



GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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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

Salt and Light

Jesus calls us Christians to be “salt and light.” We are to flavor our world and to illuminate the truths of the Bible in our daily life. Too many times it is the opposite. Our world influences us counter to the Biblical truths. I subscribe to a daily devotion from the Lutheran Hour Ministries, and just this week, two of the devotions really emphasized the forces working against our Christian beliefs. They are too long to fully publish here, but go to these links to read them, you may even want to subscribe to get devotions daily through an email.

<http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp?date=20111213>

<http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp?date=20111214>

Here are two real examples of how our world tells us our beliefs are wrong and that we are on the outside of society. It is not easy to be a Christian. Frequently I’m asked, “Why should I send my child to a Christian school?” While we can’t and don’t shelter our students from everything in the world, we also have the privilege and duty to instruct them in the ways of the Bible and equip them to deal with the struggles of living in this world. **In our school your child is well known, well loved, and well taught.** That’s why you send your child to GPLS with the assurance that these attributes are happening on a daily basis and that Jesus is the center of what we do and teach.

As Christmas rapidly approaches, remember **the baby in the manger** calls you and me to be “**salt and light**” to our world. May God bless you in that endeavor!

Have a Blessed Christmas knowing you are rooted in Him.

Gary Spieler
Principal

2011 GEOGRAPHY BEE CHAMPION

Congratulations to Josh Bohall (8H) our 2011 Geography Bee Champion and Runner-up, Jake Hummel (5H). All the participants did an outstanding job! Josh will now move on the next level and take a Geography test, and if he places in the top 100 scores in the state, will qualify to participate in the State Geography Bee in 2012. Good luck Josh!

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY - DECEMBER 21

Please join us Wednesday, December 21, 9:00 am for our Christmas Assembly chapel service in the gymnasium. We will enjoy performances from our band, strings and choir as we celebrate the coming Savior. Everyone is welcome! Students are invited to enjoy Christmas attire including dresses and festive shirts, sweaters and sweatshirts with uniform pants, shorts or jeans.

5th & 6th GRADE BASKETBALL BEGINS IN JANUARY

Practices/Try-outs will start on Thursday, January 5. A note was sent home this week with the boys and girls. Please be sure that you have the Athletic Physical and Parent Permission Form filled out and turned into Mr. Rusert. Any past due athletic fees must be paid before your child can play. We are looking forward to a great season! Go Vikings!

CHRISTMAS BREAK

A reminder to everyone that Wednesday, December 21, is an 11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal day. Child care will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Children attending after school care should bring a lunch and drink. School will not be in session during Christmas Break, December 22 through January 3. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4. On behalf of the faculty and staff we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

NO GREEN SHEET NEXT WEEK

There will be no Green Sheet published next Wednesday, December 21. The next edition will be published Friday, January 6!

EARLY ENROLLMENT CONTINUES

Thank you for sending your children to Green Park. We love each and every one of our students - what a pleasure it is to share God's love in our education! We are now enrolling for the 2012-2013 school year. Early enrollment applications received on or before January 20 are \$100, after the 20th enrollment is \$200. The forms have been sent home, are online and are listed below. Please note: We need all completed forms with the check in order to consider it complete. Please take association church endorsement forms to your church representative or pastor. Questions? Contact kelly.pfund@greenparklutherschool.org.

PROSPECTIVE FAMILY TOURS

Know of a friend considering Christian education? Invite them to tour Green Park! Prior to our early enrollment deadline January 20, we will be hosting the following meet & greets for prospective families. Please consider inviting a friend/colleague/neighbor/etc. to come visit. We will tour the campus, share more about our curriculum and offer light refreshments.

Friday, January 6, 1:30-3:00 pm

Thursday, January 12, 11:30-1:00 pm (includes light lunch)

Wednesday, January 18, 8:30 chapel, 9:00-10:30 am

To RSVP or to schedule private tours contact Katy Schmitt
katy.schmitt@greenparklutherschool.org.

WE'RE PUMPED. ARE YOU?

There's a buzz in the air here on campus...and it's not just the Christmas buzz...it's for our AUCTION! While it's scheduled for February 10, 2012, plans are in full swing. The more involved, the lighter the load - plus our children benefit! The more we raise, the better our improvements for curriculum and technology can be. Here are a few ways you can get involved...won't you consider?

- Bring in a decent bottle of wine - \$15 or better for our wine pull
- Visit an auction tree near the office or kindergarten room for suggested donation ideas
- Ask a local business for a gift certificate donation
- Offer up your condo for a fun weekend
- Attend the next auction meeting (bring a \$5/\$10 gift card for the grab bags)—**Monday, December 19, 7:00 pm**
- Simply sell your share of raffle tickets - \$20 worth (Note-for every 20-affle tickets sold and received by Monday, December 19, your child's name will be entered into a drawing to receive a \$20 Target Gift Cards. 3 names will be drawn during the Christmas Assembly on Wednesday, December 21.)
- Share your Cardinals tickets or big ticket items
- Plan to attend - put it on your calendar and invite your family & friends
- Share this message with a grandparent

Thanks to all of you who have been participating in the efforts. We can't wait for the fun event and to better our ministry and help our school.

"ARE YOU PROUD OF YOUR COUNTRY" - ESSAY WINNER

Congratulations to our very own, Meredith Meyer, 7th grade. In October, the middle school students each wrote an essay entitled, "Are You Proud of Your Country?" The essay was part of a writing contest about patriotism which was sponsored by the VFW in Arnold, MO. Locally, Meredith's essay was chosen for second place. She attended an awards ceremony on Tuesday, December 13, where she was presented with a certificate, backpack and a monetary gift. Her essay will now move on to the next level. Meredith, we are proud of you and pray for your continued success. Congratulations!

