



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

The 2012 GPLS Auction

A Great evening rooted in faith, fun, and fellowship!

While our 2012 auction is history, I wanted to thank everyone who attended the auction, bid on items, donated items, or helped in any way. A huge **THANK YOU** also goes to our many volunteers headed by April Baese and Joan Wantland. Gathered together we celebrated our roots of faith in Jesus; many of those roots were nurtured at Green Park Lutheran School. As we talked and connected with friends, or made new friends, we discovered our mutual connections to Green Park and its ministry. I hope you enjoyed the evening as much as I enjoyed it.

While we are still awaiting all of our bills and final funding totals, we anticipate net proceeds to be around \$47,000. Final decisions on spending of these funds will be made in the spring when we have a clearer idea of exact totals and our needs.

Rooted in Faith,

Gary Spieler
Principal

Morning Drop Off—A Safety Reminder!

If you drop-off your student of any age before 7:55 a.m., please only take them to the child care door by the back parking lot. Students must check-in at child care so they are supervised properly. Recently we have had more children not going to child care, but hanging out in halls and bathrooms, this is not a good practice. We'll keep outside doors locked until 7:55 a.m. to help your child remember to go to child care.

NO SCHOOL FEBRUARY 17 & 20

School will not be in session Friday, February 17 and Monday, February 20. Friday our teachers will be attending the Lutheran Elementary School Association In-Service, and Monday is the observance of President's day! Enjoy the extended weekend with your family!

EAT AT CHEVYS - FEBRUARY 21

Our February Eat & Earn is Tuesday, 2/21, at Chevys, 12466 Tesson Ferry Road in South County. Present the attached flyer from 4:00-10:00 p.m. and Chevys will donate 15% of the total food sales generated by our supporters to Green Park! Invite your family, friends and neighbors and we raise money for our school! We hope to see you there!

GREEN PARK WINTER FINE ARTS CONCERT

Green Park invites you to their upcoming Winter Concert Tuesday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Green Park. The concert will feature performances by the Green Park Junior and Intermediate Strings, Middle School Choir and 5-8th Grade Bands. We hope you will join us for a wonderful evening of music and praise!

SPRING MUSICAL - “A TALE OF THREE TREES”

Kindergarten with Grades 1 and 2, present the musical, “The Tale of Three Trees.” Follows the adventures of Annabelle, who dreams of holding great treasure; Bud, who longs to become a mighty ship; and Gabrielle, who just wants to stay in the forest and point people toward God. Through the eyes of Woody, the woodcutter; Stump, who is rooted in puns; and Woodworth, the tree of knowledge, we are reminded that even when we can't see the forest for the trees, there is no prayer that is too small for God. Join us for our 2 performances Friday, March 2, at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU TO OUR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the student volunteers at the auction Friday night! You were a big help and I appreciate you being there to support Green Park!

6th Graders: Emma Hopfer, Abby Welker, Aidan McMurry and Max Schiller
7th Graders: Ashley Hummert, Natalie Hammon, Matthew Chapman and Mitchel Pagano

8th Graders: Sydney Neiter, Monica Obradovic and Andrew Torbeck
LHSS Alumni: Elizabeth Kirkman, Garrett Pagano and Alex Schiller

DRESS CODE REMINDER FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Just a reminder as we look ahead to next year that 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. We will be in touch with you regarding a spring Uniform Fitting Day coming in April!

MARKET DAY

Don't forget your March Market Day! Place your *online order* at 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 Tuesday 2/21, with internet orders due by 11:00 p.m., Wednesday, 2/22. Pick-up is Tuesday, 2/28, 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.

EAST AFRICA DROUGHT - CAN YOU HELP?

East Africa is suffering the worst drought in 60 years. More than 11 million people are suffering with widespread food shortages. January and February chapel offerings will be going to Lutheran World Relief to help. Checks may be made to LCMS World Relief and Human Care.

