

# The Lion's Roar

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## Special Points of Interest

### October 9 & 10

No School  
Teacher Conference

### October 13

No School  
Columbus Day

### October 16

Picture Day



## Help the Needy & Win Ca\$h for LSA

The top five area schools that generate the most food will be awarded a cash prize. Anyone can help support the LSA by donating in the name of our school. Parents, grandparents, booster clubs, bands, athletic teams and teachers can and will make a difference.

Prizes are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$2,500.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$1,500.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$1,000.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 750.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$ 500.00



We will be collecting nonperishable food October 3<sup>rd</sup>. All competitions will be measured by weight collected, not by number of cans.

**Class Competition Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** The class that brings in the most food this week will receive a pizza party lunch and movie day. Only the food brought in during this week will count towards the total for this competition. The pizza party and movie will occur on Monday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Food donations will be weighed and totaled at the end of each day.

**Student Government "Jeans Days"** are on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. The cost is \$2.00 payable by check. Punch cards can be purchased for \$10.00 (five jeans days) or \$20.00 (ten jeans days.) Punch cards are available in the high school office.

**Picture Day** is set for Thursday, October 16th. Students must be in dress code for these pictures. No exceptions! Order forms were mailed out with high school mid term reports. For your convenience an additional order form is attached

**NO SCHOOL** There is no school on Thursday, October 9th and Friday, October 10th as the LSA teachers will be participating in the CID/SID Teacher Conference. No school on Monday, October 13th in observance of Columbus Day. Enjoy this time with your family.

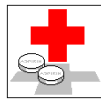
**Change in calendar...NO SCHOOL** Monday, November 3rd as the LSA teachers will be participating in an in-service.

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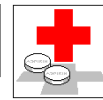
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**Coffee With Mr. Karsten** Ever wonder what the School Board is working on? Currently, they are doing an evaluation of last year. They look at the 6 board ends, goals set by the board for the mission of the school. These goals and the parent survey in January give measurement and feedback to help evaluate the school each year. The 6 board ends are: 1) LSA students possess a personal faith relationship with Jesus Christ, a biblical world view, and the necessary tools to impact the world for Christ. 2) LSA students realize the full potential of their unique God given talents and abilities within the academic, athletic, artistic, and technical spheres and are fully prepared for the next level of education or skill development. 3) LSA students are equipped with the life skills necessary for success, both in terms of fulfilling God's command to make disciples as well as the ability to carry out their temporal duties. 4) LSA is the "School of Choice" through academic excellence, cutting-edge technology, and a developed campus. 5) LSA develops, nurtures, and supports its relationship with member congregations. 6) LSA has a sound financial model which takes into account the school ministry, the families, and the member congregations. Watch for the parent survey coming this winter to help us continue to evaluate and make this school even better.

*-Mr. Karsten*



**FOR YOUR HEALTH...**



*From Mrs. Karsten, RN*

As you may be aware from recent media reports, enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) causes respiratory illness. The virus likely spreads from person to person when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or touches contaminated surfaces. Many infections are mild and resolve on their own, requiring only treatment of the symptoms. There is no vaccine or antiviral medication currently available. Specific symptoms include fever, rash, difficulty breathing, and wheezing or asthma exacerbation. You can help protect yourself and your child by following these steps:

- 1) If you or your child are experiencing cold-like symptoms with wheezing or difficulty breathing, contact your physician immediately to arrange for appropriate testing and care.
- 2) To prevent spread of respiratory illness due to this virus, influenza, and other infections in the school setting, it's important that your child stay home.
- 3) Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.
- 4) Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- 5) Avoid sharing cups and utensils, etc with those who are sick.
- 6) Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as doorknobs and toys, especially if someone is sick.
- 7) Keep your child well rested.

**Praying for God's mercy and protection from any illnesses that come our way!**

**OCTOBER 15TH** is the date that ALL physicals and shots must be completed.

This includes:

- 9th Grade Physicals
- Tdap Booster 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. Please let me know if/when an appointment is scheduled. It would be unfortunate to have to exclude your child from classes.



**Drop off by 9:00 AM**

**NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6**

**NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13**

October 20

**NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27**

November 3

November 10

November 17

**NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24**

December 1

December 8

December 15

**Pick up**

**OCTOBER 6**

**OCTOBER 13**

October 24

**OCTOBER 27**

November 7

November 14

November 21

**NOVEMBER 24**

December 5

December 12

December 19



Please be reminded that **LSA cannot accept cash** for any type of payment. Check, credit card, or money orders are the only payments that will be accepted. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

**Bus Driver Needed!** We have one driver but need one or two more drivers as substitutes. Contact the school office at 233-2001, ext 102 to learn more about the requirements for becoming a certified bus driver for LSA.

**My Scrip Wallet** is now available! This is a great way to up your Scrip dollars earned. You can buy scrip on your phone while at the store or restaurant and then pay with your phone when you check out! My Scrip Wallet is for use with ScripNow only.

