



Lion's Mane News

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October 14, 2016



Chapel on Wed., Oct. 19th will be led by Pastor Gearig of St. Paul's. Chapel offerings for October will be going to the memorial funds for Isaiah Tuppince and Nathan Gulley, two Central A&M students who tragically lost their lives in a motorcycle accident earlier this month.

Witt's Wisdom - Glory

Luke 2:9

I have very poor vision; it is something I inherited from my father. I have been visiting optometrists since I was three or four years old. I don't mind most of the visit, it has become very routine. That being said, I don't think I will ever get used to having my eyes dilated. It's not so much the dilation as it is that light that they shine into your eye to "take a look around." I have always been advised, and rightly so, to never look directly into the sun, yet the optometrist finds it necessary to shine that intensely bright light into my eye for my own visual health.

The only other comparative brightness would be the radiant light given off by steel during the smelting process. In the side of the gigantic, hot furnaces used to melt the steel is a small peephole. The person melting the steel must look through this small hole to see if the metal is ready. Even though it is a small hole, the brightness of the fire and molten metal are so intense that the worker must shade his eyes with special glasses or a special face shield when he looks inside. They call this small hole "the glory hole".

The word glory means bright, intense, radiant. A blazing noonday sun, the bright light shining in our eyes at the optometrists office, the brightness of molten metal can all help just begin to understand what glory means.

Glory also deals with another kind of shining quality, like the "brightness of fame" that surrounds an astronaut; the "brightness of honor" that makes us nervous when meeting the President of the United States; the "brightness of admiration" in which we hold our heroes. All of those "brightnesses" hint at additional parts of what glory means. Glory means awe and high regard.

When we talk of something being glorious, it is marvelous and splendid; we see it as magnificent.

As Christians, we know that we have a magnificent God. His brightness shone through Moses' face in the Old Testament, and, in the New Testament, filled the night sky on the first Christmas. God's marvelous love for us was shown through his Son, Jesus, and His sacrifice on the cross. Our God is glorious.

In His Service,

Joel J. Witt

Looking Ahead...

- **Mon., Oct. 17th**
HS Fall Concert
7:00 PM
- **Tues., Oct. 18th**
PSAT Testing
9th Grade
Volleyball Senior Night
- **Wed., Oct. 19th**
PSAT Testing
10th & 11th Grades
- **Fri., Oct. 21st**
PTL Meeting 8:30 AM
K-12 Denim Days
- **Mon., Oct. 24th**
8th Grade Challenger
Field Trip
- **Wed., Oct. 26th**
HS Winter Sports
Meeting 5:30 PM
- **Thurs., Oct. 27th**
Parent Teacher
Conferences Begin
- **Fri., Oct. 28th**
Parent Teacher
Conferences
NO SCHOOL
- **Wed., Nov. 2nd**
2:00 Dismissal
- **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



Cold, Flu, or Allergy?

Treatment depends on which you have. A health professional can help you choose the best therapy.

Common Cold

Symptoms last up to 2 weeks
Stuffy, runny nose; sore throat; cough
Treated with rest, fluids, over-the-counter (OTC) medicines to ease symptoms

Seasonal Flu

Symptoms usually last 1-2 weeks
High fever (100-102 °F, or higher in youngsters), headache, aches and pains, weakness, exhaustion, cough, chest discomfort
Treated with rest, fluids, OTC medicines, prescription antiviral drugs

Airborne Allergy

Lasts as long as allergens (such as pollen, pet dander) are present
Stuffy, runny nose; itchy, watery eyes
Treated with antihistamines, decongestants, nasal steroids.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Kindergarten - 5th grade students will have mandatory parent teacher conferences on October 27th and 28th. Please sign up for the day and time that works for you. Each conference will last 20 minutes. 6th - 8th grade students will have conferences scheduled by teachers on Thursday evening and teachers will be available for drop in conferences on Friday. If you need to request an alternate date/time for your K-5th student, please contact their teacher.

There is no need to sign up for your 6th - 8th grade students but if you would like to schedule an individual conference for your junior high student please contact their teacher.

