

# The Lion's Roar

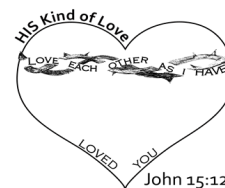
February 2016

## Drivers' Education Information

The 2016 Spring Drivers' Education session will begin March 14<sup>th</sup> through the Decatur Public School District. If your student has not taken the classroom portion of Drivers' Education yet and will be 15 years old by May 1, 2016, they could be eligible to sign up for the spring session. If you are interested in trying to reserve a spot for this session, please contact the High School Office no later than February 12<sup>th</sup> with your student's name and the school district you live in. Please note that expressing your interest does not guarantee a spot for this session, as there are only a certain number of spots available. Priority is given to students based on birth dates, and we will notify you if your student is selected by Eisenhower or MacArthur to participate during this session.

A **High School Preview Day** for 8th graders will be held on **February 19<sup>th</sup>** in the afternoon. Classes from 8:10—NOON will carry on as usual. Seniors will be dismissed at NOON to make room for the 8th graders, and Freshmen and 8th graders will be split into groups and travel together the remainder of the day. Sophomore and Junior classes will continue as normal.

*A list of High Honor Roll and Honor Roll students for Semester 1 is attached to this newsletter. Congratulations to these students for their hard work and academic success in Semester 1!*



## Looking Ahead...

- **Sat., Feb. 6th**  
Enrollment Meeting — Theater 9:00 AM  
ACT National Test Date
- **Wed., Feb. 10th**  
Ash Wednesday  
MID TERM
- **Thurs., Feb. 11th**  
FAFSA Assistance (ISAC) —Computer Lab 6:00 PM
- **Fri., Feb. 12th**  
PTL Chicken Dinner  
4:00 - 7:00 PM
- **Mon., Feb. 15th**  
President's Day  
NO SCHOOL
- **Fri., Feb. 19**  
HS Jeans Day \$2.00  
High School Preview Day  
Seniors - NOON Dismissal
- **Tues., Feb. 23rd**  
LSA / St. Paul's  
Community Blood Drive  
12:30-5:30 PM
- **Thurs., Feb. 25th**  
Spring Sports Meeting  
5:30 PM
- **Fri., Feb. 26th**  
PTL Meeting 8:45 AM
- **Sat., Mar. 5th**  
Polar Plunge—NOON
- **Thurs., Mar. 10th**  
HS Concert 7:00 PM
- **Fri., Mar. 11th**  
End of 3rd Quarter  
NOON DISMISSAL



## Updated Lunch Account Procedure

In order to continue to try to improve our communication with our LSA families, we are implementing a new procedure for "Red Card" lunch accounts. From now on, we are going to send a daily email to families with student lunch accounts between \$5.00 and -\$15.00. These emails serve as a courtesy reminder that it's time to make a lunch account deposit. Once a student lunch account reaches -\$20.00, the lunch card will be pulled, and an alternative lunch will be served. Our hope is that by using these email reminders, parents will be able to stay well informed and current on their student's lunch account.

## Coffee With Mr. Karsten

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our enrollment meetings. We had a very positive response! It was wonderful to share with our families the exciting things happening in the LSA ministry and emphasize the partnership we enjoy with our students, parents and churches.

By now, most of you have had an opportunity to attend one of our meetings. If not, there is still a chance tomorrow, Saturday, February 6th at 9:00 AM. If you are not able to attend, there are some updates we want to make certain to share with everyone. Your enrollment packet will be available in the main office, and will include both a cover letter highlighting the meeting and a copy of the informational power point.

If you were able to attend, we hope you found the meetings beneficial, and came away with an understanding of key points about next year. We were excited to get to share with you some of the changes coming up, and talk about the ministry as a whole. Remember, to take advantage of the \$50 enrollment fee, your forms must be turned in by February 29th. As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

God's Blessings on Your Day - Mr. Karsten



## 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.

**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.



## LSA / St. Paul's Community Blood Drive

A Red Cross Community Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd, from 12:30-5:30 PM, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in their Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 1 Bachrach Ct. in Decatur.

To schedule an appointment, please contact Teena Lichtenberger at 217-520-1050, call the HS office, or go online to register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

LSA students, 16 or older, should sign up in the HS Office. Students who are 16 must have a parent consent form filled out and signed.



Beginning February 12th, our LSA Girl Scout troop is selling cookies for \$4/box. You can contact Mrs. Thomas in the high school at 233-2000, ext. 402 to place an order.