GREEN PARK STUDENTS SHINE AT LHSS

Our former Green Park students continue to shine at Lutheran South. Of our 90 former Green Park students enrolled at LHSS, 60% were included on the LHSS First Semester Honor Roll. We congratulate Elizabeth Kirkman, Garrett Pagano, Nicholas Taylor, Natalie Doskal, Trevor Jost, Brendan Murphy, and Lauren Dalton; these seven students received “Honors with Highest Distinction” (4.0 GPA). Of the four freshmen at Lutheran South with a 4.0 GPA, three were former Green Park students. We congratulate each of our former Green Park students for their academic achievements!

SCRIP NEWS

Upcoming Scrip Order Dates: Friday, 2/24 – Delivery: 3/2

New to Scrip! You can now charge your scrip cards and/or orders using your MasterCard, Visa and Discover. All charge purchases must be made in person in the school office. A 2% fee will be added to all charges.

A scrip order form is included with the Green Sheet this week. Please note, Baskin Robbins is no longer available, but we have added Papa Murphy's Pizza to our order form.

A reminder that the remaining inventory of Wal-Mart cards has sold out. All Wal-Mart cards should now be ordered through Great Lakes Scrip.

If you have any questions about Scrip or your Scrip balance, please e-mail Sara at sara.hopfer@att.net.

NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS!

For your convenience Green Park is now able to accept MasterCard, VISA or Discover for any payments! If you would like to put payments on a card please see Ann Anderson, Business Administrator Monday, Wednesday or Fridays between 7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. A 2% fee will be added to all charges.

ABC MUSICAL FESTIVAL RESULTS

We want to recognize the following band students for receiving special honors at the ABC League Music Festival, held on Saturday, February 4. These students performed a solo or ensemble in front of a professional musician and received helpful comments and award medals for their level of participation. We congratulate Ben Zaretsky and Chris Walter for receiving a Superior (I) rating and Noah Peterson, and trio, Jenna Hertlein, Ashley Harness and Kaylea Rezek for receiving an Excellent (II) rating. We congratulate each of you on your outstanding accomplishment!

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Green Park has completed a successful audit as of our fiscal year end, June 30, 2011. If you are interested in a copy of our audited financial statement, please stop by our Business Administrator, Ann Anderson's office Monday, Wednesday or Friday or email ann.anderson@greenparklutherschool.com. A copy can be sent home in your student's folder.

MARIO KART AND PING PONG TOURNAMENT

Christ Memorial Lutheran Church will be holding its 2nd Annual Back Row Ministry Mario Kart and Ping Pong Tournaments. Come Saturday February 25, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. We have beginner, intermediate and advance player slots. Prizes will be awarded! Come Join the fun and excitement!! Contact Sarah Kempf for registration information. 314-267-1177 or email at tandskempf@yahoo.com.

LUTHERAN SOUTH BAND & CHOIR UPCOMING CONCERTS

The LHSS bands will present their Pre-Tour Band Concert on Friday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kuhlmann Center at Lutheran South. The concert is held every year as a warm-up for the annual band tour. The concert will feature the school's Concert Band, Wind Symphony, and Jazz Band.

The LHSS Choirs will present their annual Sacred Concert on Sunday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m., at Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens. The concert will feature music presented by the Concert Choir and Lancers Singers for their tour later in March. The concert will include the LHSS Mixed Chorus.

LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUCTION - A NIGHT FOR KIDS

The ninth annual Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA) Dinner - Auction will be held Friday, April 13, 2012, from 5-10 PM at The Royale Orleans Banquet Center, 2801 Telegraph Rd. Don't miss this opportunity to come together with other Lutheran school supporters! Shop the varied silent auction sections and bid big during the live auction. The evening's special events include a collector's glass sale, an old fashioned lollipop pull, a "Wine and Dine," and a drawing for a 32 GB iPad 2 (drawing tickets available for \$25; need not be present to win). Event tickets are \$55 each, with tables of 8 available. To make a donation to the auction, purchase tickets, or to volunteer, call Melissa Maxfield at 314-268-1525 or visit us at www.lesastl.org. Proceeds to benefit children attending Lutheran elementary schools in the St. Louis metropolitan area through the resources LESA provides and Building Blocks Scholarship Fund.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

