concession stand. Sign-Up Genius is ready to this event. Just click on the link at the bottom of the homepage to get started.

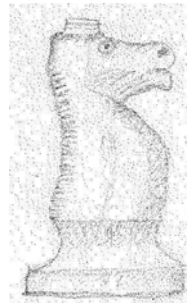
There will be a Spring Sports meeting on February 20th at 6:00 pm in the gymnasium.

**High School Spring Sports (\$75 athletic fee)**  
Baseball, Soccer, Softball, Track  
**Middle School Spring Sports (\$50 athletic fee)**  
Track

Please plan to attend this meeting and bring your athletic fee, up to date physical, and insurance card to fill out the Emergency Contact Form.

For the next Chess Club meeting I will bring some games to look at from the World Chess Championship 2013 held from November 9th to 22th in Chennai, India. In the match between Viswanathan Anand of India and (22 year old) Marcus Carlsen of Norway there were seven drawn games and Marcus Carlsen won 3, for 6 1/2 points of a possible twelve to win the championship. They stopped playing after ten games.

Howard Brown



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.

## Lunch Menu for the Week of February 3rd - Week I



**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.

**The lunchroom is looking for volunteers. You can sign up online by clicking the Sign-Up Genius link on the LSA homepage. These will count towards you family volunteer hours.**

### **American Heart Association Wear Red/Jeans days!**

Reminder!! **This Friday, February 7th and next Thursday, February 13th are jeans days** to raise money for Jump Rope for Heart/ American Heart Association! We are also encouraging everyone to wear a red shirt those days as we make our students aware of having and supporting healthy hearts! Please make the check to American Heart Association for \$5.00 (covers both days). This donation will put each child at Level 1 and earn the first prize!

Library Volunteers			
Feb. 11,12,13	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning	Angela Cushing	Sherri Vandermyde @ 9:15	Lynn Poland
Afternoon			

### **The Intentional Woman**

Featuring Joan C. Webb  
 February 21st at 5:30 PM and 22nd at 8:00 AM  
 St. Paul’s Lutheran Church - Great Room  
 1 Bacharach Court  
 Tickets are \$37 each  
 Call 423-6955 for ticket information  
 Childcare is available

### **Walk in Love**

Family Valentine Celebration  
 Wednesday, February 12th  
 St. Paul’s Lutheran Church - 1 Bacharach Court  
 Pizza Dinner at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Area  
 Walk in Love Party at 6:30 PM in the Great Room  
 RSVP to Sarah Koch at 217-423-6955



## ABC News:

ABC will have care on Friday, February 14, a Teacher In Service Day.  
 There will be NO ABC care on Monday, February 17, President's Day.

**--All Day Care on Friday February 14:** Please be sure to sign up if you plan on using care this day. We have fun games, activities and crafts planned! Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided. All students need to bring their own lunch. If you have any questions, you may contact Angie Martinek at 233-2001, or email [angela.martinek@gmail.com](mailto:angela.martinek@gmail.com).

Mon. Feb. 10	Tue. Feb. 11	Wed. Feb. 12	Thur. Feb. 13	Fri. Feb. 14
<b>CRAFTY MONDAY</b> Snack: Animal Crackers Craft: Make Your Own Creation	<b>COLORING PAGE DAY</b> Snack: Goldfish Craft: Heart Animals	<b>Wii WEDNESDAY</b> Snack: Cheese and Crackers	<b>BINGO THURSDAY</b> Snack: Cookies and Milk	<b>ALL DAY CARE</b> Teacher In Service Day AM: Cereal PM: Popcorn Movie: Free Birds Craft: Valentine Crafts