



# Lion's Mane News

*Lutheran School Association  
Educating for Tomorrow and Eternity*

January 16, 2015



## Kindergarten

Orientation will be held on **Tuesday, January 27, at 6:30 PM** in the LSA Theater. If you know a family with a child who will be Kindergarten eligible, please provide the office with their contact information so the family will receive a mailing regarding the orientation meeting.



**Chapel on Wednesday, January 21st will be led by Mr. Salefski.** Chapel offerings in January will go to New Life Pregnancy Center. Please send change to help fill your child's classroom's baby bottle.

## Make plans for the 2015-2016 school year.

Enrollment will begin February 1st at \$50.00 per student and then will increase by \$50.00 increments per month until Registration Day in August.

The circle drive is not to be used for student drop-off or pick-up. All students arriving before 8:30 AM must use the student entrance. Special permits are required to pick up in the circle drive after school. If you would like to request a permit, please contact Mrs. Dippel.

**Yearbook Order Forms** were sent home this week. The due date for these is February 20th. Make sure that you include payment with the order form. Checks should be made out to Inter-State Studios. Extra yearbooks will not be ordered for later purchase so don't miss your opportunity to buy one!

## 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.



- Looking Ahead...**
- **January 19th**  
MLK Day - No School
  - **January 21st**  
Market Day Pick-Up
  - **January 22nd**  
LSA Night at Culver's
  - **January 23rd**  
High School Shadowing  
Day for Zion Lutheran  
Early Dismissal  
2:50 PM for K-8
  - **January 26th - 30th**  
National Lutheran  
Schools Week
  - **January 27th**  
Kindergarten Orientation  
6:30 PM - MPR
  - **January 30th**  
PTL Meeting 8:45 AM  
8th Grade Science Fair  
Papers Due
  - **February 6th**  
High School Shadowing  
Day for LSA 8th Grade  
7th Grade Science Fair  
Papers Due

## Coffee With Mr. Karsten

Families will be receiving information very shortly about re-enrollment beginning in February. At the School Board meeting on Monday, the board voted to keep tuition rates the same for 2015-2016. The only two changes will be seen in fees. Athletic fees will now be \$75 per sport with a max per player of \$150 per year for elementary, middle school, and high school. The high school will also see a new activity fee for all students at \$50. February enrollment will still be \$50 per student and will rise by \$50 per student each month until August. Enrolling early allows LSA administration to make accurate plans for the 2015-2016 school year. Don't forget that if you plan to enroll as a member of one of our churches, you will need to get a pastor's signature on your re-enrollment form. Watch for this mailing coming soon for all the details. -Mr. Karsten





**FOR YOUR HEALTH...**



# SCRIP News

Like adults, kids need exercise. Most children need at least an hour of physical activity every day.

Regular exercise helps children:

- \*Feel less stressed
- \*Feel better about themselves
- \*Feel more ready to learn in school
- \*Keep a healthy weight
- \*Build and keep healthy bones, muscles, and joints
- \*Sleep better at night

As kids spend more time watching TV, they spend less time running and playing. Parents should limit TV, video game and computer time. Parents can set a good example by being active themselves.

Exercising together can be fun for everyone. Competitive sports can help kids stay fit. Walking, biking, dancing, bowling, tag, jump rope, hopscotch, swimming, kicking a ball around, playing with balloons (try not to let them hit the ground), etc, etc.; there are so many simple activity ideas that can get a kid active in a fun way.

This is taken from <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/exerciseforchildren.html>



## All About D.C.

### Washington D.C. 2016

Trip enrollment forms were sent home this week. Fill these out and return them with your \$100 per person payment by **January 30th**. Checks should be made out to Brightspark Travel.

The final turn-in date for coupon books or payments for the coupon books is **Friday, January 23rd**. If you have not yet returned your books or made payment, please do so on this final date.

**Drop off by 9:00 AM**

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19TH

January 26	January 30
February 2	February 6
February 9	February 13

**Pick up**

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16

February 23	February 27
March 2	March 6
March 9	March 13
March 16	March 20
March 23	March 27

**Please remember that Scrip orders must be turned in no later than 9:00 AM on order day. This includes both online and paper orders.**

**St Paul's Early Learning Center now hiring:**

- Full or Part Time infant/toddler teacher (or aide)
  - Full time School-age teacher/bus driver (CDL not needed)
  - Substitutes (especially teacher qualified)
- SPELCC offers a wonderful benefit package for full-time employees  
To inquire please call 424-9183 and ask to speak to Kim or Jamie

**Achievement Tests** are scheduled for March 23 - 27. Please avoid scheduling any appointments or trips during this time.

