



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

Achievement Tests Are Coming! Achievement Tests Are Coming!

During the week of March 12-16, 2012 our students in grades K-7 will be taking the Stanford Achievement Tests. While we don't grade teachers or students on the results of these tests, they are still important. Please avoid missing school for any avoidable reason during that week unless an emergency arises. Being in school, being on time, eating breakfast, and being well rested, are key ingredients to doing well on these tests. Also, the following note was passed on by our LASE teacher, Mrs. Loduca, and gives some great suggestions for helping all students prepare for the SAT's!

- Listen to and read all the directions before starting.
- Read the entire question before answering, doing the same for multiple-choice questions.
- Keep track of time. (For example, 20 questions to be completed in one hour allows three minutes per answer.)
- Answer easy questions first.
- Skip more difficult questions and return to these later. (Often, other parts of the test offer information that helps to answer harder questions.)
- Pay attention to words that change the meaning of the question such as *no*, *not*, *never*, and *always*.
- Use the time available at the end of the test to check work and answers.

Rooted in Him,

Gary Spieler
Principal

MORNING DROP OFF 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.

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!

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

Be sure and reserve your copy of the 2011-2012 Yearbook! Yearbooks are \$16 and sales will run through Friday, March 16. Order forms were sent home this week! Please return your order form and payment to the school office - checks payable to Green Park.

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.

MARKET DAY

Market Day 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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

The Book Fair will be arriving next week. Students will be previewing the fair in Room 100 on Thursday, 3/1 and Friday, 3/2. The Book Fair will be open the following dates:

March 4 - Open House (11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

March 5-9 - Lutheran School's Week (Room 100) Students can bring money to school on the day their class is shopping (teachers will announce this date)

March 8-9 - Muffins for Moms and Donuts for Dads (7:00-8:30 a.m.)

The Book Fair will close on Friday, March 9 at 9:00 a.m.

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. 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 sweat-shirts will be allowed. Flyers and information were emailed home separately!

***Just Me Apparel** will host a Spring Uniform Fitting Day on Monday, April 16, from 2:30-5:30 in Room 100.

***Dot the I Embroidery** will host Spring Try-On dates Wednesday-Friday, April 18-20, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Early Ordering Incentives!

The students have done a great job representing our school in their dress code this year and we look forward to our more unified look next year! We appreciate the parental support received this year regarding dress code changes. If you have any questions regarding the dress code, please don't hesitate to ask.

SCRIP NEWS

Upcoming Scrip Order Dates: Due: Friday, 3/9 - Delivery: 3/16

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.

EAT AT PSGHETTI'S IN MARCH

Our Eat & Earn will be at Psghetti's for the month of March - date and time to be announced very soon! Watch the Green Sheet for more information!

SPRING BOX TOP CONTEST BEGINS TODAY

The Spring Box Top Contest begins today! A new collection sheet is included with the Green Sheet this week! The collection sheet is for individual labels. If you have Bonus Box Tops, please send those in a marked baggie or envelope. Don't forget to include your child's name and homeroom teacher! The contest runs through Monday, March 26. The class that collects the largest amount of Box Tops will earn a "Special Dress Day!" We have had a tremendous response this year - so let's keep it going!

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK - 2012

You're invited to join in the festivities as we kick-off Lutheran Schools Week - Sunday, March 4 - Open House & Book Fair, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join us throughout the week as students enjoy:

Monday (3/5)	Pajama Day Opening of Lutheran Schools Week! Pledges & Band Journey to Paraguay (Online Mission Trip)
Tuesday (3/6)	Clash Day Devotions, Strings, Bible Bee Journey to Paraguay
Wednesday (3/7)	Green & White Day Journey to Paraguay Lunch w/Faith Families 8th Grade vs. Staff Volleyball Game
Thursday (3/8)	Class Chosen Theme Dress Day Muffins for Moms Journey to Paraguay Faith Family Trivia
Friday (3/9)	Team Jersey Day Donuts for Dads Class Field Trips: K-2 Mad Science @ GP Grades 3-4 @ Bounce U Grade 5 @ Bowling Grades 6-8 @ Laser Tag

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.

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 CONCERT

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.

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.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

2/27	Chicken Noodle Soup w/Toasted Cheese Sandwich or Hot Dog, Baked Cheetos & Peaches
2/28	Chicken Strips or BBQ Rib Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes & Yogurt
2/29	Burrito w/Cheese or Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Corn & Pears
3/1	Chef Boy RD Ravioli or Soft Pretzel w/Cheese, Peas & Pineapple
3/2	Pepperoni Pizza or Salisbury Steak w/Gravy & Roll, Green Beans & Mixed Fruit

MARCH HOT LUNCH MENU

The March menu is included with the Green Sheet this week!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

2/28	7:30 p.m. Winter Fine Arts Concert (Band, Strings & Choir)
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. 5:00 p.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
3/9	End of 3rd Quarter
3/11	Daylight Savings Begins 8:00 a.m. Green Park Sunday at Peace
3/13-16	K-7 Achievement Tests
3/13	7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting
3/14	8:30 a.m. Chapel
3/16	Report Cards Home
3/17	8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Math Competition @ Flo Valley (6-8th Grade)

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Viking Girls Basketball 5-6th

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
3/6	Game vs. WOL	4:00
3/8	Game @ St. John, Ellisville	5:30

Viking (B1) Boys Basketball 5-6th

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
3/6	Game vs. WOL	5:00
3/8	Game @ St. John, Ellisville	4:30

Viking (B2) Boys Basketball 5-6th

2/20-25	Tournament @ Salem, Affton	TBA
2/27	Game @ Zion	6:30
3/1	Game vs. CCLS	4:00
3/5	Practice Green Park	3:30-5:00
3/6	Practice Gethsemane	3:30-5:00
3/8-10	(5th only) Tournament @ St. Paul's, Des Peres	TBA

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.