

# The Lion's Roar

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## Special Points of Interest

Sept. 10 -

Freshman Service Project

Sept. 12 -

Sophomore Service Project

Sept. 13 - Mid-Term

Sept. 18 -

Market Day Pick-up

Sept. 21 -

ACT National Test Day

LSA was ecstatic to receive the following letter from Sam McKinney, a 2013 LSA graduate ... Right before graduation I was accepted into a non profit organization called City Year. I moved down to Orlando and I am serving with 60 other kids in under privileged schools working as mentors, tutors, and role models. I work 10+ hours a day, going to school before the kids get there and staying until the last after school program is over for the day. It is the most fulfilling work I have ever done in my life. The reason I am telling you all of this, is because of something we call a Red Jacket Ceremony. City Year is known across the nation, and the world by these bright red jackets that they wear. It is a sign for kids everywhere that we are someone who is there to help no matter where they see us or what they need help with. Each year, when we receive our red jackets after going through basic training, we have a red jacket ceremony where we dedicate our jacket, and our year of service to someone, or something. This year I dedicated my red jacket and my year of service to The LSA graduating Class of 2013. I was so nervous transferring schools three months before graduation, and if it had not been for everyone at the LSA I would not be where I am today. I made better friends in my three months at LSA than I have had my entire life, and I cannot thank you and the rest of the staff and students at LSA enough. You all brought me in and made me feel like I had been going there since kindergarten instead of just part of a senior year. And for all of that I have dedicated my year of service to all of you! You have taught me what it truly means to be inclusive and give everyone a chance to fit in. Thank you so much for everything!!!



**School Picture Day is October 10th! STUDENTS MUST BE IN DRESS CODE FOR THESE PICTURES.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**Online Grading Update** As the school staff works to transition to the new software program, please be patient as we implement grading software. In the meantime, we have gotten Edline up and running so that parents have a way to keep up with their student's grades online. Thank you for your patience and cooperation!

## Homecoming



LSA's Homecoming game will be October 25th and we hope everyone comes to show support to the team! Game starts at 7:00PM. The High School Homecoming dance will be on October 26th at 8:30PM in the Multi Purpose Room with coronation beginning promptly at 8:45PM. The Student Government has chosen the theme of "A Night in the Garden." It is sure to be a night of enchantment! Parents are welcome to come and take photos from 8:30-9:00PM. The dance will end at 11:00PM.

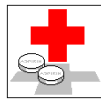
The **LSA SADD** will be presenting an assembly entitled 'Chasing Cool' on September 26th at 1:30PM in the gym. This very touching presentation given by The Emerge Experience will include our 8th-12th grade students in a captivating discussion about being happy with who we are and embracing a life of authenticity. The program uses technology, media, the arts and amazing storytelling to raise awareness of bullying and acceptance. We invite all parents to join us in this experience.

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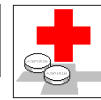
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Please be reminded that **LSA cannot accept cash** for any type of payment. Check, credit card, or money orders are the only payments that will be accepted. We are sorry for any inconvenience.





**FOR YOUR HEALTH...**



*From Mrs. Karsten, RN*

**Any medication given during the school day must come with an authorization form that has been filled out by both the doctor and the parent. This includes over the counter medication.** Medication is dispensed only from the office and must NOT be carried in backpacks or pockets. The only exception is a rescue inhaler (although this needs to be authorized by your child's doctor).

When keeping your child home ill, **please call the school office at 233-2000 by 9:00 AM.**  
All physicals are due **October 15th for 9th graders.**

## **BOOSTER CLUB UPDATES**

### **Booster Club Chicken Dinner October 4th 4:30 - 7:30 PM**



Catered by Nelson's, dinner will be half a chicken, green beans, and mashed potatoes and gravy. Prices are: \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 per adult dinner at the door. A children's dinner of hot dogs, chips, and a drink is \$3.00 in advance, and \$4 at the door. There will be a Bake Sale as well to benefit the Friday Night Lights campaign. Tickets will be available in the offices. Please RSVP to either office so that we can get an accurate head count for the caterers.

**Hey Lions Fans!** Check out the web site called [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). You can find the link directly to our sign-ups on the LSA Facebook page. It enables you to sign up to work at LSA athletic events. Don't wait to be assigned, act now and choose the dates that best fit your schedule! It's easy to use and you will even get a reminder for the date you are scheduled to work. If you can't work an assigned date, not a problem, you can simply swap days with another parent using the site.

### **Booster Club News**

The next Booster Club meeting is September 12th at 5:30 PM in the Board room. (All meetings attended count for Volunteer Hours).

The Booster Club is looking for volunteers to be the Liaison for the sports programs both High School and Grade School. The volunteer would get credit for all service hours worked. The Liaison would be responsible for:

1. Maintaining Sign Up Genius
2. Making sure that the Coach's request forms got to the booster club meeting so that the booster club can vote to get items for Team's needs.
3. Making sure all Spiritwear needs come to the Booster Club Spiritwear Coordinator.
4. Being an active member of the booster club.

