



# Lion's Mane News

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March 17, 2017

Chapel on Wed., March 22nd will be led by Pastor Weise



## Witt's Wisdom - Special Treatment

**"Thou anointest my head with oil." Psalm 23:5b**

I love autumn; it might be our favorite season. That being said, in Minnesota our fall leaves were, more times than not, driven to the earth with an early snowfall or ice storm. This year I marveled at the beauty that the autumn months brought to my new Illinois home. It is wonderful how God has blessed our world with unique seasons; the color of fall, the crispness of winter mornings, the new growth of spring, and the warmth of summer.

For many, including children, summer is the best season of all. The sheep at summer pasture would probably agree. However, summer is not without its annoyances.

Biting flies and small insects can make life miserable for the shepherd's flock. One particular bug, scab, can be especially threatening to the flock. Scab causes the skin of the sheep, commonly around the area of the head, to become red and inflamed. Soon, sores will begin to grow and become infected. The infected sheep will become sick, losing weight and becoming weak. Scab can spread swiftly through a flock if they simply touch their heads together. The shepherd must move quickly to separate the infected sheep from the flock. He then applies an ointment or disinfectant to the head of the sheep. It requires extra effort on the part of the shepherd, but he is happy to help his sheep.

For the sheep of our Shepherd King, Jesus, sin acts like scab. Sin, however, does not just fly or crawl into our life; we are born with it. We give thanks to God that he has provided the healing balm of Christ's blood for our malady. Through this precious gift, we are reminded that, "Where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation." (Luther's Small Catechism)

In His Service,

Joel J. Witt



## Looking Ahead...

- **Fri., Mar. 17th**  
PTL Meeting 8:30 AM  
K-12 Denim Days \$2.50
- **Sat., Mar. 18th**  
LSA Dinner Auction  
Tickets on sale now!
- **Mar. 21st - Mar. 23rd**  
K-5 Book Fair
- **Tues., Mar. 28th**  
Jr. High Track Pictures  
3:30 PM
- **Wed., Apr. 5th**  
2:00 Dismissal
- **Fri., Apr. 7th**  
Mid-Term
- **Apr. 13th - 18th**  
Easter Break  
No School  
No ABC
- **Fri., Apr. 21st**  
PTL Meeting 8:30 AM  
K-12 Denim Days
- **Sat., Apr. 22nd**  
Prom
- **Tues., May 2nd**  
Spring Sports Senior  
Night
- **Wed., May 3rd**  
2:00 PM Dismissal
- **Fri., May 5th**  
HS Denim Days
- **Sun., May 7th**  
K-4 Concert and Art Fair  
3:00 PM  
NHS Induction 2:00 PM
- **Tues., May 9th**  
Sports Physicals 3:15



There have been several cases of Strep throat over the past few weeks. Because of the communicable nature of this illness, please be on the lookout for symptoms in your child. We are emphasizing diligent handwashing here at school (please reinforce this at home also).

**Strep Throat vs. Sore Throat**

Not all sore throats are strep throats. Most episodes of sore throat — which can be accompanied by a runny nose, cough, hoarseness, and red eyes — are caused by viruses and usually clear up on their own without medical treatment. Strep throat is caused by a bacteria and will need to be diagnosed by a doctor and treated with antibiotics. A child with strep throat will start to develop other symptoms within about 3 days, such as:

- red and white patches in the throat
- difficulty swallowing
- tender or swollen glands (lymph nodes) in the neck
- red and enlarged tonsils
- headache
- lower stomach pain
- fever
- general discomfort, uneasiness, or ill feeling
- loss of appetite and nausea
- rash

Regardless of the cause of your sore throat, there are some things you can do at home to ease your symptoms: get plenty of rest, drink fluids especially warm liquids, humidify the air, gargle with saltwater, consider a throat lozenge or suck on a piece of hard candy and try to avoid irritants.



"How do you spell 'spell'?"

# SCRIP News

**Drop off by 9:00 AM**

- March 20
- March 27
- April 3
- NO SCRIP THE WEEKS OF APRIL 10TH OR 17TH
- April 24
- May 1
- May 8

**Pick up**

- March 24
- March 31
- April 7
- April 28
- May 5
- May 12

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.

**3rd Quarter Report Cards were sent home today. If you do not receive your student's report card, please contact their teacher.**

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.

