



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 Procedure to Enter School..... For the Times They Are a Changing

Some of you might remember that song from many years ago. While Bob Dylan and his songs may or may not be favorites of yours, the words ring true even today. Even when we have grown comfortable to doing things in a certain way, we must make changes. Because of events in our country over the last fifteen years, most schools have installed measures to control access to their building. In the past, Green Park has been able to avoid draconian measures, but we feel it is important to make some changes now to be proactive in protecting our children.

Over spring break we will be installing control hardware on the front doors of the school building and on the doors by the child care. While these additions will give us greater safety in our school they will also force us to change the way we have had access to the school for 51 years. **That won't be an easy task for us, our parents, or our grandparents.**

After 8:30 a.m., all doors will be locked and entrance to the building will only be possible by the front door near the flag pole. That door will be controlled through a camera and a magnetic switch activated from the office. While this process will take a few extra seconds and may require a little waiting time, it better protects our students. Once someone has been acknowledged and allowed to enter, they should report directly to the office to sign-in. The office will only have control over the main front door by the flag pole, which is why it is imperative to only come to the front door for entry. This system will not function or be monitored before 7:55 or after 3:30. Before 7:55 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m. students and parents should enter the building through the child care doors. (Exceptions will be made for ball games and other special events) Please discuss these new procedures within your family and make them known to grandparents and others who may come to the building. Some will be frustrated, but hopefully all will understand why we have gone to this measure to protect our children.

Remember, all doors are locked at 8:30 a.m. and only the front door can be controlled in the office. Visitors must come to the main entrance and not attempt to knock and gain entrance through one of the other doors. Our children are polite, almost to a fault, and we are trying to get them out of the habit of letting people into the school if they are knocking or approaching a door even if they know those people. Please help us instill this safety concept in our students. So, in a nutshell...when you return from spring break.....

- **All the regular doors will be unlocked at 7:55 a.m. Before 7:55 enter only through the child care doors.**
- **All doors will be locked at 8:30 a.m.** The front door will be the only point of entry to the school during school hours.
- **All visitors and students arriving after 8:30 a.m.** must come to the front door and will be allowed entry into the building after pressing the button, acknowledged, and allowed entry.

Rooted in Him,

Gary Spieler
Principal

SPRING BREAK

Please remember that school will not be in session next week, March 19-23 for Spring Break. The school office will be closed as well. Classes will resume on Monday, March 26. Enjoy your family time together.

CHURCH CHOIR SCHEDULE

Peace Choristers sing Sunday, March 18, in the 8:00 a.m. service. Please meet in the choir room to practice at 7:30 a.m.

EAT AT PSGHETTI'S - MARCH 27

Our Eat & Earn will be at Psghetti's Pasta & Sandwiches on South Lindbergh **Tuesday, March 27**, from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Psghetti's will donate 10% of sales to Green Park! Flyers are not needed, but you must mention Green Park! Eat in or Dine-out, either way it's a great benefit for our school! Reminder flyers are included with the Green Sheet to share with family and friends. We hope you will join us as we dine out for our school!

SPRING PICTURES

Friday, March 30, students will have their spring pictures taken. Picture proofs will be sent home with students in early May, along with an order form. Purchasing is optional. If you don't wish to order, please return the proof to the school office. This is also, Green Park Spirit Day, so students may follow the dress code for Spirit Day. I will need two volunteers to help the photographers. If you would like to help, please contact Mrs. Pfund in the school office.

SHOW YOUR GREEN PARK SPIRIT!

Friday, March 30, is Green Park Spirit Day. Students may wear any Christian T-shirt or Green Park Spirit Wear (this includes t-shirts, hoodies, or sweatshirts that have *Green Park* or *Vikings* on them); with blue jeans or shorts (plaid uniform skorts are fine too!) Students also have the option to wear their uniform dress as well.

JOIN US FOR "LITERACY NIGHT AT GREEN PARK"

Come and join us for our Literacy Night Campout Friday, March 30, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in our gymnasium. Students in grades K-5 are welcome to attend with their families. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, sleeping bags, and flashlights. Students will be treated to a campout setting of literature, crafts, and food. Parents will get to read with their children. Come and learn more about animals, poetry, and Dr. Seuss!

