



Lion's Mane News

*Lutheran School Association
Educating for Tomorrow and Eternity*

November 4, 2011

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The Lutheran School Association will observe Veterans Day with a school-wide assembly on **November 11th at 2:00 PM in the gymnasium**. The community and members of the sponsoring congregations are invited. The program, entitled "Celebrate Veterans and Freedom", will feature patriotic music performed by the band and chorus. There will be a special guest speaker and readings performed by LSA students. Please plan now to attend and help us honor those who have served our country.

Chapel on Wednesday, November 9th at 8:45 AM will be led by Pastor Laux of Trinity Lutheran Church. Music will be provided by Joyful Voices. The theme for the week is Be Humble. Second quarter chapel offerings are designated for Unity Lutheran Christian School in East St. Louis.



Math Club Group 2 will be meeting this Monday, November 7th from 3:30—4:30 PM. If you are unsure what



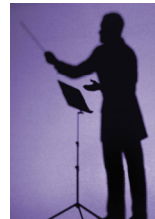
group your child is in, please contact Mrs. Helfer.

St. Paul's Kinder Chor I will sing Sunday, November 13th in the 10:00 AM service at St. Paul's North.



St. John's LSA Children's Choir will sing Sunday, November 13th in the 8:30 AM service.

The LSA Fall Band and Choir Concert will be held **Sunday, November 13th at 4:00 PM** in the multi-purpose room. The 5th—8th grade students are to wear red on top and black on the bottom, high school students are to wear white on top and black on the bottom. All band students should report to the band room at 3:30 PM and choir students should report to the theater at 4:45 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Sack at 486-2405 or Denise Ismari at 853-2004.



Picture Retakes

Inter-State Studios will be back at LSA next **Thursday, November 10th at 1:00 PM** to retake school pictures. If you want your student's photos retaken, please return the picture packet in its entirety to the office. Remember, students **must be in dress code** for these photos.



LSA is having a food drive for the Northeast Community Fund from **now until Nov. 18th**. You may drop off non-perishable items in the classrooms for delivery to the Northeast Community Fund.

Looking Ahead...

- **Nov. 9th**
Market Day Pick-up
- **Nov. 11th**
Veteran's Day Program 2:00 PM
- **Nov. 13th**
Fall Concert
Band at 4:00 PM
Choir at 5:15 PM
- **Nov. 17th**
Family Reading Night

Please be patient and courteous in the parking lots. We have had a couple of recent incidents that were very close to being disastrous because of drivers that were not following the rules of the road. Mornings can be hectic for everyone; however passing cars that are dropping children off is very dangerous. **Wait patiently for children to get out of their vehicles and unload their things without passing.**





FOR YOUR HEALTH...



We are approaching Fall temps and cold/flu season. Please make nutrition, rest, and exercise a priority for your child. Many children are coming to school extremely tired on Monday mornings. This may be because weekends are overbooked. Also, ask your doctor about getting the flu shot for your child. I am seeing some high fevers with or without cold symptoms, pink eye, strep throat, and stomach flu.

LOST AND FOUND

We just put a bunch of new items in the lost and found that came out of the locker rooms. If your child is missing anything, please check there first. Lost and found is located in the elementary hallway near the atrium.



Drop off

November 7
November 14
November 28
December 5
December 12

Pick-up

November 11
November 18
December 2
December 9
December 16



NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF NOV. 21

NO SCRIP THE WEEKS OF DECEMBER 19 / 26 AND JANUARY 2

January 9 January 13
In Stock: \$25 and \$100 Walmart cards, \$25 Target cards, and \$25 and \$100 Marathon gas cards on a first come, first serve basis. We also have one \$25 Speedway card available.

