

The Lion's Roar

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Special Points of Interest

- **Sept. 5th**
Labor Day
NO SCHOOL
- **Sept. 6**
Herff Jones
- **Sept. 9**
Spirit Wear orders due
- **Sept. 12th**
LSA Golf Outing
- **Sept. 14th**
Market Day Pick-Up 3:00—5:30 PM
- **Sept. 24th**
Tailgate 11:00AM - 1:00PM



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Morganne Criswell will have her jersey retired on **September 5th**. The Lady Lions take on Central A&M in our home opener. Morganne will be on hand following the presentation to pose for pictures and sign autographs. Morganne is playing for the University of Illinois (Division 1) this fall. Please mark your calendars and come out to show your support and appreciation for Morganne and the Lady Lions Volleyball team. **Everyone is encouraged to wear #23 to the game in honor of Morganne.**

Homecoming Week has been moved to September 19 - 24 from October 11 - 15 see page 3 for more details

CHANGE IN CALENDAR...

There will be a **NOON DISMISSAL** on Monday, September 12th for **ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**.

LSA Golf Outing Monday, September 12th is the date for the annual LSA Golf Outing! Join us at the exclusive Country Club of Decatur for fun, food, prizes, and the opportunity to benefit a worthy cause. Make your plans now to enter your favorite foursome, or register in smaller groups or individually.

Entry Fee: \$150 per person or \$600 a group —includes green fees, golf cart, lunch, and dinner. Contact the high school office at 233-2000 for more information.

LSA Tailgate will be held on Saturday, September 24th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Come dunk the teachers and administrators before cheering on the football team as they play Gary Lighthouse Academy who hails all the way from Gary, IN. Pre-purchase tickets are \$5.00 per person, or \$20.00 for a family of four or more. Tickets will be available the day of the event, but will increase to \$6.00 per person, or \$25.00 for a family of four or more.

FORM - the publicity consent and field trip permission form has been mailed home. Please fill out and return as soon as possible. **THANK YOU!**

Greetings in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The 2011-2012 school year is off and running. With our theme this year of "Imitate Christ," we started the year with some team building and sharing activities to allow the kids to get to know each other and the teachers better.

We have many new faces along with several more familiar faces in the high school this year. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the 2011-2012

Detention / Saturday School

Detentions are given for student misconduct including, but not limited to: dress code, tardiness, cell phone/electronic usage, gum/candy. Detentions are one hour from 3:45 – 4:45 pm. Students will also pay \$5.00 at the time of each detention, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

3 part Student Intervention Plan - for misbehavior or discipline issues
 Step 1 - Call or conference with parent
 Step 2 - 30 minute after school detention with teacher
 Step 3 - Conference between student, teacher administration and/or other teachers.

After all 3 steps of intervention are exhausted, the student receives Saturday School where an assignment explaining appropriate behavior will be completed. Failure to attend results in suspension with no makeup privileges. Saturday School is held every other Saturday 8:00AM - 10:00AM. Doors are locked at 8:00AM, so don't be late!



FOR YOUR HEALTH...



From Mrs. Karsten, RN

Physical forms are missing for a few 9th graders. Students will be excluded from school if not received by **October 15th**. * **For 9th graders, sports physicals DO NOT count as routine physicals**. When keeping your child home ill, please call the school office at 233-2000 by 9:00 AM.

COLLEGE RECRUITERS will meet with students during lunch (11:55-12:30) on the below listed dates.



Tuesday 9/6	Illinois College
Tuesday 9/13	Augustana College
Monday 9/19	Eastern Illinois University
Wednesday 9/21	Concordia, Nebraska
Thursday 9/22	Monmouth College

ACT® Important Information

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 17 – 30, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5 – 18, 2011
February 11, 2012*	January 13, 2012	January 14 – 20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10 – 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5 – 18, 2012

More information will come, but please plan on a few things. ACT Prep class will be offered to all juniors (and maybe some sophomores) in December - February leading up to the February ACT test date. We are trying to also have our own March ACT date (if details can be worked out). Juniors please sign up for one of the tests before the prep class begins. We feel this will give you and our instructors an idea of what to focus on and give you an idea of what the test entails. We encourage all juniors to take the ACT test multiple times.