## Lunch Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week O</b>	Corn Dog	Taco	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Toasted Ravioli	BBQ Rib on Bun
<b>Alt=Pizza</b>	Vegetable	Vegetable	Rice	Garden	Vegetable
	Fruit	Fruit	Vegetable	Fruit	Fruit
	Yogurt	Churro	Fruit	Cookie	Cheese Stick

# Lions Sports News



Congratulations to Briley Housh who signed with Millikin University last week to continue his academic career as well as to play both football and baseball. We are all very proud of you, Briley. #itsgreattobeanLSALion

LSA has scheduled sports physicals on **Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015** after school. 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. Sports physicals do not replace the physicals required in K, 6th, and 9th grades. Physicals are good for 13 months.



**Seniors VS Faculty basketball was so much fun! Congratulations to the faculty for coming out on top with the win.**



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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

- Saturday, March 18th** - High School Track @ Gene Armor Invitational at 9:00 AM
- High School Baseball VS Taylorville - Home at 10:00 AM
- High School Girls Soccer @ Eisenhower at 10:00 AM
- Monday, March 20** - High School Baseball @ Mt. Zion at 4:15 PM
- Tuesday, March 21** - High School Girls Soccer @ Monticello at 4:30 PM
- Wednesday, March 22** - High School Baseball @ Warrensburg-Latham at 4:30 PM
- Thursday, March 23** - High School Girls Soccer @ Warrensburg-Latham at 4:30 PM

## PTL News

### Volunteers Needed - Teacher Appreciation week - April 3-7

Please prayerfully consider donating a baked good and/or your time to this week. We will also encourage students to bring in cards for their teachers and we will make sure the Teacher Wish Lists are still available on the web site for parents to access if they choose to buy a gift or help out a classroom. Please email Sherri Vandermyde at [lvandermyde@comcast.net](mailto:lvandermyde@comcast.net) or text me at 217-855-6257 and let me know how you plan to help.

**Monday, April 3** - breakfast for teachers - parents and LSA friends donate various breakfast items, such as a breakfast pizza, donuts, coffee cakes, coffee or tea, rolls, etc. (we prefer items that do not need refrigeration). The items will be in the conference room for teachers to sample and come and go as they please.

**Wednesday, April 5** - you are welcome to attend chapel for K-8 or high school and help us pray over our teachers. We will need volunteers to be there to help the younger grades start simple prayers for their teacher as we huddle around them after our speaker prays. Let me know if you would like to help your child's class start the prayers.

**Friday, April 7** - K-12 teacher luncheon - we need lunch hour and recess volunteers!!!  
K-8 lunch hours run from 11:10 am to 1:45 pm - let me know if you can stop by for the entire time or during your own lunch hour or during your child(s) lunch hour - any amount of time can help! K-8 will either be in the gym or outside for recess. High school lunch hours run from 11:23 - 11:50 and 12:10 - 12:36. We need 1-2 people to cover this timeframe in the multi-purpose room.

### Coming up!

March 28th - Evening PTL meeting at 5:30pm - Be there to help with plan next year's events and elections. Also working on the May 12 fun and field day.

April 3rd -7th - Teacher Appreciation week  
May 5th - PTL meeting 8:30 am in the LSA Board Room

May 12- Play Hard, Pray Hard Fun-n-Field Day - contact Angie Clark or Holly Schmoltdt to volunteer!

# ABC News

---There will be no ABC care during Easter Break.  
--Please remember that ABC fees are due before or at the time of ABC use. Statements go home with students every week, and you can always check your ABC balance online through information now to see where your balance stands. Thank you!

### Elementary Spring Book Fair

Our last Elementary Scholastic Book Fair is right around the corner: March 21-22 7:45am-4:45pm, and December 8 from 7:45am-11:00am. This is a K-5 Fair. This is a great opportunity to find fun books for your favorite kids, and help out your LSA library. We will also be playing the Punch-a-Cup Game, where kids are guaranteed a prize every time the punch a cup! We hope you'll come visit our book fair, support our school library and stock up on some books!



The Northeast Community Fund generously donated two complete lice kits to all Decatur schools both public and private. These kits were funded by a grant that was made possible by the following community members:

**Northeast Community Fund**

**Dr. Kafalas' Office**

**Dr. Pfeifer's Office**

**The Crossings**

Lice can be such an epidemic in schools. We are thankful for the blessing of these kits!