



Lion's Mane News

*Lutheran School Association
Educating for Tomorrow and Eternity*

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CALENDAR UPDATE

NO SCHOOL -

Monday, November 3rd there will be no school for grades K-12. The teachers will be participating in an in-service that day.



Chapel on Wednesday, November 5th will be led by Mr. Richter. Chapel offerings for August - December will be going to the Northeast Community Fund. During November we will be collecting **stuffing**. You can send them in with your student and they will be delivered to NECF at the end of the month.



Got Pie?

Market Day has everything you need to make your Thanksgiving feast memorable! Forms are available in the office. Forms and payments (make checks payable to LSA) are due Nov. 4th for Nov. 12th delivery.

Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend. Don't forget to "fall back" an hour before you go to bed Saturday night!



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.



Volunteer Hours

Thank you to all volunteers who help make LSA run the way it does. We could not do it without you. The recent letter sent out to all of our families allowed us the chance to thank you and touch base on the records of your hours. The way we get record of your hours is by bringing in filled out blue slips that are signed by the supervisor. Let us know if we are missing any of your hours and please send your slips to the offices. Thank you again for volunteering!

Looking Ahead...

- **Oct. 31st**
No School
- **Nov 1st**
Taste of LSA
- **Nov. 3rd**
No School
- **Nov. 7th**
4th - 8th Grade Boys Basketball Pictures
Wear White
- **Nov. 11th**
Veteran's Day
Assembly 2:00 PM
- **Nov. 12th**
Market Day Pick-Up
- **Nov. 14th**
Mid-Term
- **Nov. 21st**
PTL Meeting 8:45 AM
- **Nov. 25th**
4th - 8th Grade
Volleyball Mtg. 5:30 PM
- **Nov. 26th**
Noon Dismissal

Coffee With Mr. Karsten

As I mentioned earlier this year, our school hosted a "Share Your Faith" workshop. Today, I would like to take from that presentation and ask you two questions: If you were to die today, would you go to heaven? And if you were asked by God why He should let you in, what would you say? Now, look at your hand. Your thumb symbolizes grace. Picture a hitchhiker wanting a free ride. We know from Romans 6:23 & Ephesians 2:8-9 that heaven is a FREE gift, neither earned nor deserved. Your index finger symbolizes man. It points out your sin. In Romans 3:23 & Matthew 5:48, we see that man is a sinner and cannot save himself. Our middle (tallest) finger symbolizes God. In 1 John 4:8, we see that God is merciful and doesn't want to punish us for our sin, but in Exodus 34:7, we see that God is also just and must punish our sins. Our ring finger then symbolizes Jesus, the bridegroom of the church. In John 1:1,14, we see that Christ is both God and man, and in Isaiah 53:6, the Bible tells us that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay the penalty for our sins and purchase a place in Heaven for us. And finally, the ring finger symbolizes our faith. What is faith? In James 2:19 & Acts 16:31, we find that faith is neither head knowledge nor temporary faith, but it is trusting in Jesus ALONE for our eternal life. I hope that you are able to find peace in this illustration for yourself and a helpful tool to share with others. Let me know if you would like to hear more.

-Mr. Karsten





FOR YOUR HEALTH...



SCRIP News

HALLOWEEN CANDY BUY BACK

Jerger Pediatric Dentistry will pay \$1 per pound (*up to 5 pounds per child*) for your unopened Halloween candy. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Candy will be collected Friday, November 8th from 8:00 AM—5:00 PM at Jerger Pediatric Dentistry (2101 N. Main St.) and sent to troops overseas through Operation Gratitude. Children are encouraged to write letters to soldiers to go along with their candy.



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"You forgot to put Halloween candy in my lunch, so I couldn't trade my sandwich and had to eat it."

Local Trunk or Treat Locations
St. Paul's Lutheran Church



SHiNe Children's Ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church would like to invite you and your family to share in our Trunk or Treat Event on Friday, October 31st from 6:00-8:00pm at St. Paul's, located on the corner of West Mound Road and Taylor Avenue in Decatur. This event features treats, games, hayrides, costume contests (individual and family), and more! Start a new family tradition, create new memories. We look forward to connecting with you! Visit our website at www.spldecatur.org for this and other event information, or email us at info@spldecatur.org with any questions.

Mt. Calvary 19th Annual Trick and Trunk

2055 S. Franklin St. Road
October 31, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 PM
Guests park on the North side of the parking lot. Trick N Trunk vehicles will be set up on the South side of the parking lot. Children will go vehicle to vehicle to collect their treats. The event will be held indoors if it rains.

Drop off by 9:00 AM

- November 3
- November 10
- November 17

Pick up

- November 7
- November 14
- November 21

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24

- December 1
- December 8
- December 15
- December 5
- December 12
- December 19

Now is the time to start stocking up on Christmas gifts.
Buy your gifts with Scrip cards or give the cards themselves!



Need to wash your car?

Use **Rainstorm Express Car Wash** next to Thornton's on MLK Drive or next to Wal-Mart East on Maryland St. **Scan this barcode** or enter **"2013"** when you buy a wash, and Rainstorm with **donate \$1.25** to the **LSA** junior high class trip to Washington D.C. Cards are reusable with no expiration.

The next trip will be in the spring of 2016 and will include both the 2016 & 2017 classes.



