

The Lion's Roar

September 2015

Mid-term was Wednesday, September 16th. The reports were mailed home to all high school students last week. If you did not receive your mid-term report, please contact Mrs. Nolen at anolen@lsadecatur.net

Grin & Share It...It's PICTURE DAY

Thursday, October 8th. Students must be in dress code for these pictures, no exceptions. Students can change into their Homecoming Spirit Week outfits after pictures are taken first thing in the morning.

Scrip Volunteer Still Needed

We are still looking for volunteers to pick up the local Scrip cards around the Decatur area on Wednesdays. This would take place every week that we have Scrip. Call the office if you are interested in this volunteer opportunity.

Looking Ahead...

- **Fri., Oct. 2nd**
Denim Days \$2
- **Thurs., Oct. 8th**
Picture Day
- **Fri., Oct. 9th**
Homecoming
Assembly 1:50 PM
- **Mon., Oct. 12th**
Columbus Day
NO SCHOOL
Volleyball Faculty
Appreciation
- **Wed., Oct. 14th**
PSAT Test
- **Thurs., Oct. 15th**
End of 1st Quarter
NOON DISMISSAL
Exclusion Date for 9th
Grade Physical Exams
- **Fri., Oct. 16th**
CID/SID Conference
NO SCHOOL
Football Faculty
Appreciation



Help Wanted! The LSA ReSale Shop is looking for a cashier. The hours are 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Monday through Friday. If you are interested, please apply at the ReSale Shop during those hours.

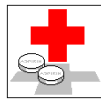
Bus Driver Needed!!! We have one driver but need one or two more. We are specifically looking for drivers that are available during the day for field trips and early sporting events. Contact the school office at 233-2001 ext. 102 to learn more about the requirements for becoming a certified bus driver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



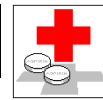
PTL News Fall weather is upon us now and so are fall foods like caramel apples from Del's Popcorn Shop! PTL is partnering with Del's to raise money for teacher grants. Come to the LSA high school home football game on October 16th to enjoy a tasty treat! Plain caramel apples are \$3.00 and caramel apples with nuts are \$3.50 each.

Coffee With Mr. Karsten

This past weekend, our School Board, Pastors, Administration and selected teachers came together to consider our present and evaluate our future. These meetings, conducted every one to two years, are called Long Range Planning Sessions. This is a time for the LSA to assess our board ends policies, the goals of the school and where we want to be as a ministry. It is a time to ensure that our vision for the future can be broken down into verifiable goals and to make sure that it is accurately reflecting the mission of the school. It is a brainstorming session where each party has input, and where we seek counsel from some of those closest to the school. During the Long Range Planning Sessions, our School Board President Mike Atwood and I presented statistical information regarding grades, enrollment trends, and feedback from parents, as well as information on other area schools. The meetings proved productive, and really gave us a clear picture of where we need to be focusing. We want to be excellent for the good and future of our children. Thank you for your partnership in this educational process!



FOR YOUR HEALTH...



From Mrs. Karsten, RN

ANY medication needed to be taken during school hours must be kept in the office and must be accompanied by an authorization form signed by the doctor and parent. This includes ALL over the counter medications. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any meds found in pockets, backpacks, etc will be taken and sent to office.

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

This includes:

9th Grade Physicals

12 Grade Meningitis Immunization

I have sent the 1st 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.

Homecoming

October 5th - 9th is Homecoming week. There will be dress up days each day along with several activities. (This info will be provided in a separate email to all students K-8.) The theme is *Around The World* and the kids have come up with great ideas for decorations. If you'd like to help decorate, make snacks, or contribute in any way, service hours are available. Please call the office and sign up anytime before Homecoming week.

Friday, October 9th Activities:

1:50 PM - Homecoming Pep Assembly

5:00 PM - Catered dinner under the tent

5:00 PM - Powderpuff Football Game

7:00 PM - Varsity Football Game VS Arthur

Homecoming Court will be recognized at halftime of the varsity football game.



Saturday, October 10th at 8:00PM is the Dance with Coronation being at 8:15PM and parents are welcome to stay and take pictures until 8:30PM. The dance will end at 11:00PM. Tickets will be available through October 5th for \$10.00.

Driver's Education

Students who are at least 15 years of age or will be turning 15 no later than December 1st are eligible for the fall session of driver's education class.

Students must have passed at least 8 courses over the previous 2 semesters (this includes 8th grade courses if your student is a freshman). A list of LSA students eligible for driver's education has been sent to both MacArthur and Eisenhower High Schools. Students will take driver's education early in the morning at the district high school where they reside. More information will be coming home at a later date for those students eligible to take driver's education beginning in mid-October.



College Information

Notes from the Guidance Counselor... As you may know, I have either met or have made initial contact with all seniors to schedule appointments to discuss college planning.

Things we discuss are ACT testing/scores, possible careers, possible colleges, graduation requirements, and how to obtain scholarships. I am encouraging each senior to apply for at least three scholarships this year. ISAC will be here October 19th at 11:15 AM to help with college applications. Students should have an idea of where they want to apply. There is a College Fair at the DISC on October 13th at 8:30 AM for all seniors.

After filing tax returns for 2015, families may come in for help completing the FAFSA - the first step in applying for college. Seniors in Mrs. Bryant's English class will be working on college essays next week. Ask to read your student's!

If you have any questions or would like information, please contact me at anolen@lsadecatur.net. I am here to help.

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest. ~Author unknown

Weekly Service Projects

Starting in September we will be having weekly service projects. Each week on Tuesday at 10:00AM there will be a group of students going to the LSA ReSale Shop. These students will help as needed, such as, sorting and stocking shelves.

Each week on Thursday at 1:30 PM, there will be students going to Hickory Point Christian Village. Here the students will participate in visiting with the residents, playing board and card games, and doing crafts during their time there.

Just a reminder that every student needs 20 hours of community service which can be done at school, through community organizations, at the churches, or even at home. Students need to fill out a service hour form and turn it into the office each time they complete a service project.

ACT [®] Important Information	
Testing Date	Registration Deadline
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016

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

Upcoming College Visits being held at LSA in the lunchroom.

Parents are encouraged to attend.

- SIUE - September 23rd at 8:15 AM
- Concordia Chicago - October 8th at 12:00 and 12:45 PM
- Richland Community College - October 26th at 1:15 PM