Volunteer Opportunities

Booster Club Needs You! Do you like to visit with friends? While serving up popcorn and soda you can visit with them as well as help the Booster Club. It is a really fun group to be involved in. Contact Erin Spence at sbspence@comcast.net for more information.



ReSale Shop Our fall season started out with a bang with wonderful donations and sales. Thank you to everyone who participated in our project. If you have a couple hours free, come on down and give us a hand. We are open 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Saturday. If you need a pick up for furniture, call Judy Gross at 423-0122 to arrange a date and time.

Box Top and Soup Label Volunteer Needed this year!

Count, sort, and get ready to mail for us. Interested?



Call the office at 233-2001.

The LSA collects the following:

Campbell's UPC's for Education, General Mill's Box Tops for Education, printer cartridges and cell phones.

Save all year long!!!

Do you have any free time from 10:45AM—1:00PM?

If so, the kitchen staff could really use some volunteers to serve food. Contact 233-2001 and ask for Tricia for further details.

7th-12th Grade Girls

- **What:** Basic weight training, cardio workout, and large muscle toning movement.
- **Where:** LSA weight room
- **Dates:** Beginning Sept. 12th—Mon. & Wed. f
- **Times:** after school 4:00 PM—5:00 PM
- **Sessions:** 6 week sessions throughout the year
- **Sign up:** Mr. Burgener's office until Sept. 7th
- **Fee:** \$50 a session
- **Coach:** Jennifer Mudd



Mr. Fote currently has a few of his pieces on display at UIS Visual Arts Gallery for a IL Regional High School Art Teachers Exhibition. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The exhibit closes September 22nd.

Herff Jones will be here on Tuesday, September 6th at 8:45 to speak with sophomores regarding class rings. On Thursday, September 15th class rings can be ordered between 11:45AM - 12:30PM and again from 3:00-5:00PM

Homecoming Week Activities

Monday, September 19

Clone Day—*dress up like a friend or group of friends.*
2:30PM Hollywood handprints K-3

Tuesday, September 20

Movie Star / TV Star Day

Wednesday, September 21

Purple Day— LSA is celebrating its first Homecoming without the amazing Miss Sablotny. It was her favorite activity to plan and participate in and we will miss her expertise so much. In celebration of her memory, the whole school will be dressing in purple (her favorite color). So come decked out in head-to-toe purple. Pictures will be taken!
Krekel's Lunch Bunch—needs to be pre-paid by 9/17

Thursday, September 22

PJ Day
Movie & popcorn in afternoon

Friday, September 23

Spirit Day
Assembly in afternoon. Parents welcome
Dance decorations 3:45 - 9:00PM

Saturday, September 24

11-1PM Tailgate
Dunk-tank with Mr. Karsten and faculty members
Advance tailgate tickets are \$5.00 per person, \$20.00 for family of 4 or more
At the door price is \$6.00 per person, \$25.00 for family of 4 or more
Football Game
Homecoming Dance, 8:00PM—11:00PM
Coronation, 8:30PM

Dance tickets go on sale, Monday, September 12th—\$10.00 each.

Donations are needed for “dress up.” If you have wigs, boas, or fun clothing that screams “Movie Star” please bring to the high school office as soon as possible.



Dollars and Cents



Drop off Pick-up
NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF SEPT. 5TH

Sept. 12 Sept. 16

Sept. 19 Sept. 23

NO SCRIP THE WEEK OF SEPT. 26th

In Stock: \$25 and \$100 Walmart cards, \$25

Target cards, and \$25 and \$100 Marathon gas cards on a first come, first served basis.

We are in need of people to help with this program. Please contact Sharon at frontoffice@lsadecatur.net or 233-2001 if you are interested.



