



Lion's Mane News

*Lutheran School Association
Educating for Tomorrow and Eternity*

Due to a low number of interested families, we will not be able to run the ABC program this summer. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Closing Chapel on
Friday, May 22nd** at
11:00 AM will be led by
Pastor Adam of St. John's.



May 15, 2015



The 5th - 8th grade Spring Concert is Monday, May 18th at 7:00 PM. Band will meet in the band room at 6:15, choir at 6:30. Students should wear nice jeans on bottom (no rips, holes, or frays), and their band/choir tee shirt. DVDs will be available to purchase for \$10 each. Forms are attached.



Our Lost & Found is overflowing! If you student has lost anything this year, please check the hallway by the cafeteria. When school is out for summer, everything that remains will be donated to the LSA ReSale Shop.

Washington D.C. - The next payment date is May 15th. If you have not set up your online payment or need your account number, contact Mrs. Dippel at ldippel@lsadecatur.net. Payments may also be brought to the office. Remember, checks should be written to Brightspark. There are still boxes of fundraising candy bars available to sell. Thank you to the parents who helped with the dance and provided snacks!



Eighth Grade Commencement is **Thursday, May 21st** at **7:00 PM** in the gymnasium. The class picture is taken before the service begins. Family members may take pictures of their own after the photographer is finished. All graduates need to meet in the gym **promptly at 6:15 PM**.

Congratulations to our 8th grade Valedictorians,
Elizabeth Herbord and Isabella Salefski
and Salutatorian Emily Still

- Looking Ahead...**
- **May 18th**
5-8 Spring Concert & Art Show
7:00 PM
 - **May 19th**
PTL Cherry Berry Night
 - **May 21st**
8th Grade Commencement 7:00 PM
 - **May 22nd**
Last Day of School
Final Chapel at 11:00 AM
Noon Dismissal

Summer Office Hours:

Elementary Office
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

High School Office
7:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Closed Fridays

Coffee With Mr. Karsten

As we enter the last week of school, thank you for another great year at LSA. We are planning for next year and wrapping up details from this year. We would love to have your feedback on the current school year, as well as assisting us with planning for next year. A survey was emailed to parents Tuesday, and includes a link to our online survey site. A link is also available on the LSA Facebook page. Your feedback will go to the school board and help us evaluate what we do at LSA to make things even better for next year. Please consider taking the time to help us by providing your response.

I would also like to remind you of LSA's Referral Program. We have several families who have taken advantage of the program this year, and it's an easy way to save money on your tuition. Any registered family who encourages a new family to attend will receive \$100 per new student off of their final tuition payment, as long as the new family has attended LSA for the entire school year. Talk to family, friends, neighbors, or co-workers about why you chose LSA for your student, and suggest that they take a tour to see if LSA is right for their family. Thank you for all you do to support and grow the ministry at LSA! Mr. Karsten





FOR YOUR HEALTH...



SCRIP News

End of Year Checklist:

- ~ Pick up any medication left in my office. If not picked up, it will be taken to the med drop off box at the Decatur Police Station
- ~ Renew a Medication Authorization form with your child's doctor prior to next year
- ~ Schedule your child for a routine physical if they are upcoming Kindergarten, 6th or 9th graders (this is acceptable for a sports physical)
- ~ Schedule your child for the recommended vaccinations for their age
- ~ Schedule an eye exam if your child is an incoming Kindergartener
- ~ Schedule a dental exam if your child is an incoming Kindergarten, 2nd or 6th grader
- ~ Plan to get your child's sports physical on May 19th at LSA. (all athletes require one, but any routine physical will suffice)
- ~ Enjoy a fun, relaxing, and healthy summer!

Drop off by 9:00 AM

- May 18
- June 8
- June 22

Pick up

- May 22 by noon
- June 12
- June 26

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.

Do You Know Someone who is Considering Adoption?

Pastor Adam (St. John's Lutheran Church) and Amanda Ray (3rd Grade Teacher at LSA) are waiting to adopt. They have completed all of the paperwork and a Home Study and are now hoping to be matched with a birth mother.

Their profile is available at <http://www.abccounseling.org/adoption-services/birth-parents/current-waiting-families/>

If you are interested in learning more about Adam and Amanda as possible adoptive parents, please contact ABC Counseling adoption agency.

Phone: 309.451.9495 ask for Julie (Adoption Specialist) Or email Julie at jmendez@abccounseling.org

If you are interested in the 11 month payment plan for your next year's tuition, you can contact Jayme in the office with any questions. Payments will need to be made in the school office for June & July with August tuition being due on registration day and direct withdrawals beginning in September.

