



Lion's Mane News

*Lutheran School Association
Educating for Tomorrow and Eternity*

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One of the projects that has been designated for November is a food drive for Northeast Community Fund. Jerry Pelz indicated that the beginning of the month would be better in case there are items that could be utilized for the Thanksgiving baskets.

Therefore, next week will be the food drive for Northeast Community Fund. We will follow the same type of criteria as we did for the Community Food Drive, five cans per day for free dress code. Students will need to bring the cans to the classroom to verify their contribution. The winning class will get a pizza party courtesy of Mrs. Dippel.

Students may wear shorts, skirts, or dresses that are no more than 3" above the knee, sweatpants that are not tight or sagging, or jeans that are not tight, torn, or frayed. Students must be in modest and appropriate clothing or they will be sent to change.

Thank you for helping to feed our community!

Coffee With Mr. Karsten

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, I would like to get a head start on being thankful this month. Thank you to all of our volunteers. Through your donated hours and hard work, you make LSA a great place. Thank you to all of our parents for being involved in your students' education. We also thank you for your support for our teachers, administrators, and the school in general as we work to do great things for our kids, the future of tomorrow. Thank you to everyone for being positive about LSA. Never underestimate your kind words and actions. With your help, we can continue to grow this school to serve God's purpose in our community. And finally, thank you to all of our parents for being spiritual leaders at home. Your continuation of what we teach every day in the classroom is helping to raise strong Christian leaders. Thank you for worshipping in church with your family and being good examples for them. God's richest blessings on you all as we focus on being thankful this November. -Mr. Karsten

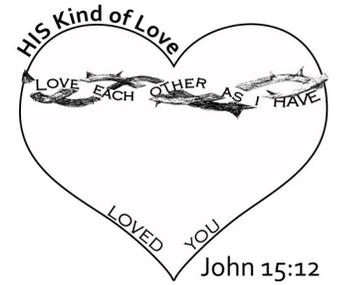


Chapel on Wed., Nov. 4th will be led by Pastor Wray. Chapel offerings for the second quarter will be going to Mercy's Refuge in Champaign.

Picture Retake Day

Pictures will be re-taken on Thursday, November 5th in the afternoon. If you would like re-takes, please send back your entire picture package on that day. If your student was absent October 8th, picture order forms are available in the office. Remember, students must be in dress code for school pictures.

Bus Driver Needed!!! We have one driver but need one or two more. We are specifically looking for drivers that are available during the day for field trips and early sporting events. Contact the school office at 233-2001 ext. 102 to learn more about the requirements for becoming a certified bus driver for LSA.



Looking Ahead...

- **Fri., Nov. 6th**
 - 4th - 8th Grade Boys Basketball Pictures 3:45 PM Wear White
 - HS Jeans Day \$2.00
- **Wed., Nov. 11th**
 - Full Day of School
 - Veteran's Day Assembly 2:00 PM
- **Fri., Nov. 13th**
 - Red Cross Blood Drive 12:00 - 5:00 PM
 - HS Basketball Pictures 3:45 PM Wear White
 - PTL BBQ Dinner 5:00 - 7:00 PM
 - Winter Sports Preview 7:00 PM
- **Fri., Nov. 20th**
 - PTL Meeting 8:45 AM
 - K-8 Denim Day \$2.50
 - HS Jeans Day \$2.00



FOR YOUR HEALTH...



SCRIP News

Jerger Pediatric Dentistry presents:

"Halloween Candy Buy Back" to give to Operation Enduring Support, which is a local organization that sends care packages to our military overseas. They will pay \$1 per pound (up to 5 pounds per child) for unopened Halloween candy. Child must be accompanied by an adult. Candy will be collected on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM at Jerger Pediatric Dentistry (2101 N Main St). For more information call 875-3080. Write a letter to a serviceman and get registered there for a special drawing.



Healthwatch:

There has been a number of illness due to the stomach flu throughout our K-12 classrooms. I have not heard of any diagnosed respiratory flu cases yet, but that season is soon to start, I'm sure. Flu shots are offered at many doctor's offices, clinics, health department, and drug stores. 30 of our faculty were vaccinated yesterday!

Drop off by 9:00 AM

November 2
November 9
November 16
November 30
December 7
December 14

Pick up

November 6
November 13
November 20
December 4
December 11
December 18

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23

Please make sure you order using a current order form each time you order.

Orders, both paper and online, are due by 9:00 AM.

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.

INow and Email

Our Information Now system is up to date and a great resource to keep up on grades and attendance for your student. You can even sign up to receive alerts for failing grades and tardies. By now you should have received several emails through our Information Now system. **It is imperative that parents check email regularly in order to stay informed of important information and dates that relate to school.** Email is the preferred form of communication for most teachers. Teachers are also required to check their email daily in order to help with parent concerns. If you do not have email, please call the school office to verify your preferred form of communication.