## St. John's Lutheran Church News

Basics of Christianity class will begin on Sunday, February 7, at 9:45 a.m. We will start a 12 week series titled Lutheranism 101 during the Adult Sunday School hour. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The movie "War Room" will be shown on Friday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. Popcorn and pop will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.



**Prom** will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. Watch for more information coming out soon!



MY COMMAND IS THIS:  
LOVE EACH OTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.  
JOHN 15:12

## LSA Dinner Auction

This year's annual LSA Dinner Auction "His Kind of Love" will be held April 16th at the Mt. Zion Convention Center. Now is the time to bring in your donations! Bring a little or bring a lot, any donations are appreciated! Donation forms are available in the elementary school office.

# College Information

## Notes from the Guidance Counselor...

Class selection sheets went home on Thursday, Feb. 4th. Please look those over with your student and return no later than Monday, Feb. 8th.

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.

Scholarships are available now on most college websites. Watch for due dates and collect your letters of recommendation.

If you have any questions or would like information, please contact me at [anolen@lsadecatur.net](mailto:anolen@lsadecatur.net). I am here to help.  
*Mrs. Nolen*

## LSA School Closings

In the event of circumstances that cause us to cancel school at LSA, please view or listen in to one of the local medias (radio or tv).

LSA makes its own decision as to whether to close school or not. It does not follow one school district or another. We will make every effort to make any decision to cancel school as early as possible on a given morning or the night before (if we can). Certainly parents need to always be safe as they drive if weather is questionable and school is not officially canceled.



## Spring Sports Meeting

Thursday, February 25th there will be an informational meeting for students interested in playing a spring sport.

## High School Spring Sports

Baseball, Girls Soccer, Softball, Track

Please plan to attend this meeting and bring your athletic fee of \$75, up to date physical, and insurance card to fill out the Emergency Contact Form. Forms are available on the website.



ACT <sup>®</sup> 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

February 8

**NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15**

February 22

February 29

March 7

March 14

**NO SCRIP THE WEEKS OF MARCH 21 & 28**

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

### Pick up

February 12

February 26

March 4

March 11 by NOON

March 18

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



# Student Volunteering Opportunities



**SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS**  
**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**Projects Include**  
Creating Projects for Girl Scouts & Other Youth Activities  
Organizing curriculum for healthy eating  
Creating flyers for activities and events  
Stocking & Inventorying Food Pantry Items  
Organizing Clothing Room & More

**EVERY SATURDAY 11AM-2PM**  
**321 E. LEAFLAND AVE. DECATUR, IL 62521**  
For more information contact us at (217)330.8321  
Website: [www.reasonableserv.com](http://www.reasonableserv.com)  
Email: [reasonableservice06@gmail.com](mailto:reasonableservice06@gmail.com)

**Touching Hearts, Changing Lives**

Each week on Thursday at 1:00 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!

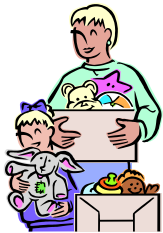
Just a reminder that every student needs 20 hours of community service which can be done at school, through community organizations, at the churches, or even at home. Students need to fill out a service hour form and turn it into the office each time they complete a service project.



# Family Volunteering Opportunities

## Nelson's Chicken Dinner

Volunteer Feb. 12 for the Nelson's Chicken Dinner! Volunteers are still needed to staff the dinner event starting with set up at 3:00 pm to clean up ending by 8 pm. Our busiest hours will be from 4 to 7 pm when we will need servers and people to run out to cars to take tickets and deliver meals. This is a great way to serve a bulk of your hours in one day. Please contact Sherri Vandermyde at 217-855-6257 (call or text) or [lvandermyde@comcast.net](mailto:lvandermyde@comcast.net) to help out.



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 this year's service hours, call Judy at 423-0122 to volunteer.

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 Katie at [kbulava@lsadecatur.net](mailto:kbulava@lsadecatur.net)

## Lunchroom Volunteers

Our wonderful cafeteria staff is always looking for extra hands to help serve lunch. This is a fun way to get your service hours in while getting to interact with the students and staff. To volunteer, go to our website [www.lsadecatur.net](http://www.lsadecatur.net) and click the Sign-Up Genius link on the bottom, right corner of the home page.



LSA is host to several tournaments in the upcoming months due in part to the outstanding hospitality of staff and parents. Thank you to all of the parents that have worked in the concession stand for the past semester to ensure successful home games. We cannot say thank you enough to you! If you would like to join the fabulous group of parents that work home games, click on the Sign-Up Genius link on our home page.