If you are interested in being the Liaison please sign up at Sign Up Genius. [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F48AFAB2BA75-booster](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F48AFAB2BA75-booster)

Please contact Chris Galka or Teresa Edwards with any questions.

# College Information

## Top 10 Highest Paying Post-Grad Jobs

10. Registered Nurse  
average first year salary \$47,000
  9. Web Designer  
average first year salary \$58,000
  8. Pharmaceutical Representative  
average first year salary \$59,000
  7. Financial Analyst  
average first year salary \$66,000
  6. Internet Marketer  
average first year salary \$67,000
  5. Network Systems Administrator  
average first year salary \$69,000
  4. Engineer  
average first year salary \$72,000
  3. Actuary  
average first year salary \$79,000
  2. Software Developer  
average first year salary \$84,000
  1. Investment Banker  
average first year salary \$112,000
- (sources: earnmydegree.com)

**ACT**<sup>®</sup>

## Important Information

	Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
	October 26, 2013	September 27, 2013	September 28 - October 11
	December 14, 2013	November 8, 2013	November 9 - 22
	February 8, 2014	January 10, 2014	January 11 - 24
	April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014	March 8 - 21
	June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 10 - 23

### 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 college

## Post-High School Planning Guide

### September

Check your courses to make sure you meet college requirements. Be sure you are involved in one or two extra curricular activities. Ask your counselor about Financial Aid Night and visits from college representatives. Consider being involved in activities in your community.

### October

Take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualify Test. This test qualifies you for scholarships through the National Merit Corporation. Review your lists of interests, educational priorities, talents, abilities, and personal qualities. Develop a list of what you would like to study and do in college. Meet with College Admissions Representatives as they visit your school.

### November

**Work hard to get the best grades you can.** List the college features that suit your interests, needs and abilities. Include size, type of college, location, facilities, special opportunities, and costs. Rank these features in order of importance to you.

### December

Begin or continue to read newspapers and a weekly news magazine to gain information about various careers. The Chicago Tribune has an excellent career section every Sunday. Start educating yourself about college costs and financial aid. Check out collegezone.com, a trusted source for college information. Ask your counselor about printed material about these subjects.

# Dollars and Cents

## Drop off

NO SCRIP WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9TH

September 16

September 23

September 30

October 7

NO SCRIP WEEK OF OCTOBER 14

## Pick-up

September 20

September 27

October 4

October 11



**Thank you** to all of the families that have used their Target REDcard this year! Every time you shop using your REDcard, Target donates up to 1% of their purchase to the school. We received a check for over \$600 this week!



**In Stock:** We have many cards available in the office on a first come, first serve basis.

Any high school student still in the building at 3:45pm will be required to check into the after school care (ABC) program. The high schoolers will meet in the small cafeteria. They will be required to follow ABC guidelines. There will be no snack served to high school students, but they may participate in the after school activities. A daily charge of \$5.00 will be billed to all families using this service. If you have any questions, please contact the high school office, or Angie Martinek in the ABC office.

## **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 will donate \$1.25 to the LSA 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Washington DC. Cards are reusable, with no expiration.

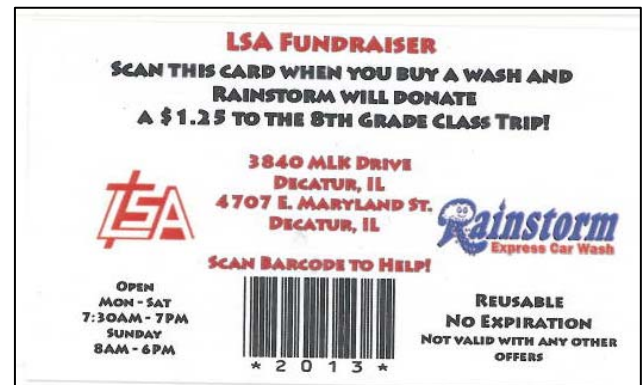
**THANK YOU for you SUPPORT!!**

**Additional cards are available in the office.**



The deadline to order football shirts has been extended to **Tuesday, September 10th**. You can send your order form with a check made out to LSA to school on or before that date.

The Class of 2015 D.C. Trip is selling 8" potted mums for \$7.00 each. They come in a variety of colors. Orders are due by September 18th and delivery is on September 21st. The stadium chair order forms are attached and the deadline is October 11th for this order.



**Coffee With Mr. Karsten** You are invited to *Coffee With Mr. Karsten* every other Friday from 7:45 AM - 8:15 AM in the LSA Library. This is a chance for Mr. Karsten to meet more parents, pray together, share thoughts on chosen school topics, and answer any questions that LSA parents have. This opportunity for regular, casual meeting times throughout the year provides a good way to strengthen relationships and gain input from parents in a positive way in order to make LSA the best school that it can be. There are various topics to discuss throughout the year including budget, policies, dress code, volunteer hours, bullying, technology, and many more. Please share your topic ideas by emailing [kkarsten@lsadecatur.net](mailto:kkarsten@lsadecatur.net). Topics chosen for each meeting will be shared in the newsletter.