



# Lion's Mane News

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October 7, 2016



**Chapel on Wed., Oct. 12th** will be led by Pastor Weise of St. John'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 - Reminders

### Deuteronomy 6:7

Lately, my life has seemed a bit more scattered than usual. I used to be a very accomplished multi-tasker. I could transition from project to project with ease; my days would often meld into a kaleidoscope of jobs that were proficiently handled with ease. OK, so maybe it wasn't quite that way...but at least I didn't walk from my desk to the hallway and then forget why I left my desk. I've become less of a multi-tasker and more of a multi-tableter; legal pads and sticky notes often litter my office trying to keep me up to date on the comings and goings around me. My kids can't help but tease me a little (or a lot!) and often relate my forgetfulness to my graying beard and then blame both on my "just getting older." I don't know that I would agree with them, but we all have times in our lives when we need those little reminders.

In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses knows that his time with the people of Israel is drawing to an end. They have wandered together in the desert for forty years; a generation has passed away since they left Egypt. In the midst of reminding the people of the Lord's love and commands, Moses asks the people of Israel to do a little reminding of their own. "You shall teach them (the commandments) diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise." (Deuteronomy 6:7) If you read on, you will see that Moses also tells the people to wear the commandments on their heads, their hands, and even attach them to their doorposts. The message is clear, don't forget the Lord and remember that you are His. Don't put anything between you and the Lord.

How true that message still holds for the Lord's people today; we all need to be reminded. Before you go reaching for the sticky notes, I have a more practical plan. Take a few minutes every morning and every evening to sit down with your child and pray the 10 Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. Think twice before you decide that it will take too much time or that it isn't such a "practical plan." What we teach our children today is what they will teach their children in the years to come; our priorities become their priorities. Sometimes we all need a little reminder.

## Looking Ahead...

- **Mon., Oct. 10th**  
Columbus Day  
NO SCHOOL
- **Tues., Oct. 11th**  
4th - 8th Grade Boys  
Basketball Meeting  
5:30 PM
- **Thurs., Oct. 13th**  
School Pictures  
PTL Elections 6:00 PM
- **Fri., Oct. 14th**  
Grandparent's Day  
End of 1st Quarter  
Noon Dismissal
- **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

**Picture Day** is set for Thursday, October 13th. Please make sure to send forms and payment with your students on or prior to picture day.





**OCTOBER 15TH** is the date that all physicals and shots must be completed per state law. Please be aware that students who do not have these medical forms turned in will have to be excluded from classes until they are compliant with state law.

This includes:

- Kindergarten Physicals
- Kindergarten Immunizations
- Kindergarten Vision Exams
- 6th Grade Physicals
- 9th Grade Physicals
- Tdap & MCV Shot for all 6-12th Graders (this is a new requirement this year)
- Physicals and Vision Exams for all new to Illinois

I have sent the 2nd notice to parents of students who are still missing these items. There is no school on Monday so if you have waited until the last minute, this is a good day to get these things done. Please let me know if/when an appointment is scheduled. It would be unfortunate to have to exclude your child from classes.

# SCRIP News

**Drop off by 9:00 AM**

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10TH

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

October 21st

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24TH

November 4

November 11

November 18

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21

December 2

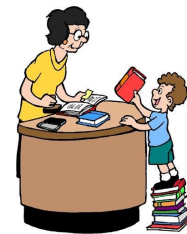
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Parents be sure and take your student to your local library to get their own library card – it's FREE! Then they can use their card at ANY area library to check out materials!

To get a library card at the Decatur Public Library -

- Bring your ID and your student to the library,
- Fill out the application, sign, and they will have their library card in minutes!
- Library cards are FREE!
- A student with a library card can borrow books, magazines, music, movies and more from the Children's Department!

Decatur Public Library  
 130 N. Franklin  
 Decatur, IL 62523  
 217-424-2900  
[www.decaturlibrary.org](http://www.decaturlibrary.org)



## Lunch Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week L</b>	Columbus	Nachos	Beef, Bean and Cheese Burrito	Baked Steak	Grand-parent's
<b>Alternative=</b>	Pizza	Vegetable	Vegetable	Mashed Potatoes	Day
	NO	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	NOON
	SCHOOL	Animal Crackers	Cookie	Biscuit	DISMISSAL

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# Lions Sports News



There will be an informational meeting for boys in grades 5-8 that are interested in playing basketball this year on **Tuesday, October 11th 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](mailto:jbayles@lsadecatur.net).



## LSA VS CERRO GORDO HOMECOMING 2016

**Friday, October 7th**

**Kick-off at 7:00 PM**

Homecoming court  
announced at  
half time of the game



## #ITSGREATTOBEANLSALION

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 7** - High School Football VS Cerro Gordo - Home at 7:00 PM - HOMECOMING GAME!  
Junior High Cross Country @ CID Meet at 5:00 PM

**Saturday, October 8** - 5th - 7th Grade Girls Basketball VS Holy Family - Home at 10:00 AM

**Monday, October 10** - 5th & 6th Grade Girls Basketball @ Taylorville Elementary at 6:00 PM  
High School Volleyball @ Central A&M at 6:00 PM

**Tuesday, October 11** - 5th & 6th Grade Girls Basketball VS Maroa Forsyth - Home at 6:00 PM  
High School Volleyball @ Sangamon Valley at 6:00 PM

**Thursday, October 13** - 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball VS Arthur - Home at 6:00 PM  
High School Volleyball @ Argenta-Oreana at 6:00 PM

**Friday, October 14** - High School Football @ Argetna-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

## PTL News

**Elections! Elections! Elections! October 13 at 6 :00 PM - all positions open!**

Mark your calendars for our upcoming evening meeting on October 13th at 6 pm in the Theatre and prayerfully consider how you can help students and teachers by serving as a PTL officer this year. Elections for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be held. The elected Vice President will move up next year and serve as President for the 2017-2018 school year. Future evening meetings will be planned as there is interest. Please plan to attend and share your thoughts and suggestions with us! We are looking for your God-given talents! If you are interested in one of the positions or want to nominate someone who is interested, you may contact Sherri Vandermyde at [lvandermyde@comcast.net](mailto:lvandermyde@comcast.net) or fill out the nomination form attached with this newsletter. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the current officers: Sherri Vandermyde, President; Lindsay Creviston, Vice President; Heather Meadows, Secretary; Laura Messamore, Treasurer.

## Upcoming Fundraisers

- Del's Caramel Apple Sales - 10/7 and 10/21 after school and at home football games
- Volunteer needed to email a list of 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!

# ABC News

**Due to lack of interest, there will not be ABC on Columbus Day, October 10th.** If you need information for alternate care, please email Mrs. Martinek at [amartinek@lsadecatur.net](mailto:amartinek@lsadecatur.net)

-ABC rates for the week of Oct 11-Oct 14:

AM: \$16/week

PM: \$16/week Short Stay, \$32/week Long Stay

AM&PM: \$32/week Short Stay; \$48/week Long Stay

-ABC is in need of some donations! It's been a long summer, and ABC is in need of some additional items: Cars and Action Figures, play kitchen items, board and card games and beanbag chairs to use. We also are looking for a full size Foosball table. Be sure to keep us in mind when you're cleaning out those closets!

**Mt. Calvary will be hosting its Fall Chili Soup Supper Friday, October 14, 2016 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM**

The tickets are \$8 for Adults and \$6 for Children

Donations will be accepted for the Northeast Community Fund.

Bring your can goods to support this worthy cause.

Please join us to help make this a wonderful event of Christian fellowship!

Any questions please contact the Mt. Calvary Church office at 428-0641



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!