



# 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

### A New Year and New Possibilities!

As every New Year begins, new hopes, new dreams, and new possibilities are presented to us. All this newness can be a little daunting and at times overwhelming. It is important for us to focus on the positive opportunities that we can use here at Green Park. In the next few weeks Enrollment for 2012-13 and our Auction on February 10 need your attention and support. Contact April Baese about the Auction and Katy Schmitt concerning the 2012-13 enrollment to determine how you can assist in these efforts. We have a very positive attitude at Green Park and your involvement and support for activities like these contributes to this positive atmosphere.

Happy New Year!

Gary Spieler  
Principal

### EARLY ENROLLMENT NOW THROUGH JANUARY 20

Thank you for choosing Green Park for your children! Just a friendly reminder that early enrollment is due by January 20th. What does this mean? It means it's only \$100 to enroll now through the 20th but \$200 after the 20th. Why? The more we have enrolled, the better planning we can do for our school! Please be sure to have that paperwork in. The forms were mailed home, are available online under admissions "2012 2013 forms" or are in the school office.

### GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Let's not keep Green Park one of south county's best kept secrets. Share the great news! Invite a friend. Know of someone who might consider Christian education? Invite them to a meet & greet to tour our campus and learn more. There are two more open house events this month:

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

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

To RSVP or for a private tour contact: Katy Schmitt  
[katy.schmitt@greenparklutherschool.org](mailto:katy.schmitt@greenparklutherschool.org)

### WINTER GROW PROGRAMS - SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Engineering, drama, painting, robots, computer animation - the GROW Program has several exciting sessions this winter for all ages! See the attachments included with this week's Green Sheet for session details and registration. The deadline for registration is Tuesday January 17, and space is limited, so be sure to register early. Questions? Contact Ashlyn Cunningham at 314-849-0068 or [acunningham@maryville.edu](mailto:acunningham@maryville.edu)

### CHURCH CHOIR SCHEDULE

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

### 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.

## WHO'S AT YOUR TABLE

The auction is fast approaching. Who's at your table? Invitations will be sent next week for the February event. Start thinking about your table of 10 for a fun night out! For advance information or a glimpse, visit [www.greenparklutherschool.org/auction](http://www.greenparklutherschool.org/auction).

## EVERYONE CAN HELP

Did you know? When you pay tuition your money goes to teacher's salaries, heat, lights, etc. When you're part of the auction, your money goes to curriculum updates and technology for our children. You don't have to be a huge donor or high roller to help out. Here are a few ideas - how can you be involved?

1. Donate a small gift card, game or household item for our silent auction. (Christmas re-gifts are just fine.)
  2. Attend an auction meeting - next up: MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 7 pm.
  3. Plan to attend the auction. Get a group together and make it a fun night!
  4. Invite grandparents. Email their address, we'll send them an invite too! Email [kelly.pfund@greenparklutherschool.org](mailto:kelly.pfund@greenparklutherschool.org).
  5. Volunteer that night. Don't want to sit? Help out! We'll need help in several areas and would love any extra hands.
  6. Sell the raffle tickets. More are available in the school office. Our next raffle drawing will be at the end of January. For every 20 tickets sold, your student's name will be entered for a chance to win (1) of (3) \$20 Target cards.
  7. Items! Items! Items! We need items! Our newest contest is to bring in 100 Auction Items by Tuesday, January 17. If our school can achieve this awesome goal, everyone will receive a treat from Ted Drewes.
- Finally, of course, we could always use larger ticket items. A flat screen TV, Kindle, your lakefront condo for the weekend, Cardinals tickets, your beach-front timeshare, etc.

## EAT AT SMUGALA'S PIZZA - JANUARY 17

Our next Eat & Earn Night is Tuesday January 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Smugala's Pizza Pub on Watson Road. Smugala's will donate 20% of the total food sales generated by our supporters to Green Park! Join us for lunch or dinner and mention Green Park! Flyers are included with the Green Sheet this week to share with your family, friends and neighbors but are not needed! Just mention Green Park and we earn 20% all day! We hope to see everyone!

## MARKET DAY

February Market Day flyers are available in the school office! Place your online order at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) using your charge card and be a step ahead!!! Enter the GLPS code 24637 when placing your order or you can complete the paper order form in the catalog. Order sheets are due to the office by Friday, January 20 with Internet orders due by 11:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 25. Market Day pick-up is Tuesday, January 31, 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.

### **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.

### **SCRIP NEWS**

#### **Wal-Mart/Sam's Club Gift Cards**

Green Park will no longer pre-purchase and maintain an inventory of the Wal-Mart/Sam's Club gift cards once the current supply has been sold. You may, however, continue to purchase these gift cards through the Great Lakes Scrip order that is placed bi-weekly during the school year. The school will continue to pre-purchase and maintain an inventory of Dierbergs and Shop 'n Save cards which will be available for purchase at the four association churches on Sundays and in the school office. We also have a large supply of \$100.00 Walgreens gift cards that are for sale in the school office.

Look for information and an order form for our upcoming Scrip Order through Great Lakes Scrip next week.

### **GETHSEMANE PORK SAUSAGE DINNER**

Come join us for our 58<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:beth.berner@lhm.org) or [bernerbk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bernerbk@sbcglobal.net). We hope you will join us!

### **STRETCH PROGRAM**

If you live in the Mehlville School District and you are interested in your student possibly participating in their STRETCH program for gifted learners please contact Mr. Spieler at [gary.spieler@greenparklutheralschool.org](mailto:gary.spieler@greenparklutheralschool.org) by January 13, for more information. The STRETCH program takes place off-campus and parents are responsible for transportation.

### **WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?**

1/9	Chicken Strips or Crispito w/Cheese Sauce, Green Beans, Peaches
1/10	French Toast Sticks w/Sausage or Fish Sandwich, Potato Stars, Mandarin Oranges
1/11	Macho Nachos or Mac & Cheese w/Roll, Corn, Chocolate Chip Cookie
1/12	Cheeseburger or Hot Dog, French Fries, Pears
1/13	11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal - No Hot Lunch Served

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

1/6	Report Cards Home 1:30-3:00 p.m. - Open House
1/6-7	Green Park Basketball Tournament
1/9	7:00 p.m. PTO/Auction Meeting
1/10	8:30 a.m. Spelling Bee (Grades 5-8) 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting
1/11	8:30 a.m. Chapel
1/12	9:00 a.m. - 5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation
1/13	11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal
1/16	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
1/17	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Eat & Earn @ Smugala's Pizza Pub
1/18	Logo/Dark Green Polo Shirt Day 8:30 a.m. Chapel 9:00-10:30 a.m. - Open House

### **ATHLETIC CALENDAR**

#### **Viking Boys (A1) Basketball 7-8th**

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
1/17	Game	@ Zion 5:00
1/19	Game	vs. Westminster 5:30
1/21	Practice	Green Park 3:30-5:00

#### **Viking Girls Basketball 5-6th**

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
1/12	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
1/17	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
1/20	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30

#### **Viking (B1) Boys Basketball 5-6th**

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
1/13	Practice	Green Park	5:00-7:00
1/16	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
1/19	Practice	Peace	5:00-6:30
1/20	Practice	Peace	5:00-7:00

#### **Viking (B2) Boys Basketball 5-6th**

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
1/13	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
1/17	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
1/19	Practice	Gethsemane	3:30-5:00
1/20	Practice	Gethsemane	3:30-5:00

### **CAMP WARTBURG TRIVIA NIGHT**

Camp Wartburg's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trivia Night is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 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@lcsf.org](mailto:theresa_thorburg@lcsf.org) or call 618-939-7715 ext. 11.