

The Lion's Roar

January 2016

Make plans for the 2016-2017 school year.

Enrollment Meetings for all school families will be held in the theater on the following dates:

January 31st at 2:00 PM

February 1st at 6:00 PM

February 2nd at 6:00 PM

February 6th at 9:00 AM

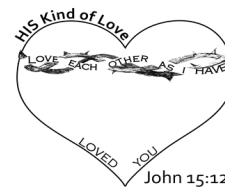
Enrollment packets for each family will be available at these meetings.

Enrollment fees will be \$50 per student in February.

Remember to call the school office by 9:00 AM if your student will be absent for any reason. If we do not hear from you regarding your student's absence they will receive an unexcused absence for that day.



High School Report Cards for Quarter 2/ Semester 1 were sent out on Monday, January 11th.



Looking Ahead...

- **Mon., Jan. 18th**
MLK Jr. Day
NO SCHOOL
- **Tues., Jan. 19th**
HS Boys Basketball
Faculty Recognition
- **Jan. 24th—Jan. 30th**
National Lutheran Schools Week
- **Fri., Feb. 5th**
HS Jeans Day \$2.00
- **Sat., Feb. 6th**
ACT National Test Date
- **Wed., Feb. 10th**
Ash Wednesday
MID TERM
- **Thurs., Feb. 11th**
FAFSA Assistance (ISAC)
—Computer Lab 6:00 PM
- **Mon., Feb. 15th**
President's Day
NO SCHOOL
- **Fri., Feb. 19**
HS Jeans Day \$2.00
- **Thurs., Feb. 25th**
Spring Sports Meeting
5:30 PM



A Note from PTL about the Nelson's Chicken Dinner:

The PTL-sponsored Nelson's Chicken Dinner fundraiser is quickly approaching! This year's Nelson's chicken dinner fundraiser will be held on Friday, February 12, 2016, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. The meal includes 1/2 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. An email was sent to all high school parents regarding selling tickets for this dinner, and an order form will be available as an attachment to this newsletter. Fill out the form and send it back to the office with a check and PTL will deliver your tickets to your student. Forms and checks must be turned in by Monday, January 25th, and ticket orders will be filled that next week. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please contact Heather Meadows at 217-855-0806 (call or text) or hbmeadows94@gmail.com.

Coffee With Mr. Karsten

As we begin enrollment for 2016-17, we are exploring new and improved ways to bring you enrollment information. At the forefront of this will be our new Enrollment Meetings. The dates and times that have been chosen will allow each family the chance to receive information in person, hear about some key program items (tuition, church information, staffing updates, tablets, financial aid, etc.) for next year and ask questions. While these are not mandatory, we encourage families to take advantage of one of these opportunities. The dates are: Sunday, January 31st at 2:00 PM, Monday, February 1st at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, February 2nd at 6:00 PM and Saturday, February 6th at 9:00 AM. We also encourage our current families to bring a family you know that may benefit from an LSA education.

Blessings!

-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.

Bus Driver Needed!!! We have one driver but need one or two more. We are specifically looking for drivers that are available during the day for field trips and early sporting events. Contact the school office at 233-2001 ext. 102 to learn more about the requirements for becoming a certified bus driver for LSA.



NOTE FROM THE LUNCHROOM: Since we now have a parent portal through our new system, Chalkable Café, the cafeteria staff will no longer be providing weekly statements. It is your responsibility to monitor your student's balance by accessing your account at this link: <https://www.chalkablecafe.com:8019/Parent/Lutheran>.

When your child becomes negative, they will receive a red card in place of their lunch card. If the account isn't brought current, your child will be provided with a lunch consisting of a ham and cheese, fruit OR vegetable, and a milk.

If you have any questions or need assistance accessing your account through Chalkable Café, please call Tricia Summers at 217-233-2001 ext. 110, or email at tsummers@lsadecatur.net.

SCRIP News

Drop off by 9:00 AM

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18

January 25

February 1

February 8

Pick up

January 29

February 5

February 12

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15

Kohl's will only be available in \$25 and \$100 increments and Culver's is no longer available to purchase effective immediately.

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

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

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.



College Information

Notes from the Guidance Counselor...

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. I am here to help.

Mrs. Nolen

ACT® 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.

Student Volunteering Opportunities

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



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.

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 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.