



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

Parking Lot Etiquette—We need your help!

When our school was built, most families had 1 car; gas was \$.20 per gallon, few mothers worked, and many children walked to school; life was less hectic. Our parking lot was designed for those times. Times have changed, all of us are in a hurry, many families are balancing working spouses along with other commitments, folks are multi-tasking, and distracted. Because of those changes, parents must adjust their behaviors on our parking lot for the safety of our children and to display good Christian citizenship towards our fellow parents. Dismissal time is about as good as it can get. The entrances get backed up for a few minutes, but most of us have learned how to deal with that. The following are some other problem issues that we need your help with...

- For all after school events such as GROW, tutoring, practice of any kind, etc.: All drivers need to stop and park only in designated parking spots or along the curb, always allowing a driving lane for moving cars, people leaving the parking lot, service vehicles, and possible emergency use.
- Please park only on pavement. Visitors don't always know our rules, but we do. There is a large virtually unused parking lot in the rear of the building.
- Plan Ahead. Don't set appointments for times that conflict with the after school pick up time. Try to avoid parking in the front of school between 2:45-3:30.
- Safety! Safety! Safety! The safety of our children is more important than an appointment, a phone call, or a practice. Keep that foremost in your mind when you are on our parking lot.
- Be polite, use common sense, be courteous, and most importantly, be Christian. The Golden Rule has no expiration date or time limit. Your children learn by your example.

Addressing School Safety Concerns:

School Safety is a primary concern especially in today's environment. At Green Park, my emphasis is to be **“prepared without being paranoid.”** Within the next month, we will be installing entry devices to control the main door, by the flag pole, and the door by the child care entrance. This will require some adjustments in use by everyone. After the 8:15 a.m. bell, visitors will have to be allowed entrance through a camera and electronic door latch. Please remind your children to never open locked doors for people. Our children have been raised to be polite, but in this case it could lead to a dangerous behavior. More information will be coming as these devices are installed.

Rooted in Faith,

Gary Spieler
Principal

SPRING MUSICAL - “A TALE OF THREE TREES”

Join us at 7:00 p.m. tonight as Kindergarten with Grades 1 and 2, present the musical, “The Tale of Three Trees.” We will follow the adventures of Annabelle, Gabrielle, Woody and Stump as they remind us that even when we can't see the forest for the trees - there is no prayer that is too small for God!

CHURCH CHOIR SCHEDULE

The **Christ Memorial Cherub Choir** (grades 1-3) will sing Sunday, March 4, at the 9:20 and 10:45 a.m. services. Please meet in the "Worship Preparation Room" 15 minutes before each service begins.

The **Christ Memorial Junior Choir** (grades 4 & 5) will sing Sunday, March 4, at the 9:20 and 10:45 a.m. services. Please meet in Room 209 by 9:00 a.m. to warm-up.

PTO MEETING MONDAY 3/5 - AUCTION FOLLOW-UP

Join us Monday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 102, for our monthly PTO Meeting! A post Auction report, as well as other meeting agenda items will be discussed. We hope you will join us!

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK - 2012

“Securing Each Child's Future-Equipped” is the theme for National Lutheran Schools Week. The emphasis this year is on 2 Timothy 3:16-17, All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

You're invited to join in the festivities as we kick-off Lutheran Schools Week - this Sunday, March 4, at our 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! 8:30 a.m. Pledges & Band 10:00 a.m. Journey to Paraguay (Online Mission Trip)
Tuesday (3/6)	Clash Day 8:30 a.m. Devotions, Strings, Bible Bee 10:00 a.m. Journey to Paraguay
Wednesday (3/7)	Green & White Day 10:00 a.m. Journey to Paraguay 11:30 a.m. Lunch w/Faith Families 12:45 p.m. 8th Grade vs. Staff Volleyball Game
Thursday (3/8)	Class Chosen Theme Dress Day 7:00-7:55 a.m. Muffins for Moms 10:00 a.m. Journey to Paraguay 1:30 p.m. Faith Family Trivia
Friday (3/9)	Team Jersey Day 7:00-7:55 a.m. Donuts for Dads Class Field Trips: 9:00 a.m. K-2 Mad Science @ GP 1:30 p.m. Grades 3-4 @ Bounce U 12:30 p.m. Grade 5 @ Bowling 12:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 @ Laser Tag

Students had the opportunity to preview the Book Fair this week! The Fair will be open during NLSW 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 officially 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. 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.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER A YEARBOOK

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

TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to the 5th Grade girls basketball team. Last weekend they won 1st place in the Salem Affton Tournament. Team members include Melanie Anderson, Abby Frankenreiter, Kaylee Freihaut, Kate Kolnik, Abbie Meyer, Katherine Ruch, Livie Sandt, Katie Torbeck, and Jessica Wuerffel. Way to go girls!

LITERACY NIGHT AT GREEN PARK

Come and join us for our Literacy Night Campout. It will be held 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. Students will be treated to a campout setting of literature, crafts, and food. Come and learn more about animals, poetry, and Dr. Seuss!

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.

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!

SCRIP NEWS

Upcoming Scrip Order Dates: Due: Friday, 3/9 – Delivery: 3/16 (The order form is included with the Green Sheet.)

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.

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!

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!

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 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.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

3/5	Chicken Quesadilla, Corn & Peaches
3/6	Macho Nachos, Peas & Pineapple
3/7	NO HOT LUNCH SERVED - Sack Lunch w/Drink Needed Eating with Faith Families
3/8	Chicken Strips, Green Beans & Chocolate Pudding
3/9	Papa John's Pizza, Corn & Applesauce

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

3/2	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
3/5	7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting/Auction Follow-up Meeting
3/6	8:30 a.m. Bible Bee
3/7	12:45 p.m. 8th grade vs. Staff Volleyball Game 3:45 p.m. Faculty/Staff Meeting
3/8	7:00-7:55 a.m. Muffins for Moms
3/9	7:00-7:55 a.m. Donuts for Dads 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)
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

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Viking Girls Basketball 5-6th

3/5	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
3/6	Game	vs. WOL	4:00
3/8	Game	@ St. John, Ellisville	5:30
3/12	Game	vs. CCLS	4:15
3/13	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
3/15	Game	vs. Salem, Affton	4:00

Viking (B1) Boys Basketball 5-6th

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
3/12	Game	vs. CCLS	6:15
3/13	Practice	Peace	5:00-6:30
3/15	Game	vs. Salem, Affton	5:00

Viking (B2) Boys Basketball 5-6th

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	
3/12	Game	vs. CCLS	5:15

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.