NOW AVAILABLE—



New State Attendance Law - The State of Illinois has changed the school truancy law from 18 unexcused days of absence to 9 days of unexcused absence. Children who are absent, and whose parents do not notify the school with the reason for their absence, are marked with an unexcused absence. Children who are tardy, and do not report to school by the established time in the handbook, will be marked for a half-day unexcused absence. Names of students who meet the criteria for truancy will be provided to the Regional Office of Education for review and investigation. Regular attendance in school leads to student success.

Resale Shop News

Come out and see all of the Christmas items that we have out. Right now we need kids 3 to 6X winter clothes, dishes, pots and pans, silverware, and furniture. If you need a pickup for furniture, please call 423-0122 to arrange a time and date.



ICE SKATING at the Decatur Civic Center

Admission: \$6 Skate Rental: \$2

PUBLIC SESSIONS

Wednesday	Friday	*NEW* Saturday	Sunday
4:00 - 6:00	4:00 - 6:00	3:30 - 5:30	1:00 - 3:00
	7:30 - 9:30	7:30 - 9:30	

SKATING LESSONS

Every Thursday Except Holidays
3:30—4:30 PM—Beginners
4:30—5:30 PM—Advanced
Call the YMCA for Wednesday Lessons
6 Lesson Punch Card—\$65



SAVE THE DATE

Annual LSA Dinner

Auction

GO GREEN!

Saturday, March 17th

Decatur Conference Center and Hotel

Our next auction committee meeting will be **Monday, November 14th at 5:30 PM.**

Anyone that is interested in helping with the auction is welcome to come to this meeting.



Lions Sports News



Next week in sports

- Monday, November 7th—
 5th & 6th grade girls basketball @ Forsyth Grade School at 6:00 PM
 7th & 8th grade boys basketball @ Normal Calvary Christian Academy at 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 8th—
 7th & 8th grade girls basketball @ Maroa-Forsyth Middle School at 6:00 PM
- Thursday, November 10th—
 7th & 8th grade girls basketball @ Hope Academy at 6:00 PM
- Friday, November 11th—
 7th & 8th grade boys basketball VS Hope Academy @ Home at 6:00 PM
- Saturday, November 12th—
 5th & 6th grade boys basketball @ Our Lady of Lourdes at 9:00 AM

Cross Country News

On October 29th, I volunteered to work at the IHSA Sectional Cross Country meet. As I watched the races, I found myself hoping that our fledgling cross country program would continue to grow so that the LSA colors could be represented at the high school level. The junior high season is over, but I find myself looking back at the highlights: learning and loving to run on woodland trails, personal bests at meets, the first LSA girls' team, the boys' team 8th place at Lutheran State, and Thomas, Tyler and Wade's run at Nationals at Concordia University in Wisconsin. Behind the season highlights are the wonderful adult volunteers who drove us all over the Decatur and Mt. Zion area so that we could practice running in the woods and on other challenging terrain. Thank you to Johanna Bayles, Jean Brown, Mindy Jones, Julia Butler, and Tim Fote! Finally, a thank you to the team: Thomas, Tyler, Wade, Michael, Jonah, Emma, Cody, Cheyanne, Lauren, Daniel, Jonathan, Myles, Mackenzie, and Allison. We had a good run! See you next season!

I would like to extend a big thank you to the following: Tim Fote for acting as my assistant coach, leading us in prayers, devotion, and creating fun team building activities, and Paul Butler and Eric Brown for running with us to push the speedsters and allowing us to break into several running groups for more specialized work-outs!

Coach Ismari

ABC News

**ABC will not have care during Thanksgiving Break
 Wednesday, November 23 through Friday, November 25.**

--ABC HOURS: Morning ABC hours are from 6:30 to 8:15 AM, when students are dismissed to their classes. All students who are in the building without a parent must sign into ABC. We do not charge an ABC fee for children who check in after 8:00 AM, but they must check into the multi-purpose room. Afternoon ABC hours are from when school lets out **until 6:00 PM sharp**. Please be aware that if you pick up your child after 6:00 PM, you are charged an additional late fee for each 15 minute increment that you are late. We appreciate your cooperation!!

