



# Lion's Mane News

*Lutheran School Association  
Educating for Tomorrow and Eternity*

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## LSA Dinner Auction

This year's annual LSA Dinner Auction will be held April 18th 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, any donations are appreciated! Donation forms are available in the school office.

**Chapel on Wednesday, February 4th will be led by Pastor Laux.** Chapel offerings in February 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.

## Achievement Tests are scheduled for March 23 - 27.


Please avoid scheduling any appointments or trips during this time.

This year you have the opportunity to send a Crush soda or a stuffed animal to your child. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics Polar Plunge. Order forms are attached and are due by February 10th.



## Looking Ahead...

- **February 6th**  
High School Shadowing  
Day for LSA 8th Grade  
7th Grade Science Fair  
Papers Due  
Mid-Term
- **February 9th**  
LSA Night at Buffalo  
Wild Wings 5 - 9:00 PM
- **February 13th**  
8th Grade Field Trip to  
Lincoln Museum
- **February 16th**  
President's Day  
NO SCHOOL
- **February 17th**  
Science Fair
- **February 18th**  
Ash Wednesday
- **February 26th**  
Nelson's Chicken Dinner

**Yearbook Order Forms** are due **February 20th.** Make sure that you include payment with the order form. Checks should be made out to Inter-State Studios. You can also order online. Go to [www.inter-state.com/yearbook](http://www.inter-state.com/yearbook) and enter the school code which is 860023. Extra yearbooks will not be ordered for later purchase so don't miss your opportunity to buy one!

## Coffee With Mr. Karsten

You will be receiving your re-enrollment paperwork in the mail this week, if you have not already. We'd like to remind you that early enrollment allows us to 1) give our families the opportunity to reserve their student desks AND 2) to give us the kind of time we need to budget, plan, and staff for the coming year. Enrolling in February also saves families money as the enrollment fee is only \$50.00 per student. Since plans are being made as forms are returned, we remind families that the fee is non-refundable. We have also included an attachment with this newsletter that covers a few more details in depth in case you have further questions. We have explained our Budget, Tuition & Fees, Payment Plans, Payment & Collection Procedures, Financial Aid, our Scrip program, Parent Referral Program, the upcoming Tuition Free Drawing, the new Excellent Student Scholarship for high school students, our upcoming Dinner Auction and how you can help, as well as a couple of items to look for in the future regarding the school calendar and Registration Day in August. Please check it out! -Mr. Karsten





**FOR YOUR HEALTH...**



# SCRIP News

**WHAT TO DO WITH UNUSED MEDICATIONS:**



The misuse of prescription drugs is becoming more of a concern among our teenagers. Easy access in household medicine cabinets is part of the problem. Many of us probably have medication that is expired or no longer needed. Once

the drugs aren't being used, getting them out of the home is a step to getting rid of the risk. Drugs should never be flushed down the toilet. The water treatment plants cannot remove the compounds, so it may reach the environment.

Our Decatur Police Department in South Shores now has a MedReturn Drug Collection. Drop-offs can be turned in at any time. Labels do not need to be removed. Accepted items: prescription and over-the-counter medications, patches, vitamins, samples, meds for pets. Not accepted: liquids, thermometers, needles, medication from businesses or clinics, ointments, lotions, aerosol cans or inhalers.

**An updated 3rd quarter lunch menu** is attached to this email.

Did you know that you can pay your student's lunch money online? Just click on the **"Make a Payment"** button at the bottom of our website [www.lsadecatur.net](http://www.lsadecatur.net).

## Lunch Menu

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
<b>Week O</b>	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Burger	Brunch for Lunch	Chicken Que-sadilla	Spaghetti
<b>Alt= Pizza</b>	Rice	Veggie		Veggie	Garlic Bread
	Veggie	Fruit		Fruit	Veggie
	Fruit	Cookie		Cookie	Fruit

**Drop off by 9:00 AM**

- February 2
- February 9
- NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16
- February 23
- March 2
- March 9
- March 16
- March 23

**Pick up**

- February 6
- February 13
- February 27
- March 6
- March 13
- March 20
- 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.**

# All About D.C.

**Washington D.C. 2016**

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

The final turn-in date for coupon books or payments for the coupon books was **Friday, January 23rd**. If you have not yet returned your books or made payment, please do so immediately in the school office or contact Cathy Kurecki.

