



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

Homework, Bah Humbug!

The word “homework” usually is not associated with fun. Homework can be work that was not completed at school or work specifically assigned to be done at home. In any case, it can be frustrating for parents. The following note came to us from LASE and contains some helpful recommendations for all parents as they deal with homework. The goal of our school is to develop and create independent learners. Parents need to remember that the homework belongs to the child, not to you. Help them develop good homework skills now, so they will have them to use in the future.

Homework Dos for Parents—Tips for Helping Students Become Independent

Children are spending an increasing amount of time on homework and are beginning to be assigned homework in earlier grades. While philosophies differ among educators concerning the age at which homework should be given and how much should be assigned, that fact remains that students are responsible for completing assignments and projects outside the school day. As children grow older parents need to give them greater responsibility for completing school assignments. These tips may help:

- Do establish a consistent homework routine with emphasis on “when”, a regular time as possible each day, and “where”, a well-lit, well-supplied area free of distractions
- Do look at the assignment book, sheet, or planner each day
- Do encourage easy tasks first if your child has trouble getting started
- Do stay close by and within sight with younger children
- Do monitor the door and phone
- Do allow brief breaks
- Do give help only as a way of clarifying instructions, asking your child to repeat these back or briefly demonstrate what is to be done
- Do keep rules for doing homework brief and concise, repeating them until they become a part of the routine
- Do check, but don't correct
- Do encourage effort, not perfection
- Do set a “stop time” for finishing, packing up, and getting any needed supplies for the next day
- Do spend time together once homework is done
- Do stay in touch with and support the teacher

CHURCH CHOIR SCHEDULE

Christ Memorial Cherub Choir (Grades 1-3) will sing on Sunday, February 5 for Green Park Sunday at the 9:20 a.m. service. Please meet in the Worship Preparation Room 15 minutes before the service begins.

Peace Choristers sing Sunday, February 5, at the 8:00 a.m. service. Please meet in the choir room at 7:30 a.m. to practice.

Sonrise Saints (Grades 1&2) Resurrection/Gethsemane, will sing praises this Sunday, Feb. 5th at the 8:00 am service. Please arrive by 7:40 am to warm up our voices. We will meet in the music room to prepare for worship and you may meet your child there after worship. Thank you for bringing your child to help lead in worship with song.

OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

LESA (Lutheran Elementary School Association of St. Louis www.lesastl.org) is promoting an all-schools open house Sunday, February 12. Green Park will open our doors from 1:00-3:00 p.m. that afternoon for prospective families. If someone you know is considering Christian education, please invite them to visit! For more information contact: Katy Schmitt, Admissions, katy.schmitt@greenparklutheralschool.org or call the school office.

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!

AUCTION UPDATES!

We would like to acknowledge the South Saint Louis Chapter 30663 of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for matching a portion of our auction proceeds. Thrivent is a faith-based membership organization whose purpose is to strengthen Christian communities by helping members be wise with money and inspiring them to live generously. We appreciate their support of Green Park Lutheran School! We appreciate the extra bottles of wine that came in this week for our Wine Pull! We are picking up the puppy this weekend! He will be at school next week for all to see! Reservations are still coming in! It's not too late to reserve your table. We hope you will join us for this special evening! Be sure to check out our website for a sampling of items to be auctioned, including Cardinals and Blues tickets! You can check your calendars for ticket dates available. Next meeting - Monday, 2/6 at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to work during the auction please contact April Baese at april.baese@greenparklutheralschool.org. We can put you to work while you shop!

LUTHERAN SOUTH ANNOUNCES EXPLORE SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to our eighth grade students; Nicole Morse, Noah Peterson, Korinne Roberts and Andrew Torbeck. Nicole, Noah, Korinne and Andrew each received top scores on their 8th Grade Explore Tests taken this fall and have been awarded a \$1,200 yearly scholarship to Lutheran High School South, should they choose to attend. This \$1,200 award is renewable yearly, based on maintaining a 3.0 GPA and receiving positive recommendations from the faculty and administration. The total value of this award is \$4,800! Congratulations on your exemplary achievements!

MARKET DAY

March Market Day flyers are coming home today with the oldest child. 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 Monday, 2/20, 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.

VALENTINE GRAMS ON SALE MONDAY, 2/6

Wish everyone you know a “Happy Valentine’s Day” with a Valentine Gram! Valentine Grams (\$.50) each, will be sold February 6-10, in the gym before school. You can write a message to the lucky recipient and we’ll attach your choice of a special treat (stickers or fruit roll-ups!) All proceeds will benefit the Auction Fund!

SCRIP NEWS

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

A scrip order form is included with the Green Sheet this week.

A reminder that once the remaining inventory of Wal-mart cards in the school office is sold, they will only be available to order through Great Lakes Scrip.