VIEW GREEN PARK PICTURES ONLINE

Mrs. Cindy Tiefenbrunn has pictures available online for Green Park families. Visit the link <http://smu.gs/w99mEK> and enter the password "Vikings," to check out all the memories from our school year! We are very thankful to Cindy for her generosity, love and support for our school!

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for Summer Camp opportunities? Stop by the school office and information center for various flyers.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS TO ASSIST FEED MY PEOPLE

Our Chapel Offerings for March, April & May will benefit Feed My People! **"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to eat, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35** The main mission of Feed My People is to assist with emergency and long-term food help, but their organization offers assistance in many different areas and programs. Please prayerfully consider donating to this special charity! For more information about FMP, please visit their website at www.feed-my-people.org.

GROW SESSIONS STILL AVAILABLE

There is still time to enroll your child in GROW this spring – Clay Creations is Closed, but there is still space available in all other sections. Registration forms are available on the GPLS webpage under "Life at Green Park" - select GROW from the drop down menu. Registration will end on Monday March 25.

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.

MARKET DAY

April Market Day flyers are available now! 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 Friday, 3/16, with internet orders due by 11:00 p.m., Friday, 3/23. Pick-up is Thursday, 3/29, 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.

SCRIP NEWS

Upcoming Scrip Order Dates: Due: Thursday, 3/29 by 8:30 a.m.

Delivery: Wednesday 4/4 (*The order form is included with the Green Sheet.*)

We have a small supply of \$100 Walgreens gift cards remaining in the office. Please consider purchasing one as you think about shopping for Easter candy or refilling prescriptions! As a reminder, you earn 6% on each Walgreens card purchased.

New to Scrip! Circle K - \$100 Cards are now available.

A reminder that 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.

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. **All uniform information is located on our website!**

***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.

SPRING BOX TOP CONTEST CONTINUES

Our spring Box Top Contest is off and running. Extra collection sheets are available in the information center near the school office. Please use the collection sheet for individual labels only. 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!

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

3/26—Papa John's Pizza, Green Beans & Peaches
3/27—Chicken Strips or BBQ Rib Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes & Yogurt
3/28—Crispito or Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Corn & Peas
3/29—Hay Stacks or Mozzarella Sticks w/Sauce, Peas & Pineapple
3/30—Chicken Nuggets w/Roll or Ham Sandwich, Baked Beans & Applesauce

Can't find your March Menu? It's on the website!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

3/17 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Math Competition @ Flo Valley (6-8th Grade)
3/19-23 **NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK**
3/23-24 LSAM Scholar Bowl
3/26 Classes Resume
3/28 8:30 a.m. Chapel/Character Trait Awards
LOGO Shirt Day
3/30 Spirit Day/Spring Pictures
7:00 p.m. Literacy Night
4/1 7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting
4/4 8:30 a.m. Faith Families
3:45 p.m. Faculty/Staff Meeting
4/5 **NO SCHOOL - MAUNDY-THURSDAY**
4/6 **NO SCHOOL - GOOD FRIDAY**
4/9 **NO SCHOOL - EASTER MONDAY**
4/10 7:00 p.m. School Board

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

TRACK SCHEDULE

3/26	(7/8) Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
3/27	(5/6) Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
3/29	(7/8) Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
3/30	(5/6) Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
4/2	(7/8) Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
4/3	(5/6) Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
4/10	(5/6) Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
4/12	(7/8) Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
4/14	Green Park Relays	@ LHSS (7/8)	8:00
	Green Park Relays	@ LHSS (5/6)	1:00
4/16	(5/6) Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
4/17	Viking Team Meet	Green Park	3:30-5:30 (Running Events)
4/19	Viking Team Meet	Green Park	3:30-5:30 (Field Events)
4/20	(7/8) Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
4/23	(7/8) Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
4/24	(5/6) Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00

EASTER EGG HUNT AT PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us this Saturday, March 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary - all children infancy through grade 2, for an indoor Easter egg hunt! Parents, Grandparents and Great-Grandparents are welcome! Bring your Easter basket, for a hopping good time! All events will be held indoors.

LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUCTION - A NIGHT FOR KIDS

The 9th Annual Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA) Dinner - Auction will be held Friday, April 13, 2012, from 5-10 p.m. at The Royale Orleans Banquet Center, 2801 Telegraph Rd. Don't miss this opportunity to come together with other Lutheran school supporters! 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.