**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 with **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!!**



# Lions Sports News

## THIS WEEK IN LIONS SPORTS

- Friday, January 30th** - 6th Grade Boys Basketball @ Trinity Bloomington Tournament  
High School Boys Basketball VS ALAH @ Cerro Gordo at 8:00 PM
- Saturday, January 31st** - 5th & 6th Grade Volleyball @ Arthur at 6:00 PM  
8th Grade Volleyball @ Mt. Pulaski Tournament at 9:00 AM  
High School Girls Basketball @ Central A & M at 1:00 PM
- Monday, February 2nd** - High School Girls Basketball @ Arthur at 6:00 PM  
7th & 8th Grade Volleyball VS Little Flower - **Home** at 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, February 3rd** - 4th & 5th Grade Boys Basketball @ Forsyth Grade School at 6:00 PM  
High School Boys Basketball @ Sangamon Valley at 6:00 PM
- Thursday, February 5th** - High School Scholastic Bowl @ Cerro Gordo at 6:00 PM  
High School Girls Basketball VS Okaw Valley - **Home** at 6:00 PM
- Friday, February 6th** - High School Boys Basketball VS Arthur - **Home** at 6:00 PM
- Saturday, February 7th** - 5th Grade Boys Basketball @ Trinity Bloomington Tournament  
5th & 6th Grade Volleyball @ Mt. Pulaski Tournament



### EAT WINGS. RAISE FUNDS. IT PAYS.

Buffalo Wild Wings  
851 South US Route 51  
Forsyth, IL

Will donate 15% of all pre-taxed food sales to the  
Lutheran School Association Soccer Program  
**Monday, February 9th from 5:00 - 9:00 PM**  
Present attached ticket to server.

Reminder, please go to [www.oneschoolstreet.com](http://www.oneschoolstreet.com)  
and sign up to be on the email and text message list in  
case of a cancelation of practice and games due to  
unforeseen circumstances. This is a quick and easy  
way to get information. If you are not receiving  
emails or texts please call Mike at 888-334-8418.

LSA has scheduled sports physicals on **Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM**. They will be held in the gym hallway and locker rooms. Please put this day on your calendar. Any student wishing to play a sport, no matter what age or grade they are in, will be required to have a sports physical before they are allowed to participate. The cost is \$25 and the check can be made out to DMH Medical Group. Physicals are good for 13 months.

The scheduled times will be:

- High School**  
3:00 – 3:45 PM
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades**  
3:45 – 4:30 PM
- K-5<sup>th</sup> grades**  
4:30 - 5:00 PM



# 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

## Classroom Incentive = Ice Cream Sundae Party!

Please check your student's backpack this Friday for information regarding selling tickets for the PTL Chicken Dinner. Fill out the form and send it back to the office with a check and we will deliver your tickets. Forms must be turned in by February 13th and ticket orders will be filled on February 17th. The PTL is providing an ice cream sundae party for the classroom that sells the most Nelson Chicken Dinner tickets. Remember, our Nelson's chicken dinner fundraiser will be held on **Thursday, February 26, 2015, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm**. The meal includes ½ grilled chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, a roll and dessert. We offer drive thru pick up or dine in. All proceeds will go to our teacher grant requests. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Meadows at 217-855-0806 (text or call) or bmeadows94@gmail.com.

## LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Training) Volunteer Training Events

**8:00am-4:30 PM**

**Registration begins at 8:00 AM**

**Sessions begin at 8:30 AM**

The registration fee is \$35 which includes your disaster response training manual, LCMS volunteer vest, other helpful materials, and lunch. Plus, you will receive your certificate of participation and volunteer certification badge from LCMS Disaster Response and the Office of National Mission.

Led by Randy Wolf, LCMS (CID) Disaster Response Coordinator and Stephen Born, LCMS (CID) Disaster Response Regional Coordinator.

**February 7, 2015,**

St. John's Lutheran, Green Valley, Illinois

<http://www.cidlcms.org/>

[LERTGreenValley.2.7.2015.pdf](http://www.cidlcms.org/LERTGreenValley.2.7.2015.pdf)

**April 18, 2015**

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Macomb  
(Student Center)

<http://www.cidlcms.org/LERTMacomb4.18.2015.pdf>

**May 2, 2015**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Taylorville

<http://www.cidlcms.org/>

[LERTTaylorville.5.2.2015.pdf](http://www.cidlcms.org/LERTTaylorville.5.2.2015.pdf)

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 - rbishop@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.