



# GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Faithfully Equipping the Next Generation

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**“Rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” Colossians 2:7**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### SOME GOOD NEWS TO CELEBRATE

**Mrs. Prange named educator of the year by the Lemay Chamber of Commerce:**

On March 29, Mrs. Prange received recognition by the Lemay Chamber of Commerce as our Educator of the Year from Green Park Lutheran School. Each year the Lemay Chamber recognizes teachers from the eleven schools in Lemay. A nice buffet dinner was provided at Genesis Banquet Center for Debbie and several guests. Pictures of the event were posted on the Green Park Lutheran School Face Book page. We know all of our teachers do a fantastic job and it great to see our community honor some of them. Congratulations Mrs. Prange!

Rooted in Him,

Gary Spieler  
Principal

### PRAYERS FOR SUCCESS ON OUR GRANT

A few weeks ago we submitted a grant application to supply iPads to enhance our leveled reading program and reading instruction starting with our Kindergarten, and in the following years, first, and then second grade. We received news that out of fifty schools that applied, we were chosen as one of the eighteen finalists. Next Friday, April 20, we will have several visitors conducting a site visit to determine if our application is appropriate and if we fit the grant criteria. Mrs. Ashlyn Cunningham along with Ms. Torbeck, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Prange and several others on our staff have worked to compile the information needed to submit this application for the grant. The grant is funded by the Innovative Technology Education Fund. They will fund up to \$15,000. If we receive this grant, the Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis will also match up to \$3000. I ask you to lift up GPLS and this entire process in prayer as we continue to move our programs forward.

### EAT AT CHICK-FIL-A - NEXT WEDNESDAY-APRIL 18

Our April Eat & Earn is at the Arnold Chick-fil-A Wednesday, April 18! Chick-fil-A will donate 10% of total the total sales received from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Flyers are not required for the evening, but please remember to share with your family and friends. Eat in or Dine-out, either way it's a great benefit for our school! We hope you will join us!

### LITERACY NIGHT CAMPOUT - BIG SUCCESS

Our first Literacy Night Campout was a success! We read stories with our parents and friends in tents with flashlights. Camped by the campfire and enjoyed the different crafts and snacks during the evening! Many thanks to PTO for sponsoring this special event.

### BOX TOP CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to Miss Gieseke's 3rd Grade Class - our Spring Contest Champions, collecting a total of 1,292 Box Tops! Here are our final class totals: Torbeck 135, Meyer 877, Prange 378, Stenbeck 671, Huster 1,244, Cibulka 490, Rueckert 69, Rusert 761 and Schiller 316. Grand total collected for this contest = 6,558 Box Tops = \$6,55.80! Very cool indeed! We thank everyone for their participation!

### MARKET DAY

May Market Day flyers are available now! Place your order *online* at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) using your charge card and be a step ahead!!! Be sure to enter the GPLS code **24637** when placing your order or you can complete the paper order form in the catalog and return to the school office. Order sheets are due to the school office by Friday, 4/20, with internet orders due by 11:00 p.m., Wednesday, 4/25. Pick-up is Tuesday, 5/1 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in Room #201 in the Elementary Wing. If you have any questions regarding our Market Day program, please contact Debbie Wolf at 772-1640 or Cynthia Truemper at 845-1888.

### SPRING UNIFORM FITTING DATES NEXT WEEK!

**Just Me Apparel** - Monday, April 16, from 2:30-5:30 in Room 100.

**Dot the I Embroidery** - Wednesday - Friday, April 18-20, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in Room 100

As we look ahead to next year, all uniform polo shirts are to be embroidered with our Green Park Logo, and should be purchased from our uniform vendors listed in our handbook. Students may not wear shirts that are not embroidered. If students wish, they may also purchase a sweatshirt, v-neck or crew neck sweater to wear in cooler weather. No other sweaters or sweatshirts will be allowed. All uniform information is located on our website!

### STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON - TUESDAY, MAY 8

Green Park's Annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon hosted by PTO will be **Tuesday, May 8**, between 10:50 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Parents! This is our chance to show how much we value our teachers and staff for the wonderful, Christian love, patience, enthusiasm and encouragement they give to our children each day, not to mention the exceptional education provided to them.

### HERE'S WHAT WE NEED AND HOW YOU CAN HELP!

We will need enough main dishes (casseroles), salads, vegetable dishes and irresistible desserts for approximately 40 people. Please consider providing a dish for this luncheon to make it special! We will also need volunteers for classroom coverage, set-up, serving, and clean-up. If you would like to volunteer your time or a delicious food item please fill out the bottom portion of the attached form and return to the office by next Friday, April 20, 2012. Classroom volunteers will receive a confirmation email, along with their teacher's lunch time. For questions or more information, please contact Kathy Lind at [lindbk@charter.net](mailto:lindbk@charter.net).

### SCHOOL LUNCH UPDATES

It is with great excitement we share the latest updates in our school lunch menus. In an effort to take a more proactive approach, our vendor Aramark has made some changes to our students' choices offering more choices and healthier options. In addition to hearing our comments and due to the USDA's encouragement of creating better options for our children, we now have some new and exciting changes to the menus. Take a closer look with your children to discuss:

1. Each day there will still be 2 hot lunch options.
2. In addition to those hot options, students can choose from PBJ, salad bar OR a new optional assorted sandwiches or salads (see bottom of calendar for daily choices for April).
3. Assorted fruit and vegetables will be available EVERYDAY. 4 fruit choices, 4 vegetable choices.
4. With the hot lunch students can choose 2 side items with those lunches. Additional sides of fruit, vegetables and snacks will still be \$.55.

Please keep in mind this increase in options for your children. While prices have not increased, it's important for everyone to understand how students will be charged for these additional choices. Thank you to those parents willing to be part of this lunch discussion. We will measure the success of these changes throughout the spring and connect with you to evaluate. Thanks for your patience and happy eating!

Can't find your April Menu? It's on the website!

## SCRIP NEWS

Upcoming Scrip Order Dates: Due: Friday, April 27 by 2:30 p.m.

Delivery: Friday, May 4 - (The order form is included with the Green Sheet.)

We have a small supply of \$100 Walgreens gift cards remaining in the office. Please consider purchasing one as you think about shopping or refilling prescriptions at Walgreens! As a reminder, you earn 6% on each Walgreens card purchased.

New to ScripNow! is Staples. ScripNow! retailers are those who will electronically send gift certificates so you can use them immediately. Along with Staples, ScripNow! retailers include Applebee's, Barnes & Noble, Bass Pro Shops, Home Depot, iTunes, JCPenney, Kmart, Lowe's, O'Charley's, and Old Navy, along with many others.

If you have any questions about Scrip, or your Scrip balance, please e-mail Sara at [sarahopfer@att.net](mailto:sarahopfer@att.net).

## SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for Summer Camp opportunities or sport camps? Be sure and stop in the school office. New this week - St. Paul's, Des Peres, Sports Camps, Lutheran Junior Golf Camp, Camp Wartburg & Heit's Point Summer Camps!

## LADY VIKING VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Volleyball Camp will be held July 10, 11 & 12. There will be 2 sessions.

Session 1: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for incoming 5th & 6th grade

Session 2: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. for incoming 7th & 8th grade

Each camp session is limited to 20 participants. Location for the camp has yet to be determined. We are hoping for Green Park, but could possibly be held at another location. Cost for the camp is \$40 and includes camp shirt.

To register or for more information please contact Phil Griffith at [griffith.philip@gmail.com](mailto:griffith.philip@gmail.com) or 314-566-9106.

## LUTHERAN SOUTH SPRING EVENTS

Spring Musical - Friday & Saturday, April 20 & 21, 7:30 p.m. "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown." Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students.

