



Lion's Mane News

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November 4, 2016



Chapel on Wed., Nov. 9th will be led by Pastor Doug of St. Paul's Chapel offerings for November will be going to Share the Gift.

Witt's Wisdom - Picture This

Earlier in my teaching career, when I was working at Immanuel Lutheran in Columbus, I had the opportunity to visit a Benedictine Monastery. The monastery administrated a wonderful retreat/conference center. While the conference area was very modern and offered everything from internet access to digital projection systems, the rooms were very simple and were void of things like televisions and telephones. Outside, a very large man made pond was surrounded by a cement walking path. It was truly a place to retreat.

The thing I found most interesting was actually located in the monastery itself, a beautiful collection of crucifixes from around the world.

I was fascinated by the craftsmanship and individuality of the crucifixes. The crosses varied in size and shape. Some were actually carved as trees; some shaped as T's, others as straight poles, a few appeared in the traditional fashion. Christ appeared differently on almost every cross. Each country gave Christ their own attributes; the color of his hair, skin and eyes, the shape of his eyes and nose. Each crucifix was unique to each country; a carved image of what Christ looked like to them. Needless to say, the picture of Jesus that hung on my classroom wall looked nothing like the majority of those figures in the glass case.

What does Jesus look like to you? I would imagine that your image is very similar to mine. Throughout the ages artists have attempted to capture the physical image of Christ. As with the crucifixes, each artist lends his own interpretation to his work; the picture is uniquely his.

I would challenge you to get a better picture of Jesus. No, this will not involve a trip to a monastery or an art museum. It will require a journey through the scriptures; primarily the gospels. Let the men who saw Jesus face to face tell you what He was like. Like artists, each one displays a unique style, capturing a different side of Christ. Mark shows the reader Jesus' many emotions.

Matthew shows the Kingly side of Christ. Luke unveils a Friend of sinners. John helps us to see the Son of God as a real human being.

Through the gospels you see that Jesus was human. He started as a baby and grew up, just like us, but without sin. He was a teenager, a young man, and at age 30 He began His formal ministry. When we confess in the creed, "I believe in Jesus Christ..." we are confessing our firm belief in all that the gospels tell us. What is your picture of Jesus? Is it smudged and blurred? Have hard times and the hectic pace of the world left the image fingerprinted and mucky? Thanks be to God for His gift of scripture and the clear picture of Christ He gives us through His Word.

In His Service,
Joel J. Witt

Looking Ahead...

- **Fri., Nov. 4th**
4th - 8th Grade Boys Basketball Pictures
Wear White
HS Denim Days
- **Thurs., Nov. 10th**
LOVC Choral Festival
- **Fri., Nov. 11th**
Mid-Term
Winter Sports Preview
HS Basketball Pictures
Veteran's Day
Assembly 2:00 PM
- **Sat., Nov. 12th**
6th-8th Grade Dance
7:30 - 9:30 PM
- **Tues., Nov. 15th**
Picture Re-Takes
- **Fri., Nov. 18th**
PTL Meeting 8:30 AM
K-12 Denim Days
- **Sat., Nov. 19th**
PTL Movie Day 12:30
- **Tues., Nov. 22nd**
Cyber Safety Assembly

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retakes will be Tuesday, November 15th. Please return your entire picture package that day if you wish to have your student's pictures retaken. If your student was absent on picture day, forms are available in the office. You can also order online at inter-state.com/order using the order code 13290EB.



I have been seeing a number of cases of the stomach flu in the past weeks. The respiratory flu season is approaching as well.

CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease. While there are many different flu viruses, the flu vaccine is designed to protect against the three main flu strains that research indicates will cause the most illness during the flu season. Getting the flu vaccine as soon as it becomes available each year is always a good idea, and the protection you get from vaccination will last throughout the flu season. This vaccine prevents the respiratory flu, it is not a vaccine against the stomach flu.

In addition, you can take everyday preventive steps like staying away from sick people and washing your hands to reduce the spread of germs. If you are sick with flu, stay home from work or school to prevent spreading influenza to others.

We are doing what we can to keep your children healthy at school. Most of our faculty has received the flu shot. Your children are being taught healthy habits. Our janitors do their best to keep the school clean. Please do your best to keep your children healthy at home as well. Please try to make rest, nutrition, and healthy behaviors a priority.

SCRIP News

Drop off by 9:00 AM

November 7

November 14

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21

November 28

December 5

December 12

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19

Pick up

November 11

November 18

December 2

December 9

December 16

Do you have a family member who is a veteran, soldier, or first responder? If so, we would like to help you honor your loved one at our Veteran's Day Assembly on Nov. 11th at 2:00 PM on LSA's Gray Court.



We are going to have a slideshow during parts of the program where pictures of our extended LSA Family will be projected onstage. We would love to include your loved one(s).

