



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

Spring has sprung, some things to think about

As the school year draws to an end and spring activities catch our attention I have a few encouragements and thoughts for you as parents.

1. Spring activities and sports can be too much of a good thing. Remember to stay focused during this last month of school. Projects and homework need to be done well.
2. Children are, well, they're children. They need adult guidance and support to make sensible, Godly, and productive decisions. Don't be afraid to be a parent. **No** is not necessarily a bad word. Children can't always find balance between, activities, sports, school, church, family, meals, etc. They need parents to guide and help.
3. Keep your faith strong. As I talk to families who have lost a loved one, none get comfort over fishing trips, camping weekends, or ball games. It is their faith in Jesus and the comfort they receive from fellow believers and dedicated pastors that pull them through grief.]
4. Keep sports in the proper perspective. Sports are great... they teach so much in a fun and healthy environment. But, don't let your child over-do it. The following links lead you to articles and discussions on exercise, injury prevention, diet, and plain old common sense from national groups of orthopedic surgeons and pediatricians.
<http://www.stopsportsinjuries.org/>
<http://health.universityofcalifornia.edu/2010/04/27/stopping-sports-injuries/>
5. Keep the fun in it. If activities are no longer fun or rewarding, maybe you need to re-think their priority in your life.

Enjoy spring and all that God gives us in his creation.

Rooted in Him,

Gary Spieler, Principal

ROTARY CLUB INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Tori Harrison! Tori received the *Rotary Club International of South County, Student of the Month* for May. Tori, along with her parents will be recognized and receive her award Wednesday, May 9, at a luncheon held at Roberto's Trattoria. Congratulations Tori!

MARKET DAY

Market Day 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.

CAN CASTLES – FOOD DRIVE

On Wednesday, **May 2**, at 8:30 a.m., before we begin our Field Day activities, each Faith Family will build a **free-standing Can Castle** in the gym. All items collected will be donated to Feed My People Food Pantry, as part of our April/May Chapel offerings. Don't forget - **Wednesday, May 2**, please bring in canned or boxed (non-perishable) (please – no glass) food items to their Faith Family for castle building.

EAT AT MCALISTER'S DELI - WEDNESDAY-MAY 16

Our May Eat & Earn is at McAlister's Deli on Wednesday, May 16. McAlister's will donate 15% of total the total sales received from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Flyers are required for Green Park to receive credit. Flyers will come home next week with the Green Sheet attachments. Please remember to share with your family, friends and neighbors. Eat in or carry-out, either way it's a great benefit for our school! We hope you will join us!

FIELD DAY IS COMING - NEXT WEDNESDAY - MAY 2

Yikes! Field Day is here! Do you remember how much fun it was last year!?!? This year promises to be just as exciting! This event is one of the student's favorites, so you don't want to miss out!

When: **Wednesday, May 2, 2012**

Where: The entire campus!

What time: We will start with Faith Families building their can castles (**don't forget your canned and boxed food items**) at 8:20 a.m., do a short devotion, and the Field Day events will begin around 9:30 a.m. We will be finished by 2:00. We will gather in the gym after everyone finishes.

LUNCH REMINDER: Everyone should bring a lunch and drink—we will be eating with our Faith Families! Hot lunch will not be served.

DRESS CODE FOR FIELD DAY: Theme Shirts (or Christian T-Shirts) and sweatpants/athletic shorts.

HOW CAN YOU HELP!?!?

We will have 15 stations for the students. I would love to have 2 parents for each station. Some stations will be games and activities, some will be break stations. The parents who helped last year had a great time. I look forward to seeing some familiar faces as well as some new ones!! If you can't come up, but would like to make a donation, we will need freeze-pops for one of our snack stations. You can bring them, unfrozen, to the office by Monday, April 30. Volunteer forms were emailed separately on Thursday. If you would like to volunteer, please return the bottom portion of the volunteer form to Mrs. Schiller as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Schiller at angie.schiller@greenparklutherschool.org.

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.

PULLTAB CONTEST BEGINS TODAY

Which classroom will collect the most pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House? Our contest begins today and will end Friday, May 11. All pull tabs should be brought in a Ziploc baggie and turned in to your homeroom teacher. The class collecting the most pull tabs will win a special treat!

FINAL BOX TOP CHALLENGE!

Our final Box Top Challenge begins today! This one is short and sweet! All Box Tops must be turned in by Friday, May 7. The class that collects the most will receive a Gus' Pretzel Party! Extra collection sheets are available in the information center by the office. Please remember - Bonus Box Tops should not be attached to the collection sheet, but sent in separately. We really appreciate the support this year! Let's see if we can go over the \$2,000 for the school year! Good luck!

SCRIP NEWS

FINAL Scrip Order Date: Due: Friday, May 11, by 2:30 p.m.

Delivery: Friday, May 18 - (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 sara.hopfer@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 or 314-566-9106.

LUTHERAN SOUTH SPRING EVENTS

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.

GETHSEMANE BBQ THIS WEEKEND

Join us Friday, April 27 from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. or Saturday 4/28 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Gethsemane's BBQ. There will be chicken, bratwurst, pulled pork and pork steaks. Meals include your choice of 1 or 2 sides. Carry-out or dine in! For more information contact Beth Berner at 574-4548.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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 p.m. 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
5/11	Last Day for Church Choir
5/12	LSAM Track Meet
5/14	12:30-2:00 p.m. - 4th Grade Band Recruitment
5/15	7:00 p.m. Strings Cookie Concert
5/16	8:30 a.m. 8th Grade Chapel & Awards Assembly - Character Awards 4:00-9:00 p.m. Eat @ McAlister's Deli Last Day for 5th-8th Grade Band/Choir/Music Appreciation
5/17-18	8th Grade Class Trip
5/18	Spirit Day
5/23	7:00 p.m. Kindergarten Closing Service
5/24	12:00 p.m. - 8th Grade 1/2 Day
5/25	10:30 a.m. - Closing Chapel (Last Day of School for Grades 1-7) 11:30 a.m. - Early Dismissal 6:30 p.m. - 8th Grade Graduation Group Picture 7:00 p.m. - 8th Grade Graduation

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

TRACK SCHEDULE

4/30	Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
5/1	Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
5/3	City Championship	@ LHS-SC	TBA
5/8	*Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
5/10	*Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
*Practice is only for those students that qualify in their events			
5/12	State Track Meet	@ LHSN	TBA
5/15	*Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
5/17	*Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
5/19	*Pentathlon	@ LHS-SC	TBA

*These practices & meet are only for 7th & 8th graders who qualify.

SUMMER CAMP AT PEACE

Peace Lutheran Church will be offering a summer camp beginning in May for children ages 5 to 13. There will be several field trips each week that include Grant's Farm, St. Louis Zoo, bowling, swimming, crafts and more. Meals are included. Summer Camp is available from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Sue Velton at 892-8844 or email at earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org. Forms are available in the school office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT PEACE

Join us for an "Amazing Desert Journey - Where Jesus Leads Us Home!" Vacation Bible School is June 11-15, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per child (not to exceed \$45 per family, and includes t-shirt, CD and crafts!) For registration or more information, please contact the church office at 892-5610! We hope you will join us!