SCRIP News

Drop off by 9:00 AM

October 17th

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24TH

October 31

November 7

November 14

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21

November 28

December 5

Pick up

October 21st

November 4

November 11

November 18

December 2

December 9

Please be courteous to each other. There is no cell phone usage in the parking lot as per Illinois law. Please make sure that you follow the posted signs and arrows so that you go with the flow of traffic. Make sure that your students are ready to get out of the vehicle when you pull up to the drop off lane. Students that are unprepared to get out of the vehicle hold up traffic and make others late for school. If you need a couple of extra minutes, please park in a designated parking spot until you are ready to go. Do not pass vehicles that are dropping students off even if your children have already exited your vehicle.

Students arriving before 8:15 AM must use the student entrance. If you wish to walk your student to class, park in the parking lot and enter through the student entrance. There is no parking in the drive through lane for any reason. The circle drive is not to be used for student drop off unless the student is tardy.

After school all vehicles are to be parked in marked spaces. There should be no parking along the curb by the sidewalks, in the fire lane, or by the red gates.

Thank you for helping to up keep our children safe!

Lunch Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Grilled Cheese	Chicken Nuggets	Taco	Toasted Ravioli	Horseshoe
Alternative=Sandwich	Soup	Mashed Potatoes	Vegetable	Salad	Vegetable
	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Vegetable	Fruit
	Vegetable	Biscuit	Churro	Fruit	Jello

Lions Sports News



There will be a high school winter sports informational meeting for on **Wednesday, October 26th at 5:30 PM** in the cafeteria. Please bring a sports physical (if not already on file), insurance card, and the \$75 sports fee (make checks payable to LSA, no cash) to this meeting.

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.



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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, October 14 - High School Football @ Argenta-Oreana at 7:00 PM
Saturday, October 15 - Junior High Cross Country @ Lutheran State
 High School Volleyball @ St. Thomas More at 8:00 AM
 5th - 7th Grade Girls Basketball VS Our Lady of Lourdes - Home at 9:00 AM
Monday, October 17 - 5th & 6th Grade Girls Basketball @ Taylorville Visionway at 6:00 PM
Tuesday, October 18 - High School Volleyball VS Bement - Home at 6:00 PM
 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Bement Grade School at 6:00 PM
Thursday, October 20 - 6th & 7th Grade Girls Basketball VS DCS - Home at 6:00 PM
 High School Volleyball @ Arthur High School at 6:00 PM
Friday, October 21 - High School Football VS Hutsonville - Home at 7:00 PM
Saturday, October 22 - 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ JHOC Tournament
 5th & 6th Grade Girls Basketball @ Holy Family

PTL Fun Facts

- The next PTL meeting will be October 21st at 8:30 AM in the LSA Board Room to plan for a possible November movie theme night and the December Bake Sales
- Denim Days will also be on October 21st
- Last chance for Del's Caramel Apple Sales Friday, October 21st after school and at the home football game
- We need a volunteer willing to email a list of already collected volunteers for the December bake sales at the Christmas concerts and gather a list of baked goods to be sold. We usually have around 15-20 different kinds of cookies, bars, candy, etc. at the concert. Yum!
- Mark your calendars for the Nelson's Chicken Dinner Fundraiser on February 17, 2017, which will be held on the same night as a home high school basketball game!

Did You Know?

You can check your student's academic **and** lunch accounts online! There are links on our homepage for each of these websites. They are a great resource for helping parents stay involved. Both are best viewed on a computer as opposed to a mobile device but some mobile capability is there as well. We encourage all parents to log in as often as possible to stay up-to-date on everything from grades and attendance to school events to what your student ate for lunch today!



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. The LSA is thankful for the faithful shepherds who lead our association congregations and the churches of our student body.

ABC News

--Fall is here! And with fall comes cooler temps. 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 your jackets, hats and lunchboxes if possible! We have a lot of jackets that have been left at ABC the last 2 weeks, and they have no names in them! 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!

--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!



We certainly appreciate all the time, talent and effort our volunteers provide to the LSA. Without your support, we could not continue to provide for our students' emotional, spiritual and academic needs. Just as a reminder, as we continue in our Culture of Honor, there will be no quarterly updates regarding volunteer hours, as these are no longer associated with a financial penalty. Volunteer slips are no longer required for LSA families. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions you may have. Thank you again for all you do to support the LSA!