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| 2/20 | NO SCHOOL - President's Day |
| 2/21 | Papa John's Pizza, Green Beans & Pears |
| 2/22 | Waffles w/Sausage or Fish Nuggets w/Roll, Potato Starz & Pineapple |
| 2/23 | Loaded Baked Potato or Crispito w/Cheese, Steamed Broccoli & Mandarin Oranges |
| 2/24 | Baked Mostaccioli w/Roll or Hot Ham & Cheese on Bun, Corn & Chocolate Pudding |

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| 2/20 | NO SCHOOL - President's Day |
| 2/21 | 4:00-10:00 p.m. Eat & Earn @ Chevy's Fresh-Mex |
| 2/22 | 8:30 a.m. Chapel |
| 2/24 | Spirit Day |
| 2/28 | 7:30 p.m. Winter Fine Arts Concert |
| 2/29 | 8:30 Chapel - February Character Trait Awards |
| 3/2 | 2:00 & 7:00 p.m. - Spring Musical "A Tale of Three Trees" |
| 3/3 | 8:00 a.m. - LHSS Academic Fair |
| 3/4 | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. NLSW Open House |
| 3/5-3/9 | National Lutheran School's Week |

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Viking Girls Basketball 5-6th

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| 2/16-18 | Tournament @ St. John's-Ellisville | TBA |
| 2/20-25 | Tournament @ Salem-Affton | TBA |
| 2/27 | Game @ Zion | 4:30 |
| 2/28 | Game @ CCLS | 4:15 |
| 3/1 | Game vs. SPDP | 5:00 |
| 3/5 | Practice Green Park | 5:00-6:30 |

Viking (B1) Boys Basketball 5-6th

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| 2/21 | Game vs. Victory Christian | 5:30 |
| 2/24-25 | Tournament @ Bethlehem | TBA |
| 2/27 | Game @ Zion | 5:30 |
| 2/28 | Game @ CCLS | 5:15 |
| 3/1-3 | Tournament @ St. John, Ellisville | TBA |
| 3/5 | Practice Peace | 5:00-6:30 |

Viking (B2) Boys Basketball 5-6th

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| 2/20-25 | Tournament @ Salem, Affton | TBA |
| 2/21 | Game vs. St. John's, Ellisville | 4:30 |
| 2/27 | Game @ Zion | 6:30 |
| 3/1 | Game @ CCLS | 4:00 |
| 3/5 | Practice Green Park | 3:30-5:00 |

FITNESS FIRST FRIDAYS AT THE MAGIC HOUSE!

Children can earn **FREE** admission and take the first step toward a healthy lifestyle at Fitness First Fridays on the first Friday evening of every month from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. Families can stretch their muscles and their minds as they take the 1,000 step circuit through the museum touring hundreds of fun, educational exhibits and looking for "Fit Facts" filled with useful health and nutrition information. Each month will feature a different fitness theme as well as special guests and activities to get families energized about getting fit. Check out www.magichouse.org to complete the monthly challenge sheet in order to receive free admission. February's theme is "Loving our Heart".

CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESENTS... "EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW"

Christ Memorial Lutheran Church invites you to attend *Every Knee Shall Bow*, a Lenten Musical. Performances will be held on Friday March 9 and Saturday March 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 11, at 2:30 p.m. at 5252 S. Lindbergh Boulevard. Tickets are free, with reserved and open seating. The Free tickets are available at the church office at 5252 South Lindbergh Boulevard, Monday through Friday 9:00 am. - 4:00 p.m. or Saturdays and Sundays before services. Tickets may also be reserved for Will Call via our website, www.ChristMemorialStl.org. Visit our website, call the church office at (314) 631-0304 or email tickets@ChristMemorialStl.org for additional information.