**Sports are great... Your brain is forever!** Scholastic Bowl practice begins on Wednesday, Oct. 1st in Mrs. Boerger's room from 3:15 - 4:30 pm. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend, please contact Mrs. Ragle at 855-9761.



**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.

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 each 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.

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The most important fundraising event for the Junior Class is the Annual Taste of LSA, to be held Saturday, November 1st. This event is crucial to providing the necessary funds needed

to hold an amazing prom this year and graduation ceremony next year.

You can choose what you would like to do for the Taste. We need food prepared, served, donated, set-up, and break-down. Please remember that for each food or beverage item brought, there needs to be AT LEAST 50-100 "tastes". This means a small cup of soup, small slice of cake, or a small helping of a dish. Feel free to sign up for more than one item. If your item needs to be warmed, please bring what you need to keep it warm (crock pot, cord, etc).

Any and all help is appreciated! There is a Sign-Up Genius set up for this event. You can access it by going to our webpage [www.lsadecatur.net](http://www.lsadecatur.net) and clicking the link on the bottom, right hand of the home page.

**Scrip Volunteer Needed** We are looking for a volunteer to pick up the local Scrip cards around the Decatur area. This would take place on Wednesdays every week that we have Scrip. Call the office if you are interested.

**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](http://www.lsadecatur.net) and click the Sign-Up Genius link on the bottom, right corner of the home page.

### *Athletic Events*

Golf, Soccer, Football and Volleyball have begun. Check out the schedules on our website [www.lsadecatur.net](http://www.lsadecatur.net) and come out and support the Lions.

Follow us on Twitter @LSA\_ Athletics

**LSA K-12 Booster Club 2014-2015** The LSA booster club is made up of parents, teachers and coaches from both elementary and high school. We are looking for additional families that want to help increase awareness of our school, our students, and our athletic programs. We have had several successful meetings over the summer and would love for you to join us. It is a fantastic way to get to know other parents, fulfill service hours and just to show your pride in the LSA.

We are not just about concession stands and spirit wear anymore. (Although both are fantastic) We are looking to expand our club!!! Please contact [skeane@lsadecatur.net](mailto:skeane@lsadecatur.net) for more information.

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." –Margaret Mead*



*Autumn, the one season of the year that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it.*



# Homecoming Wrap-up

And the Homecoming Court is:

**Freshmen Attendants:**

Courtney Cuttill & Seth Reynolds

**Sophomore Attendants:**

Samantha Holliday & Kholbe Leaks

**Junior Attendants:**

Katherine Zimmerman & Tyler Daily

**Senior Court:**

Shelby Still & Joseph Walston

Alexandria Welch & Hunter York

**Returning Queen & King:**

Madeline Summers & Sam Deaton-Reynolds

**Homecoming Queen & King:**

Kadera Johnson & Colin Sandgren

Homecoming week was a success! So many students participated in the dress up days and were entertaining as usual. The dodge ball tournament was epic with the juniors running away with the title. The faculty limped away with the most losses, mainly due to being outnumbered 15-1.

The assembly was a hit with great music by the band, performances by the cheer leaders, and our first sumo wrestling tournament and dance routine.

The dance was said to be one of the best so far, this no doubt in part because of the amazing video show put on by DJ David Lee. Thanks to all who came to help decorate and support this year's homecoming celebration.

Congratulations to our high school football team on their 21-6 homecoming win over Argenta-Oreana! Over 700 fans were in attendance for this game, the new bleachers were packed. The boys play at home again this Friday night against Arcola. Come have dinner at our awesome concession stand and cheer on your Lions!

## College Information

### DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2nd	Juniors will be Career Cruising in the LSA computer lab from 10:30 - Noon.
October 23rd	ISAC (Illinois Student Assistant Commission) will be at LSA from 10:30 - Noon to work with seniors.
October 23rd	RCC will be at LSA from 5:00 - 6:00PM for students interested in dual credit, and those planning on attending RCC after graduation.
October 28th	RCC will be at LSA for placement testing
November 18th	Financial Aid Night will be at LSA 6:00PM
January 13th	FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) night for seniors planning on attending college
February 11th	ISAC What's Next 9th grade 8:10AM 10th grade 9:00AM
February 13th	ISAC What's Next 11th grade 8:10AM

### UPCOMING COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS

October 3rd	Millikin University
October 13th	Truman State University
October 14th	Bradley University
October 15th	Illinois State University (ISU)
October 27th	University of Missouri St. Louis (UMSL)

Unless noted, all college representative visits will be held in the lunchroom from 12:01 - 12:27. Plan now to attend one with your student.



Test Date	Registration Deadline
December 13, 2014	November 7, 2014
February 7, 2015*	January 9, 2015
April 18, 2015	March 13, 2015
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015

### ACT CODE: 141-567

**Fees:** ACT (not writing) \$35.00 Includes reports for student, his/her high school, and up to four college choices.  
ACT Plus Writing \$50.50 Includes reports for student, his/her high school and up to four colleges.