



# Lion's Mane News

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January 6, 2017



Chapel on Wed., Jan 11th will be led by Pastor Mark of St. Paul's.

## Witt's Wisdom - Light and Life

"In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - John 1:4-5 (ESV)

The weather turned a bit chilly this week. The weather man has been warning us about the drop in temperature for several days and it seems to have finally arrived. As many of you know, I spent the last several years in Minnesota and most of my childhood in Wyoming; two places where the winter weather can be absolutely brutal. As a matter of fact, it can get so cold that it can't snow. The sun will shine down in sub-zero temps and the lack of snow and ice make the frosty air deceptively dangerous. When the icy north winds would blow, temperatures would quickly plummet well below zero.

In driver's education, one of our first lessons dealt with emergency kits in our vehicles. We learned how to efficiently pack a large coffee can with supplies that would help us survive inside a car for several days; abandoning your vehicle in a quest for help in the winter had very unhealthy results. The kit contained items like a thermal "space blanket", matches, a small, tin cup, a bar of chocolate (if it managed to survive the winter, it was quickly consumed in spring), and at least one (usually several) candles. The candles and matches were always given the highest priority. Did you know that a candle gives off enough heat to keep people in an enclosed car from freezing? They might get very, very cold – but they won't freeze. Not only does a candle give off heat, it also gives off light. It seemed that every winter someone would become lost in a winter storm and end up in a ditch or off the road in a grove of trees. Some of these unfortunate individuals would be trapped for several days. When rescued, it was never the chocolate bar or space blanket that they gave thanks for – it was always the candle. The candle always came first, delivering warmth, light, and hope.

For God's people, candles have always been an important part of worship. Different numbers of candles can remind us of different things. Seven candles can represent completion; seven was a sacred Old Testament number symbolizing completion. Six candles remind us of the days of creation. Worshipers might recall the Holy Trinity when they see three candles. Two candles make people remember Jesus divine and human natures; true God and true man.

Many churches still have a single paschal candle, which reminds us of Jesus, the Good Shepherd and Lord. Some churches light their paschal candles on Epiphany, January 6, and burn it until ascension day, when it is extinguished as the congregation says in the creed, "...He ascended into heaven.": The burning of the paschal candle from Epiphany to Ascension Day reminds the congregation Christ is "a Light to lighten the Gentiles." (Luke 2:32)

At times, life can seem very dark and cold, like the inside of a wayward car during a Wyoming winter. At times like this, at all times, we can remember two things that Jesus said about light. He said, "I am the Light of the world." (John 8:12) He also said, "You are the light of the world." Christ brings Light to our lives so that we might reflect that light to others around us. Let your light shine.

## Looking Ahead...

- **Wed., Jan. 11th**  
4th - 8th Grade  
Volleyball Pictures  
K-8 Group and  
Classroom Yearbook  
Photos
- **Mon., Jan. 16th**  
MLK Jr. Day  
NO SCHOOL  
NO ABC
- **Fri., Jan. 20th**  
PTL Meeting 8:30 AM  
K-12 Denim Days
- **Jan. 23rd - 27th**  
National Lutheran  
Schools Week
- **Wed., Feb. 1st**  
Cyber Safety Assembly  
2:00 PM Dismissal
- **Thurs., Feb. 2nd**  
Girls Basketball Senior  
Night
- **Fri., Feb. 3rd**  
Mid-Term
- **Tues., Feb. 14th**  
Boys Basketball Senior  
Night
- **Feb. 14th - 16th**  
6th - 8th Grade  
Book Fair
- **Fri., Feb. 17th**  
PTL Meeting 8:30 AM  
K-12 Denim Days  
Nelson's Chicken Dinner
- **Mon., Feb. 20th**  
President's Day  
NO SCHOOL

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While colds and influenza have symptoms in common, influenza symptoms tend to come on much more suddenly and severely. This chart can help you figure out whether you may have a cold, the flu, or seasonal allergies.

	Common Cold	Influenza	Seasonal Allergies
Stuffy or runny nose	Yes	Sometimes	Runny, itchy nose
Fever	Sometimes; mild if present	Usually, often 100 degrees F (38.8 degrees C) or higher.	No
Body Aches	Mild	Mild to severe	No
Chills	Sometimes	Yes, sometimes intense	No
Sore Throat	Often	Sometimes	Itchy or tickling throat
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Usually, can last a couple of weeks after recovery	Rarely
Feeling extremely exhausted	No	Yes	No
Headache	Sometimes	Usually, sometimes severe	Sinus pressure or stuffiness
Sinus drainage	Usually	Rarely	Often
Diarrhea, Vomiting	No	Sometimes	No
Cough	Mild to moderate	Usually, can become severe	Dry or with minimal mucus
Watering eyes	Sometimes	Sometimes, with fever	Itchy swollen, burning, and/or watery eyes
Ears	Ear congestion	No	ear congestion or popping
Sneezing	Usually	Sometimes	Yes

# SCRIP News

**Drop off by 9:00 AM**

January 9  
 NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16  
 January 23  
 January 30  
 February 6  
 February 13  
 NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20

**Pick up**

January 13  
 January 27  
 February 3  
 February 10  
 February 17

Please make sure that you use the newest version of the Scrip order form each time that you order. The date is in the bottom, right hand corner of the order form.

Don't forget that orders are due by 9:00 AM Monday morning. This includes paper and online orders.



**Report Cards** will be mailed home next week. If you wish to schedule a parent teacher conference, please contact your student's teacher.