- You can scan and email your picture with your family member's name and rank to jthomas@lsadecatur.net.
- Or you can send your picture with your family member's name & rank with your child to school and Mrs. Thomas's Yearbook staff will scan the picture for you.
- If you do not want to leave your picture with anyone, please email Mrs. Thomas at jthomas@lsadecatur.net, and she will find a time you can come in and scan the picture with you on the spot.

Lunch Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week L	Nachos	Hot Dog on Bun	BBQ Chicken Boat	Baked Steak	Chicken Pasta Alfredo
Alterna-	Vegetable	Vegetable	Vegetable	Mashed	Vegetable
	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
	Animal	Dessert	Cookie	Biscuit	Garlic

Lions Sports News

As some of you may already know, our athletic schedule on the website operated by One School Street is not working. We have been communicating with the company to see when the site will return. However, it looks like the site will not be up and working again. The site was hacked a couple weeks ago, and the company will not be opening the site again. We are currently looking for other opportunities and companies that can serve our needs here at LSA. Thank you for your patience during this time of transition.

In His Grip,
Kurt Younhouse
Athletic Director



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.



Junior High Boys Basketball is in full swing!

LSA is hosting its first 5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball Round Robin Tournament this weekend.

LSA is also hosting our annual 7th Grade Boys Basketball Invite on November 18th and 19th.



Did you know? World Series Championship Cubs 2nd baseman Ben Zobrist was born and raised in Eureka, IL?



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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, November 4th - 5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball @ LSA Round Robin
7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Cerro Gordo Invite
7th Grade Girls VS Maroa-Forsyth - Home at 5:30 PM

Monday, November 7th - 7th Grade Girls Basketball @ Hope Academy at 6:00 PM

Saturday, November 12th - 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Villa Grove at 11:00 PM
7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Villa Grove at 1:00 PM

Thanks for your help!

A big thanks to those of you who have signed up to volunteer for various Parent Teacher League events and fundraisers on either the surveys or at the PTL table and forms during Parent/Teacher Conferences. You will be contacted in the near future via email about your event/fundraiser. If your group has a leader, discussions and ideas can begin right away. PTL is now focusing on the November 19 family movie (Katie Bulava) and December bake sales (Lindsay Creviston). Some of you may have also been contacted to start preparing for the Nelson's Chicken Dinner Fundraiser (Kelli Fonseca) in February. We have also set a date of January 14 for our 1st Annual Trivia Night. Looking forward to that new event! Contact Heather Meadows if you are interested in volunteering.

Officers were made official at our last meeting: President, Sherri Vandermyde (no other nominations came in), Vice President, Kelli Fonseca, Secretary - vacant (please help!), Treasurer, Laura Messamore. If you have ideas or feedback, please contact one of these officers. If you have any ideas for fundraisers or events, want to receive monthly emails of the minutes or just want to volunteer, please contact Sherri Vandermyde at lvandermyde@comcast.net. We also have a PTL mailbox at school.

2nd Quarter Mid-Term is Friday, November 11th. You will be able to access your student's mid-term grades online on InformationNow. If you need help accessing InformationNow or would prefer a printed copy of your student's mid-term report, please contact the office.

Washington D.C. 2018 Pie Sale

Looking for a pie or two to complete your Thanksgiving or Christmas table? Find your favorite 6th or 7th grade student and buy a Perkins pie from them. No need to pay now, just place your order before November 16th and then pay for and pick up your pies at Perkins on the date that you choose. It's that easy!



ABC News

There will be no ABC Thursday, November 24 and Friday November 25.

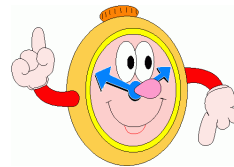
ABC will have half day care on Wednesday, November 23! Students will need to bring a lunch.

--ABC is in need of some donations! ABC is in need of some additional items: Small items for BINGO prizes, board and card games, cars, Wii games, and baby dolls and accessories! Please keep us in mind when you're cleaning out those closets!

--Fall is here! And with fall comes cooler temps...usually. ABC will continue to go outside as much as the weather will allow! So, please be sure to pack a jacket for your child. It gets cooler in the late afternoon!

--Please be sure to label! Please label your student's jackets, hats and lunchboxes if possible. We try to keep track of what goes with which student, but we have a lot of kids with similar items. Initials or a last name on a jacket will really help us make sure the lost items get back to your student!

While we don't mind if kids bring toys or electronics to ABC, please be aware that the kids are responsible for the care and safekeeping of these items! Kids also need to be respectful of their teacher's wishes when it comes to bringing things from home to school. If it's going to be a distraction during school hours, it needs to stay at home!



Daylight savings time starts on Sunday.
Don't forget to "Fall Back" this weekend!

We are asking that parents complete an online survey. Surveys can be accessed at the following addresses:

Elementary School Parents:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EL62526>

High School Parents:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LSAHS62526>

If you have a student in both the High School and Elementary School, please complete both surveys.