Jazz Band Concert - Friday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. @ LHSS

Band Concert - Friday, May 4, 7:30 p.m. (features Wind Symphony, Concert Band and Junior Winds) @ Concordia Lutheran Church - Concordia Center

Choir Concert - "On Broadway Performance", Saturday, May 5, 7:30 p.m. @ LHSS

For more information please contact Jayne Lauer, Director of Admissions & Community Relations at 631-2842, ext. 426.

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS FOR GREEN PARK

Are you a Thrivent Financial for Lutheran policy holder? Eligible benefit members of Thrivent can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable outreach funds through Choice DollarsSM. Choice Dollars allows you to allocate funds to any non-profit program sponsored by Thrivent. Green Park is one of those non-profit organizations. **ACT NOW! Take these quick, easy steps to help direct your Choice Dollars:**

1. Visit "Thrivent.com/thriventchoice" (If you prefer, you may also call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice".) If you are not already registered, you will need to do so before allocating your Choice Dollars.
2. Click on "Get Started" under the "How Do I Direct My Designated Choice Dollars?" Search for the organization (Green Park Lutheran School) to direct your designated amount of Choice Dollars for 2011. If you wish, you may also set up a recurring donation. **2011 Choice Dollars expire on March 31.** Only you can help direct these designated Choice Dollars!! If you have any questions, contact Ann Anderson or Mark Torbeck.

## CHAPEL OFFERINGS TO ASSIST FEED MY PEOPLE

Our Chapel Offerings for March, April & May will benefit Feed My People! **"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to eat, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35** The main mission of Feed My People is to assist with emergency and long-term food help, but their organization offers assistance in many different areas and programs. Please prayerfully consider donating to this special charity! For more information about FMP, please visit their website at [www.feed-my-people.org](http://www.feed-my-people.org).

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

4/18	8:30 a.m. Chapel/LOGO Shirt Day 3:45 p.m. Faculty Meeting 5:00-8:00 p.m. Eat @ Chick-fil-A
4/20	Mid-Quarter 4 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 6th Grade Visitation @ LHSS 1:30 p.m. 8th Grade Dress Rehearsal for K-7 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Dinner Theatre
4/25	8:30 Chapel/Character Trait Awards
4/26	8:30-10:30 a.m. 6th-8th Grade Band @ LHSS/Combined Practice 7:30 p.m. 6th-8th Band Concert @ LHSS
4/27	Spirit Day
4/29	9:00 a.m. Green Park Sunday @ Gethsemane
5/2	8:30 a.m. Faith Family-Can Castle Building Contest Field Day
5/4	7:30 p.m. Junior Winds Concert @ LHSS
5/7	7:00 p.m. 5th Grade Band Combined Practice 7:00 PTO Meeting
5/8	10:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting
5/9	8:30 a.m. Chapel 7:30 p.m. 5th Grade Band Concert @ LHSS

## ATHLETIC CALENDAR

### TRACK SCHEDULE

4/14	Green Park Relays @ LHSS (7/8)	8:00
	Green Park Relays @ LHSS (5/6)	1:00
4/16	Practice Green Park	3:15-5:00
4/17	Viking Team Meet Green Park	3:30-5:30 (Running Events)
4/19	Viking Team Meet Green Park	3:30-5:30 (Field Events)
4/20	Practice Green Park	3:15-5:00
4/23	Practice Green Park	3:15-5:00
4/24	Practice Green Park	3:15-5:00
4/26	Practice Green Park	3:15-5:00
4/27	Practice Green Park	3:15-5:00
4/28	South Regional Meet @ LHSS	8:00 (Seniors) 1:00 (Juniors)

## CAMP WARTBURG'S - 43rd ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER

Join us Tuesday, April 29, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Camp Wartburg's 43rd Annual Chicken Dinner. \$9.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for Children ages 5-12. Children under 5 eat free. While you're dining, please check out our 2012 Summer Camp information. For more information please call 618-939-7715.