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

Lunch Menu

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Week N	Mexican Pizza	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Brunch For Lunch	Chicken and Noodles	Fish Sticks
Alt=Sandwich	Vegetable	Rice		Vegetable	Fries
	Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Fruit
	Cookie	Fruit		Biscuit	Dessert

Lions Sports News

Decatur LSA preparing for first ever IHSA playoff appearance

DECATUR– Decatur LSA head coach Craig Bundy’s team has used the motto “1 and 0” all season as a way for them to stay focused, and Bundy, looking at his team’s first playoff appearance in school history, says it is more of the same this week.

In its previous 3 seasons of football, the Lions had never won more than two games in a season so Bundy says his young team is looking forward to Pawnee Saturday afternoon, “It’s been unique, most schools have experienced the playoffs before but with our team just being four years old this is a totally new experience for the players and our school.”

Entering his second year as the coach of the Lions after spending several years coaching at Lincolnway East, Bundy says he knew his team had a chance to be something special by the way they wrapped up last season and their commitment to offseason workouts, “At the end of last year I thought we had the talent to make the playoffs and possibly make a run in those playoffs, but you never know with injuries and such, but I wasn’t surprised at the success that we’ve had this year.”

In addition to physical improvements in the off-season, Bundy said the leadership of his juniors, namely Jackson Allen, Kholbe Leaks, and Briley Housh, “My whole group of juniors have been great this year, they are very competitive both on and off the field and they have paved the way for some of our young guys and really showed them how we do things.”

While keeping their 1 and 0 motto in mind, Bundy says his team has had a chance to sit back and enjoy the moment, “This is all new for us. We have a small school, about 140 kids in total, and they have bought in, their support has been awesome, buying tickets to the game, buying playoff shirts and things, it’s been awesome.”

At 5-4 this season, the Lions are the 12th seed in the IHSA 1A playoffs and are traveling to Pawnee to take on the 8-1 Pawnee Indians. That game will start at 1 pm on Saturday and is the ESPN Decatur Game of the Week.

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 Wednesday. If a student receives a failing grade, the student and parents will be notified on Wednesday. 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.

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

THIS WEEK IN LIONS SPORTS

Saturday, October 31st - High School Football Playoffs @ Pawnee at 1:00 PM

Monday, November 2nd - 7th & 8th Girls Basketball - **Home** at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, November 3rd - 7th & 8th Boys Basketball @ Okaw Valley (Findley) at 6:00 PM

Friday, November 6th - 7th & 8th Boys Basketball @ Cerro Gordo Invite

8th Girls Basketball @ Maroa-Forsyth at 5:00 PM

5th & 6th Girls Basketball VS Maroa-Forsyth - **Home** at 6:00 PM

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

Volunteering Opportunities



LSA ReSale Shop will be having work nights **every Thursday at 5:30 PM**. All adults and high school students are invited! You can also volunteer during the work day if you're available. They are open from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM daily. If you are looking for a way to get started with this year's service hours, call Judy at 423-0122 to volunteer.

Lunchroom Volunteers

Our wonderful cafeteria staff is always looking for extra hands to help serve lunch. This is a fun way to get your service hours in while getting to interact with the students and staff. 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.



Library Volunteers

The library is a really fun place to volunteer. You can make it a weekly occurrence or just come as you can. Sign-Up Genius is set up for the dates and times that Mrs. Martinek needs help.



LSA Booster Club 2015-2016

Sign Up Genius is set up for all of our sports that are currently in season. **Parents of student athletes are required to work at least two home games per season in the concession stand.**

These can count towards your parent volunteer hours but please be aware that even if you have fulfilled your 10 required hours, you still need to work your shifts for your student's sports. Click on the link that is on our homepage to sign up for your chosen shifts.

PTL Update

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Del's Caramel Apple and Culver's fundraisers in October. Both were a success thanks to the support of volunteers and LSA families!

Our November event will be a BBQ dinner catered by PT's BBQ prior to the Winter Sports Preview Night on November 13th. The preview will introduce all of the LSA boys and girls basketball teams. Dinner will be served from 5:00 - 7:00 PM with the high school preview games and 4th through 8th grade basketball introductions starting at 7:00 PM. All LSA families are invited to dinner and a night of school spirit and fellowship. No tickets will be sold prior to the dinner, just stop by between 5:00 - 7:00. PTL has contracted with PT's BBQ to provide meals for about 200 people. More information will be sent home with students and basketball players next week. PTL will need volunteers for setup, serving and clean up of the event. This is an easy way to get evening volunteer hours! Contact Sherri Vandermyde on Facebook, and text or call 217-855-6257 to volunteer or for more information. We look forward to a fun family night!

Stay tuned for updates on December fundraisers including bake sales for the K-4 and 5-8 Christmas concerts. Christmas bakers will be needed!

The next PTL meeting will be on November 6th at 8:45 am in the LSA Board Room to plan for the preview night and dinner. All are welcome.



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"This would get me lots of candy 'cause I'd look really hungry."