--Please be sure to sign your children out of ABC when you leave with them. If you do not sign your children out of ABC you will automatically be charged for a long stay.

--Please let ABC know if your child needs to leave ABC early for practices. We cannot let students leave ABC without an authorized adult. If your child needs to leave ABC to attend a practice, please call the ABC office, or send a note with them. Only students with parental authorization will be allowed to leave.

--It's getting cooler, but ABC is still going outside! As the weather cools down, please be sure to send a jacket or coat with your child. It gets cooler later in the afternoon, and ABC likes to spend as much time outside as we can! Kids without a coat or jacket will not be allowed to play outside on the cool days. Thank you!

Mon. Nov. 7

Tue. Nov. 8

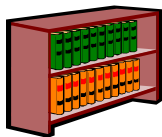
Wed. Nov. 9

Thur. Nov. 10

Fri. Nov. 11

Snack: Snack Chips and Lemonade	Snack: Yogurt and Water	Snack: Chex Mix and Lemonade	Snack: Nachos and Lemonade	Snack: Popcorn and Lemonade
Crafty Monday	Trivia Tuesday	Wii Wednesday	BINGO Thursday	Movie Friday

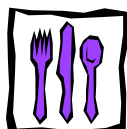
Volunteering Opportunities



Library Volunteers for the Week of Nov. 7th

	Tues. 11/8	Wed. 11/9	Thurs. 11/10
AM		Lisa Brown	
PM		Jackie Roberts	

Menu for the Week of November 7th — Week L



Lunch Volunteers For the Week of Nov. 7th

Monday	HELP!
Tuesday	Rod Lindley
Wednesday	HELP!
Thursday	HELP!
Friday	Michelle Benton

LIBRARY NEWS—Congratulations and a special treat to the LIBRARY STARS in 2B (Mrs. Bishop), for returning all of their library books.



Please remind your child that he/she cannot check out unless all books are returned. Did you know—that by reading just 20 minutes each day for an entire year to your child, he will have heard at least 1,460,000 words.

FAMILY READING NIGHT—Thurs., Nov. 17th, is Family Reading Night; this is sponsored by the Illinois State Library with Jessie White who is the state librarian. Set aside a time for reading with your family, independent of schoolwork. Look for things your children might like to read, use their interests and hobbies as starting points, even if they only look at the pictures build on that interest.

5th Grade Band Schedule for the week of Nov. 7th	
Monday	Trumpets
Tuesday	Electric Bass
Wednesday	Percussion
Thursday	Flutes
Friday	Clarinets and Saxes

Music News

Seven LSA band students traveled to Effingham on October 10, 2011 to audition for a spot in the IMEA District Junior Band Festival. The student musicians spent much of their own time practicing the required audition music and performing it for an adjudicator in the hopes of making a spot in the Festival Band. Kudos to Baylee Phillips, Caleb Gibbens, Rachel Poland, Alexis Jordan, Chloe Warren, and Jonah Bayles for attending the auditions! Great effort!



Rachel Poland was selected to participate in the Illinois Music Educators Association District Junior Band Festival on November 19, 2011. Rachel will join a select group of central Illinois music students for a day of rehearsal with a well-known conductor. The perfect music day will culminate in an evening concert attended by family and friends.

Rachel plays flute in the LSA Junior High Band, assists the flute section in the High School Band, and is the daughter of Steve and Lynn Poland.

Thank you to the following students for kicking off the Zumbathon with an awesome “drum war”! Marissa Aubert, Beaux Boehm, James Brown, Ryan Emmerd, Trinity Gore, Jared Gregory, Gabi Henkel, Sean Kimmins, Wade Metzger, Dayton Pate, Seth Reynolds, Hunter Russell, and Jacob Whitehead. 150 people helped and participated, with over \$1300 raised for Susan G. Komen!