Time is running out to purchase your Market Day for the month of September. Turn in your order

form by Monday, September 12th or order online at www.marketday.com (use school code: 11951) by Tuesday, September 13th by 6:00 PM. Market Day pick up is Wednesday, September 14th from 3:00 to 5:30PM in the multi-purpose room.

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Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn. ~Elizabeth Lawrence



FOOTBALL SEASON IS HERE. LSA High has the following games scheduled in September. Plan now to attend.

Tuesday, 9/6	at	Eisenhower	6:00PM
Thursday, 9/15	at	Nokomis	6:00PM

Of course, the homecoming game on Saturday, 9/24 vs. Gary Lighthouse Academy. Kickoff is at 1:00PM

BOYS SOCCER IS BACK LSA Boys soccer is back at the LSA after a 2-year lay-off. The boys have been working hard and are looking forward to our first game Sept. 9th. Practice runs everyday 3:45-5:15. It's not too late to join. Soccer is an excellent way to stay in shape or get into shape for winter sports.

Lunch Program Lunch menus are on the back of school calendar that you should have received at registration. Lunches are \$2.75 and individual milks are \$.50. Please send money with your student to be turned into the office. If you have more than one student, you can still send one check, just tell us in the notation how to divide it.

School Picture Day is October 13th! Watch for forms being sent home in September.

To ensure that your student(s) will receive a 2012 yearbook this spring, choose one of three easy payment methods:

- ◆ Return your order form and payment to school
- ◆ Order on the secure website www.YearbookOrderCenter.com
- ◆ Call the toll-free number 1-866-287-3096, Monday through Friday. If you order online or by phone, you will need to know our **Order Number is 17126.**

By visiting YearbookOrderCenter.com, all students and parents may submit photos to LSA e-share.

Mr. Fote is also accepting yearbook staff applications. Take pride in creating your own yearbook. The staff will meet once a week after school. Positions include: business manager, layout designer, and head photographer.



BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYERS

Mandatory basketball meeting for all high school boys interested in trying out for this seasons team. Meeting will be Monday, September 5th at 7:30pm in the theatre. If you are trying out, you **MUST** attend.

Any questions contact Coach Kreps at 433-3499

Get your LSA Spirit Wear!!! Booster Club Spirit Wear orders must be turned in no later than the morning of September 9th (**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**) **Order form is attached.**

Sports schedules are available online at www.myschoolcalendar.net.

Introducing...New Faculty Members

Megan Boerger - Mathematics I am extremely excited to be a part of the ministry at LSA as the high school math teacher. I have wanted to be a Lutheran school teacher since the third grade when I began helping many of my classmates with their school work. As I tutored my classmates, I discovered the excitement of seeing others understand what had once been incomprehensible to them.

I am from Suring, a small town in Northeast Wisconsin. I grew up on my family's dairy farm milking cows and playing in the fields with my younger brother and sister. Brian and Kelly are both still in college. The newest addition to my family is my husband. Tim and I married in July at my home church and then settled into our apartment in Decatur. Tim is an athletic trainer and is a great help as I work to get ready for this school year. When I am not teaching, I enjoy reading, swimming, running, watching movies, and playing Wii. My favorite sport is volleyball, and I am thrilled to coach at LSA. Finally, I am a football fan, and I will be sporting my green and gold as I cheer on the Green Bay Packers from Illinois.

This is my first year in my own classroom, and I am eager to share my enthusiasm for math and learning with my students. I graduated from Concordia University Wisconsin in December 2010. I have a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education and Mathematics. I also minored in German and Theology and look forward to the possibility of starting a German program at LSA. Throughout my time at college, I tutored math students and also taught an extra study group for statistics. Working with those students and seeing them learn and even enjoy math has truly confirmed my decision to teach. I also did a semester as a substitute teacher which taught me a lot and increased the desire to have my own classroom.

Roy A. Luecke

B. S. in Business from Eastern Illinois University

Certified Lutheran Lay Minister Certificate from Concordia University Wisconsin.

My banking career included work in Human Resources, Personal and Commercial Lending. My love of theology led me to enroll in Concordia University Wisconsin's TEE program for Lay Ministry. I received my certificate in 2009, and look forward to utilizing this training at the LSA. In addition to teaching Senior Discipleship/Leadership, I enjoy announcing LSA Sporting events.