## Lunch Menu

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
<b>Week L</b>	Chicken Sandwich	Macaroni and Cheese	Beef Nachos	Chicken and Noodles	Hot Dog
<b>Alt Pizza</b>	Veggie	Veggie	Veggie	Veggie	Veggie
	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
	Pretzels	Cookie	Dessert	Biscuit	Cookie

# Lions Sports News

## THIS WEEK IN LIONS SPORTS

- Friday, January 16th** - 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball @ Hope Academy at 6:00 PM
- Saturday, January 17th** - High School Girls Basketball @ LOVC Tournament in Argenta at 11:30 AM  
4th - 6th Grade Boys Basketball VS Cerro Gordo - **Home** at 10:00 AM
- Monday, January 19th** - 4th & 5th Grade Boys Basketball @ Heyworth at 6:00 PM  
7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Warrensburg at 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, January 20th** - 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball VS Stephen Decatur - **Home** at 6:00 PM  
7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Cerro Gordo at 6:00 PM  
High School Boys Basketball @ Williamsville at 6:00 PM  
4th & 5th Grade Volleyball @ Clinton at 6:30 PM
- Thursday, January 22nd** - 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball VS Shelbyville - **Home** at 6:00 PM  
7th & 8th Grade Volleyball @ Arthur at 6:00 PM
- Friday, January 23rd** - High School Boys Basketball VS Arcola - **Home** at 6:00 PM
- Saturday, January 24th** - High School Boys Basketball @ LOVC Tournament  
High School Girls Basketball VS Mt. Pulaski - **Home** at 4:30 PM



**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.** Click on this [link](#) (also on our homepage) to sign up for your chosen shifts.

High School Boys and Girls Basketball both play in LOVC tournaments in the next two weeks, starting with girls this Saturday. Good luck, Lions!

**Booster Club needs all parents of 4th - 8th grade boys basketball players to go online and sign up for their two shifts right away.**

4th & 5th grade boys basketball recognition night will be held January 23rd. The players will get free admission to the games. JV starts at 6:00 and Varsity starts at 7:30 PM. Recognition will be held at halftime of the varsity game.

The concession stand cannot operate without volunteers. We do not want to have to play games with no concessions so we need your help! Anyone is welcome to sign up to help.

Faculty Appreciation Night for High School Girls Basketball will be held at halftime of the Varsity game on January 24th. JV plays at 4:30 PM, Varsity plays immediately following JV.

**Stay updated with all sports by following us on Twitter @LSA\_Athletics!**



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.

# Volunteering Opportunities

## LSA PTL Culver's Night on January 22!

Culver's of Decatur, North location, will donate 10% of the sales from every guest who makes a purchase between 5:00 and 8:00 PM, inside or drive-thru, on Thursday, January 22, 2015 to help support the Lutheran School Association PTL teacher grants and family events. Stop by for a delicious meal and refreshing frozen custard treat to help raise funds for a great cause. Mark your calendars and lend your appetite to Lutheran School Association! No flier needed - just stop by or drive thru at 2994 N. Water Street, Decatur, IL. Contact Sherri Vandermyde if you would like to be present at Culver's during the fundraiser to help out. We need 3 adults (kids can come too!) to be there between 5:00 and 8:00. You can reach Sherri at [lvandermyde@comcast.net](mailto:lvandermyde@comcast.net) or text 855-6257.

## February 26th PTL Fundraiser Features Nelson's Chicken Dinners

Tickets are on sale now! Limited quantities are available! Imagine driving up to the LSA between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m., handing a volunteer your tickets and driving away with dinner! Nelson's dinners feature 1/2 chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll and dessert for \$9 (We have been told one meal feeds 1 adult or 2 small kids). You can help this fundraiser in 3 ways: 1) Buy your family dinner! 2) Sell tickets to your friends and family. Information on the classroom incentive will be coming soon! The winning classroom will win an ice cream sundae party. Plus, for every 10 tickets sold by your family, you can earn one service hour. You can also volunteer to help PTL sell tickets at an LSA church or select basketball and volleyball games. We plan to be at LSA churches where we have volunteers on the weekends of Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15. and 3) Spend just one hour on February 26th helping the PTL assemble the meals or run them out to cars. If you're low on service hours for the year, you can work all 5 hours from setup at 3 p.m. to the dinner at 4 - 7 p.m. and clean up at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. We need 18-24 volunteers to make that night a success! If you are interested in buying or selling tickets or helping out that night, please contact Heather Meadows at 855-0806 (or text) or [hbmeadows94@gmail.com](mailto:hbmeadows94@gmail.com)

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 Rachel at [bishop@lsadecatur.net](mailto:bishop@lsadecatur.net).

## Lunchroom Volunteers

Our wonderful cafeteria staff is always looking for extra hands to help serve lunch. This is a good way to get your service hours in while getting to interact with the students and staff. You can come and serve lunch on a regular lunch day, or volunteer on a special day such as Try-day Friday. 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 ReSale Shop will be having work nights every Thursday at 5:30 PM.** All adults and high school students are invited! If you are looking for a way to get started with this year's service hours, call Judy at 423-0122 to volunteer.

## Be An Art Volunteer!

If you enjoy fostering student's creativity or want to work behind the scenes, you may consider volunteering in the Art Room at the end of the day. Volunteers may help in the classroom, prepare work or help with getting our students artwork on Artsonia. If you have any of these extra items around the house, the PTL encourages you to consider donating them to the art classroom: paper plates, gift wrap tubes, small to medium dish soap bottles, pump spray hairspray bottles, Gerber plastic rectangular containers with lids, newspaper (not the sale ads), or old towels.