CHURCH CHOIR SCHEDULE

Christ Memorial Junior Choir will sing Wednesday, December 21, at the 5:00 p.m. Advent service. Please arrive by 4:40 p.m. and meet in room 208. We will also sing Christmas Eve at the 3:00 p.m. service. Please arrive in Room 208 by 2:30 p.m. See you there.

The **Christ Memorial Cherub Choir** (grades 1-3) will sing on December 24, for the 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Please meet in the Worship Preparation Room 15 minutes before the service begins.

WELCOME MRS. HOPFER

Mrs. Sara Hopfer has joined our faculty and staff this month as a teacher's aide for our 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms. You may know her from volunteering in our office or at Peace. Mrs. Hopfer studied Computer Science at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, and is bringing some extra help to our classrooms. Please be sure to say hi when you see the new face around campus!

EAT AT T.G.I. FRIDAYS DECEMBER 21

Our next Eat & Earn Night is Wednesday, December 21, from 11:00 a.m. to close at T.G.I. Friday's in South County. T.G. I. Friday's will donate 10% of the total food sales generated by our supporters to Green Park! **Flyers are included with the Green Sheet attachments!** Don't forget to order your T.G.I. Friday's gift cards through Scrip, and earn money for your family and Green Park. Invite your family, friends and neighbors, and enjoy an evening without cooking!

MARKET DAY

Did you receive your January Market Day flyer? If not, stop by the school office and pick one up today! Place your [online order](http://www.marketday.com) at www.marketday.com using your charge card and be a step ahead!!! Enter the GPLS code **24637** when placing your order or you can complete the paper order form in the catalog. Paper order forms are due to the office by Wednesday, December 21. Internet orders are due by 11:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 28. Pick-up is Thursday, January 5, from 3:00-4:00 pm 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.

SHARE A VIEWBOOK

Green Park's 2012 View Book is in! Come by the office (or request one to be sent home) and see what our latest brochure/View Book looks like. If you know of a friend/colleague/neighbor considering Christian education, please take one to share. We would love to share the great news of our ministry with others!

BOX TOP CONTEST

Our Box Top Contest officially ended today! Winners will be announced in the Green Sheet on January 6. The class that collected the most Box Tops will receive a class Pizza Party. Good luck everyone!

SCRIP CORNER

A reminder to our families that we will not offer Scrip Sales in the 4 Association Churches on Sunday, December 25 and January 1. We will resume sales on Sunday, January 8, 2012. If you need to purchase any Dierbergs, Shop 'n Save, Walgreens or Wal-Mart (Sam's Club) scrip cards please stop in the school office before the last day of school, Wednesday, December 21, 2011."

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

12/19	Papa Johns Pizza, Green Beans and Pears
12/20	Chicken Nuggets w/Roll, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy and Cinnamon Apples
12/21	No Hot Lunch Served—11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal
1/4	Chicken Patty on Bun or Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Corn and Pears
1/5	Tomato Soup w/Toasted Cheese Sandwich or Soft Pretzel w/Cheese Peas and Pineapple
1/6	Tony's Pepperoni Pizza or Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Roll, Mashed Potatoes and Mixed Fruit

SCHOOL CALENDAR

12/21	9:00 a.m. Christmas Assembly 11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal - Christmas Break Begins 11:00 a.m. to Close - Eat & Earn - T.G.I. Friday's End of 2nd Quarter
12/22-1/3	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
1/4	Classes Resume 8:30 a.m. Faith Families Report Cards Home
1/6	Green Park Basketball Tournament
1/6-7	7:00 p.m. PTO/Auction Meeting
1/9	8:30 a.m. Spelling Bee (Grades 5-8) 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting
1/10	8:30 a.m. Chapel
1/11	11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal
1/13	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
1/16	

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Viking Boys (A1) Basketball 7-8th

12/19	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
12/20	Game	vs. River Roads	5:45
12/22	Practice	Green Park	10:00-12:00
12/27	Practice	Green Park	10:00-12:00
12/29	Practice	Green Park	10:00-12:00
1/3	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
1/5	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
1/5-7	Tournament @ St. Mark's-Eureka		TBA
1/9	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
1/10	Game	vs. SPDP	1:45
1/12	Game	@ CCLS	4:15
1/13-14	Tournament	@ Jeff City	TBA

Viking Girls Basketball 5-6th

1/5	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
1/6	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
1/9	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
1/10	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30

Viking (B1) Boys Basketball 5-6th

1/5	Practice/Try-outs	Peace	5:00-6:30
1/6	Practice/Try-outs	Peace	5:00-6:30
1/9	Practice	Peace	5:00-7:00
1/12	Practice	Peace	5:00-6:30

Viking (B2) Boys Basketball 5-6th

1/5	Practice/Try-outs	Peace	5:00-6:30
1/6	Practice/Try-outs	Peace	5:00-6:30
1/10	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
1/12	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00

LUTHERAN SOUTH MUSIC CONCERT

The Music Department at Lutheran High School South announces their Christmas Choir Concert, Sunday, December 18, 7:00 p.m. in the Kuhlmann Center at LHSS. The community is invited to attend.

CAMP WARTBURG TRIVIA NIGHT

Camp Wartburg's 2nd Annual Trivia Night is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2012, in the Dining Hall at Camp Wartburg with games beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tables of 8-10 @ \$10 per person. To reserve your table or for more information please contact theresa_thorburg@lcls.org or call 618-939-7715 ext. 11.