I can be contacted at Luke12748@comcast.net.

Jerry W. Miller, Ph.D. - Science Dr. Miller is a native Californian who grew up in the Los Angeles area at a time when dairies and truck-farms were common. After high school, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, went to officer candidate school, and served at Fort Bliss, TX as an Air Defense Artillery officer during the Vietnam War. He returned home after completing his Army service to attend a local college where he received his B.A. in psychology. After working briefly, he headed to the University of Florida, Gainesville where he earned an M.S. in soil science. He went on to The Ohio St. Univ. where he worked for a Ph.D. in soil and environmental chemistry. Jerry has worked in education and the environmental sciences industry. He currently teaches high school chemistry and physics. He has journeyed to Africa twice with Marion Medical Mission, an ecumenical group involved in construction of shallow wells in Malawi, Tanzania, and Zambia. His mission involvement began in 1997 as part of a four member team from Decatur, IL. He returned in the summer of 2000 as part of an advanced team. Jerry has served on the MMM board since shortly after his return.

Pastor Troy Roenfanz - Discipleship I grew up in Ventura, Iowa – a small village on the west side of beautiful Clear Lake – with a population of 800. My mom and dad and grandparents still live in my hometown, while my only brother, Travis, lives with his wife and son in Dillingham, Alaska where he manages a boatyard and flies as a bush pilot.

My wife, Amy, and I have two children, Ty & Remy, who are both adopted from China. We have a seven year old Llasa Apso named Jack who are children adore. We live on the east side of Decatur close to the airport. In my spare time I enjoy time with my family, reading great books, watching a favorite TV show, swimming, cycling, running and working outdoors.

I attended Luther College from '93 to '97 in Decorah, IA and graduated with a B.A. in History and Russian Studies. After a great internship at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., I moved to Austin, Texas to pursue a master's degree in Museum Studies and Information Systems at the University of Texas. But God had other plans for my life.

After getting involved in a great campus ministry, I was called into ministry as a full-time children and youth minister at a great church in South Austin for two years. I then went to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO and earned a Master of Divinity degree in 2005.

After graduate school, I served as an associate pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Decatur for 5 years. Over-time, I became a part-time teacher at the LSA and church planter beginning a new church plant in April 2010. Recently at the end of May 2011, I came on staff full-time at the LSA as campus pastor and high school discipleship teacher.

John Zilm - History / PE I am from Godfrey, Illinois, which is near St. Louis, MO. My parents still live in Godfrey, where my dad is a community college professor and my mom is a retired Lutheran teacher. I have an older sister, Kristin, who is also a Lutheran teacher living in Texas with her husband Pastor Tim Appel. My hobbies include being involved with all kinds of sports, whether watching, playing, or talking about them. I especially enjoy playing and coaching golf and watching St. Louis Cardinals baseball. I also have an interest in cars. Though I don't do a lot of work on them, I love to watch car videos, read automotive magazines, and, of course, drive them. I became interested in teaching in 7th and 8th grade when I had a teacher who helped me realize what a great vocation teaching can be. My parents and sister are also teachers, and they were positive influences, as well.

I have gone to Lutheran schools my entire life. I started with PK-8th grade at Faith Lutheran School in Godfrey, IL. I continued my Lutheran education at Metro East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville, IL. Once I decided that I wanted to be a Lutheran teacher, I chose to go to Concordia University, Nebraska. I played on the golf team and was captain for two years. After student teaching in Nebraska and Las Vegas, I graduated in the spring of 2010 with bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, specializing in the Social Sciences. In 2010-2011, I started master's work in Geography at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. I also did a lot of substitute teaching at various Lutheran schools around St. Louis. I was assistant golf coach at Marquette Catholic High School in Alton, and I was an assistant softball coach at Metro East Lutheran High School. I have also worked at Rolling Hills Golf Course for the past eight years in various roles, including helping teach the Junior Golf Program.