Profit balance sheets through 12/31/11 (with a balance of \$10 or more) were sent home last week with the oldest child. If you have any questions regarding your Scrip Balance, please e-mail Sara at sara.hopfer@att.net.

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!

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.

DRESS CODE REMINDER FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Just a reminder as we look ahead to next year that embroidered polo shirts will be required for all students. We will be in touch with you regarding spring dates for uniform fitting days on campus.

RESURRECTION - FRIDAY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Looking for an evening of family fun? Join us at Resurrection tonight, February 3, for Friday Family Movie Night. "Smurfs" will be showing in the Multi-Purpose Room. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs for a "Movie in the Park" atmosphere. Admission is free, with doors open at 6:30 p.m. with show time at 7:00 p.m. Popcorn, candy, and drinks will be available for purchase.

LHSS/LHSN BASKETBALL AT MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY

Join us for a day of basketball competition and family fun at the annual "Sem Games," Saturday, February 4, featuring both the girls' and boys' basketball teams from Lutheran South and North! Five games will be played at Maryville University with the Freshmen boys' beginning at 12:30 p.m. and ending with the Varsity boys' game at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$4 adults, \$3 students, and children 5 and under free. Students in K-8 wearing their school logo apparel will be admitted free! Alumni can enjoy a hospitality room throughout the games. For more information, contact LHSS at 631-1400.

GETHEMANE PORK SAUSAGE DINNER

Come join us for our 58th Annual Pork Sausage Supper Sunday, February 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. All you can eat Pork Sausage or Roast Beef meal! Ticket prices are \$8.50 in advance or \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 5-12 (children 4 and under free). To purchase advance tickets, please contact Beth Berner at beth.berner@lhm.org or bernerbk@sbcglobal.net. We hope you will join us!

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?

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| 2/6 | Chicken Strips or Crispito w/Cheese, Green Beans & Peaches |
| 2/7 | French Toast Sticks w/Sausage or Fish Sandwich, Potato Stars & Mandarin Oranges |
| 2/8 | Spaghetti w/Roll or Mac & Cheese w/Roll, Corn & Chocolate Chip Cookie |
| 2/9 | Cheeseburger or Hot Dog, French Fries & Pears |
| 2/10 | 11:30 a.m. - Early Dismissal - No Hot Lunch Served |

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| 2/6 | 7:00 p.m. PTO/Auction Meeting |
| 2/8 | 8:30 a.m. Chapel |
| 2/10 | 11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal 5:30 p.m. Rooted in Faith - Auction @ Royale Orleans |
| 2/12 | 1:00-3:00 p.m. Open House |
| 2/14 | 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting |
| 2/15 | 8:30 a.m. Chapel Logo Shirt Day |
| 2/17 | NO SCHOOL - LESA Teacher In-Service Day |
| 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 |

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Viking Boys (A1) Basketball 7-8th

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| 2/3 | Practice | Gethsemane | 3:30-5:00 |
| 2/4 | City Playoff Game @ Lutheran-St. Charles | | |

Viking Girls Basketball 5-6th

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| 2/6 | Practice | Green Park | 5:00-6:30 |
| 2/7 | Game | @ St. Paul's | 5:15 |
| 2/9 | Game | @ Good Shepherd, Collinsville | 5:30 |
| 2/13 | Practice | Green Park | 5:00-6:30 |
| 2/14 | Game | vs. Immanuel, SC | 4:45 |
| 2/16-18 | Tournament @ St. John's-Ellisville | | |
| 2/20-25 | Tournament @ Salem-Affton | | |
| 2/27 | Game | @ Zion | 4:30 |
| 2/28 | Game | @ CCLS | 4:15 |

Viking (B1) Boys Basketball 5-6th

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| 2/3 | Practice | Peace | 5:00-7:00 |
| 2/6 | Practice | Peace | 5:00-6:30 |
| 2/7 | Game | vs. Abiding Savior | 4:15 |
| 2/9 | Game | vs. Zion-Belleville | 6:00 |
| 2/13 | Practice | Peace | 5:00-6:30 |
| 2/14 | Game | vs. Immanuel, SC | 5:45 |
| 2/16 | Practice | Green Park | 5:00-7:00 |
| 2/21 | Game | vs. Victory Christian | 5:30 |
| 2/24-25 | Tournament @ Bethlehem | | |

Viking (B2) Boys Basketball 5-6th

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| 2/6 | Practice | Green Park | 3:30-5:00 |
| 2/7 | Game | @ St. Paul's | 4:15 |
| 2/9 | Game | @ Good Shepherd, Collinsville | 6:30 |
| 2/13 | Practice | Green Park | 3:30-5:00 |
| 2/14 | Game | vs. Immanuel, SC | 7:00 |
| 2/16 | Practice | Green Park | 3:30-5:00 |
| 2/20-25 | Tournament @ Salem, Affton | | |
| 2/21 | Game | vs. St. John's, Ellisville | 4:30 |

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".