**Tax Statements for 2016** will be mailed out to all families next week. **Please keep these in a safe place** so that you have them when it's time to complete your tax return.



**FROM THE LUNCHROOM:** Starting January 30<sup>th</sup>, the lunch room will begin issuing "Red Cards" for any student who owes a balance of \$10.00 or more. Students with a "Red Card" will be given an alternative lunch, which includes a sandwich, choice of fruit or vegetable, and a milk until their balance is paid. Currently, students are issued "Red Cards" when a student owes a balance of \$20.00. In order to be financially responsible, we feel that this change is necessary. Thank you for understanding! If you have any questions, please reach out to Tricia Summers at 233-2001 ext. 110 or at [tsummers@lsadecatur.net](mailto:tsummers@lsadecatur.net).

## Lunch Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week L</b>	Brunch for Lunch	Mexican Lasagna	BBQ Chicken Boat	Baked Steak	Chicken Pasta Alfredo
<b>Alternative=</b>		Vegetable	Vegetable	Mashed Potatoes	Vegetable
		Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
		Cookie	Cookie	Biscuit	Garlic Bread

# Lions Sports News

## High School Boys Basketball Student Section Home Schedule

JV Games are at 6:00, Varsity Games are at 7:30 PM  
Student Admission \$2.00

Come out and cheer on your LSA Lions and make sure to check the calendar before you get dressed!

- Tuesday, January 31st VS Arthur - Costume Night
- Friday, February 3rd VS Arcola - Wacky Tacky
- Tuesday, February 14th VS Cerro Gordo - Neon Night
- Friday, February 17th VS LeRoy - American Night

Kholbe Leaks is a senior football player at LSA. He has been selected to play in the Illinois Football Coaches Association Shrine All-Star Game at Illinois Wesleyan University, on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Leaks was one of 88 players chosen from over 270 nominees, and will be a defensive end on the East team. Kholbe is the first LSA football player to achieve this accomplishment.



Robotics meets every Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. We will meet in 5A or the TV studio. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Bayles at [jbayles@lsadecatur.net](mailto:jbayles@lsadecatur.net).

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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. Eligibility will be checked every Friday. If a student receives a failing grade, the student and parents will be notified on Friday. 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/or games.  
Academics must come first.

### THIS WEEK IN LIONS SPORTS

- Friday, January 6th - 5th - 8th Grade Boys Basketball VS Meridian - Home at 6:00 PM  
High School Boys Basketball @ Villa Grove at 6:00 PM
- Saturday, January 7th - 5th & 6th Grade Volleyball @ OLOL Invite  
7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ JHOC Tournament at 1:00 PM  
7th & 8th Grade Volleyball @ LSA Invite - Home  
High School Girls Basketball @ Cumberland at 1:00 PM
- Monday, January 9th - High School Girls Basketball VS Warrensburg - Home at 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, January 10th - High School Boys Basketball @ Warrensburg-Latham at 6:00 PM  
7th & 8th Grade Volleyball VS Argenta-Oreana - Home at 6:00 PM
- Thursday, January 12th - 5th & 6th Grade Volleyball VS Arthur - Home at 6:00 PM  
High School Girls Basketball @ Argenta-Oreana at 7:30 PM
- Friday, January 13th - 5th Grade Boys Basketball @ OLOL Invitational  
5th & 6th Grade Volleyball @ Holy Family at 6:00 PM

## PTL Notes

Congratulations to Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Helfer, and Mrs. Damery for winning our Christmas Door Decorating contest! Pictures of all the doors can be found on the PTL Facebook page. Thank you to everyone who participated! Thank you to Lindsay Creviston and all who helped with the Christmas concert bake sales! To those who baked, volunteered or purchased, thank you! We couldn't do it without your support.

Please see the attachment regarding the upcoming Nelson's Chicken Dinner.

During NLSW, LSA will be hosting its first ever Souper Bowl celebration on

Tuesday, January 24 from 5:30-7pm. This event is

scheduled to coincide with the middle school girls' volleyball game. Each grade (not each classroom) will be asked to host a soup for this activity. Guests will be able to sample a variety of soups from the LSA and Decatur community. The activity will be hosted on the grey court; participants are encouraged to pick a theme and decorate their serving area (approximately ½ a table). Funds raised through a free will offering will be donated to Northeast Community Fund.



Do you know a child who is eligible to begin Kindergarten next year? Contact Susan Keane at [skeane@lsadecatur.net](mailto:skeane@lsadecatur.net) for a tour, and to be added to the mailing list for the Kindergarten Orientation in February.

Re-enrollment for current students begins in February. More information on re-enrollment will be coming soon!

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# ABC News

--ABC Hours: Just a reminder, Morning ABC charges a morning fee until 7:45am. Any students checking in any time before 7:45am will be charged for the morning.

--ABC is in need of some donations! ABC is in need of some additional items: Small items for BINGO prizes, Bean bag chairs or large pillows, indoor activities (Air hockey, Bags, Toss Across, Basketball shootout etc.), matchbox cars, baby dolls and accessories! Please keep us in mind when you're cleaning out those closets!

## 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.



**The LSA Resale Shop (located at 421 E Cerro Gordo St, Decatur, IL 62523) is now hiring for the position of CASHIER.**

This is a paid position – the hours required are 9:00am – 3:00pm Monday through Friday. This is a great part time position.

Interested persons should contact Judy Gross, LSA Resale Shop Manager at 217-423-0122 to apply. Any questions can also be directed to Judy. Apply today!