Lunch Menu

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Week 1	Taco	Horse Shoe	Toasted Ravioli	Chicken Nuggets	NO
Alt - Sandwich	Veggie	Veggie	Salad	Mashed Potatoes	LUNCH
	Fruit	Fruit	Vegetable	Fruit	NOON
	Churro	Graham Crackers	Fruit	Biscuit	DISMISSAL

LCMS Disaster Training

on August 29, 2015 at the Lutheran School Association. Registration starts at 8:00AM and class begins at 8:30AM. Our six hour training covers proper clothing attire, deployment procedures, chainsaw operations, counseling, personal property procedures, comfort dogs, and many more topics. Most importantly, we cover the mercy of Christ and how we share this mercy with others. The training is \$35.00, which covers the continental breakfast, lunch, disaster response vest, manual, ID badge, and certification. Our certifications are recognized by FEMA, which allows our team direct access to disasters where other volunteer groups are denied. If you need to reach me, please call 217.220.0162 or by email bornstephen@yahoo.com.

Lions Sports News

THIS WEEK IN LIONS SPORTS

Friday, May 15th - High School Baseball VS Tri-City Buffalo - **Home** at 4:30 pm
Saturday, May 16th - Jr. High Track @ Lutheran State Meet at Concordia Chicago
 High School Boys Track @ Shelbyville at 9:30 AM

The Lutheran State Track Meet is this weekend. Qualifiers and the events in which they have qualified:

Allison Butler: 1600
 Michael Fiala: 400m, High Jump, 4 x 100, 4 x 200
 Andrew Jones: 100m, High Jump, 4x100, 4 x 200
 Mackenzie Jones: Shot Put and Discus
 Grant Karsten: 200m, Triple Jump, 4 x 100, 4 x 200
 Emma Phillips: Shot Put and Discus
 Kyler Walcher: 100m, 200m, 4 x 100, 4 x 200
 Girl's 4 x 800: Allison Butler, Jordan Sautelet, Alyssa Montes, and Anne Casebeer
 Alyssa Montes: 800m
 Jordan Sautelet: 800m

Students will be lining the elementary hallway at noon on Friday to cheer as we send the athletes off.

Good luck, Lions!

LSA has scheduled sports physicals on **Tuesday, May 19th, 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
6th-8th grades
 3:45 – 4:30 PM
K-5th grades
 4:30 - 5:00 PM



Summer Sport Information

Schedules, tournament information, and camp information for LSA sports this summer are starting to come out. Anything that is available right now is attached to this newsletter. Keep an eye on your email for more updates as they come up.



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

PTL News

- After a wonderful K-4 spring concert and art show, we are now working on selection and set up for the 5-8 concert and art show on May 18th. Please invite family to come early and preview the show. Thank you to everyone who helped make the K-4 show possible! If you would like to help with the 5-8 show, please contact Sherri Vandermyde at lvandermyde@comcast.net or cell 855-6257.

- Thank you to all the volunteers who covered lunch and recess for Teacher Appreciation Day. The teachers were very grateful. With your help, PTL was able to get a lunch brought in from Olive Garden (through their community donations) and we gave each elementary homeroom teacher a \$100 Amazon gift card for their classroom. Please continue to cover our teachers and LSA in prayer as we finish an awesome year!

- Eat ice cream and help LSA PTL!
LSA is registered for a Cherry Berry fundraiser next Tuesday May 19 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM. It's the Cherry Berry in Outlook Adventure Center at Nelson park. LSA will be given a percentage of sales from all who stop by during that time. All proceeds will be used by the PTL to award grants to teachers and plan student activities.



American Youth Basketball Tournament

Once again this year, LSA will be hosting the AYBT summer tournaments. The first tournament is May 16th and 17th, the second is July 11th and 12th. This is a big fundraiser for our booster club and lots of help is needed. Sign Up Genius is up and running for the May tournament dates. Even if you've never helped in the concession stand before, you are more than welcome to sign up. Training will be provided and family volunteer hours will be turned in for your time in the concession stand. From popping the popcorn to working the cash box, booster club couldn't do it without volunteer helpers. Go to our website www.lsadecatur.net and click on the Sign Up Genius link to get started.



Are your Family Volunteer Hours completed?

Family Volunteer Hour update letters were sent out after 3rd Quarter, so if you have any questions, be sure to contact Katie in the office (kbulava@lsadecatur.net) as soon as possible. Each family is required to log 10 hours each year, and for families who are members of one of the association churches, up to half of those hours may be logged at your church. Remember to turn in signed blue volunteer slips for all hours you have completed to get credit for them. **We will accept hours through May 15th, and any hours remaining will be billed to your family at \$10/hour.** These fees will be due no later than May 22nd. Keep in mind that all accounts must be paid off before participating in graduation ceremonies, including this fee. Thank you for all of your hard work this year! Your service is a huge part of our success!

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 and click the Sign-Up Genius link on the bottom, right corner of the home page.