Lunch Menu

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Week N	NO	Chicken Parm	Brunch for Lunch	Turkey Bacon wrap	Baked Steak
Alt - Sandwich	SCHOOL	Veggie		Veggie	Mashed Potatoes
		Fruit		Fruit	Fruit
		Garlic Bread		Dessert	Biscuit

Lions Sports News

Seasons have ended, seasons are going, and seasons are beginning.

HS Volleyball beat Cerro Gordo in round one of Regionals. They play Mt. Pulaski tonight for a spot in the Sectional Tournament.

HS Boys Soccer finished their second year as a coop with DCS as the host. DCS/LSA lost to Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond in Regionals.

HS Golf won back to back Regionals and finished 4th as a team at state. LSA Senior, Hunter York, was State Champion for 1A.

HS Football finished its 3rd season this year with a record of 1-8. We won homecoming and our first LOVC game against Argenta-Oreana. The Lions were very young this year, 18 of the 24 players were underclassman.

HS Girls Basketball starts this Monday under Coach Kaleb Renfro.

HS Boys Basketball will start November 11. It should be a great season with a lot of key players returning.

5th-8th Girls Basketball is going on right now. Check out the calendar to see when they play.

5th-8th Grade Boys Basketball finished its second week of practice and will have its first game next Friday at Cerro Gordo Middle school.

GO LIONS!

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.

Stay updated with all sports by following us on Twitter @LSA_Athletics!



THIS WEEK IN LIONS SPORTS

Monday, November 3rd - 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Cerro Gordo at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, November 4th - 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Holy Family VS Thomas Jefferson at 7:00 PM

4th & 5th Grade Girls Basketball @ Taylorville Visionway at 6:00 PM

Thursday, November 6th - 5th & 6th Grade Girls Basketball @ Clinton at 6:00 PM

5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball @ Okaw Valley at 6:00 PM

Friday, November 7th - 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Cerro Gordo Invite

Saturday, November 8th - 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Holy Family VS OLOL at 11:45 AM

4th & 5th Grade Boys Basketball @ Cerro Gordo at 1:00 PM

5th Grade Girls Basketball @ Clinton Invite

Volunteering Opportunities

LSA Parent/Teacher League

Congrats! The LSA PTL is excited to announce that Mrs. Johnson (KA) and Mrs. Voigtmann (Art) were our first two teachers awarded grant requests. Mrs. Johnson plans to use her grant to buy books for her classroom - one for each letter of the alphabet! Mrs. Voigtmann plans to use her grant to help purchase a document reader that will allow her to project art books and techniques like shading and drawing on the screen so all students can see the work. A big thank you to everyone who ordered from our Del's Popcorn Shop fundraiser or purchased caramel apples at the football games or after school. You help make grants happen!

Get ready for **Family Reading Night!** On November 20th from 7:00 - 8:00 PM, Really Readiculous will be performing in the multi-purpose room. Plan to wear your pajamas, bring a blanket to sit on and get ready to eat some popcorn. Families are also encouraged to bring books to read together after the performance and make your own family reading memories! Looking ahead - mark your calendars for a Nelson's Chicken Dinner fundraiser on February 26th. If you would like to be on our mailing list for meeting minutes and volunteer opportunities, please contact Sherri Vandermyde at lvandermyde@comcast.net. Contact Sherri if you would like to volunteer for the Nelson's dinner or other PTL fundraisers or events. Service hours awarded!

St. John's Lutheran Church Live Nativity

is fast approaching! Saturday & Sunday, November 22 & 23, walk through is 4:30 - 5:15 PM and drive through is 5:30 - 8:00 PM. If you would like to help with this event, please contact the church office at 875-3656.



WE WANT YOU....to decorate your trunk, pass candy, and be a part of our Trunk or Treat Event on Friday, October 31st. Hundreds of families come to St. Paul's annually for this event - we need you to be a part of this event and help us to bless the children that come and connect with their families. Can't decorate your trunk but able to help in another way (set-up, clean-up, games, etc.) or donate food or candy? Contact Jennifer Power, Director of Children's Ministry, at 217-423-6955 or Jennifer@spldecatatur.org today.

The educational impact of parents involved with their children's school cannot be understated. We are requiring each family to serve a minimum of ten hours a year to the needs of the school. You can record your hours of service by logging it in the Family Participation Log in the office. In the event that your hours have not been served by May 15th, a \$10 charge for each hour not served will be added to your family's account. Thank you so much for partnering with us to make your child's experience at LSA the very best it can be! Questions? Email Rachel at rbishop@lsadecatur.net.

Mark Your Calendar – A Time of Giving

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will once again be collecting packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this year, from November 1st through November 16th. Participate as a family or pack a few with a group. Mark your calendar now – learn more about the program and what to pack at <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

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.



Be An Art Volunteer!

If you enjoy fostering student's creativity or want to work behind the scenes, you may consider volunteering in the Art Room at the end of the day. Mrs. Voigtmann welcomes volunteers to the classroom every day from 2:05-2:40 and from 2:45-3:20. (Monday-Kindergarten, Tuesday-1st, Wednesday-2nd, Thursday-3rd, Friday-4th) No need to call - just stop by! Volunteers may help in the classroom, prepare work or help with getting our students artwork on Artsonia.

LSA ReSale Shop will be having work nights

every Thursday at 5:30 PM. All adults and high school students are invited! If you are looking for a way to get started with this year's service hours, call Judy at 423-0122 to volunteer.