



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

New Door Security:

For the last week we have been using our new security system for the main and after school care doors of school. For most of our users, it has worked well. The learning curve is not too steep since many buildings have similar systems in place. Remember the main door is only controlled and viewed in the main offices, and the after school care door is only viewed and controlled in the after school care.

Remember to push the button on the intercom box, wait to be acknowledged, and then pull the handle on the left door. You must push the button first so someone inside can see you and let you enter the building.

I encourage you to talk to parents, grandparents, or anyone who might come to school so they know about our new system don't get confused or frustrated. Before 7:55 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m. everyone needs to enter the building through the after school care door.

Thanks for the many positive comments about how this door security has improved our school safety.

Rooted in Him,

Gary Spieler
Principal

SCHOOL LUNCH UPDATES

It is with great excitement we share the latest updates in our school lunch menus. In an effort to take a more proactive approach, our vendor Aramark has made some changes to our students' choices offering more choices and healthier options. In addition to hearing our comments and due to the USDA's encouragement of creating better options for our children, we now have some new and exciting changes to the menus. Take a closer look with your children to discuss:

1. Each day there will still be 2 hot lunch options.
2. In addition to those hot options, students can choose from PBJ, salad bar OR a new optional assorted sandwiches or salads (see bottom of calendar for daily choices for April).
3. Assorted fruit and vegetables will be available EVERYDAY. 4 fruit choices, 4 vegetable choices.
4. With the hot lunch students can choose 2 side items with those lunches. Additional sides of fruit, vegetables and snacks will still be \$.55.

Please keep in mind this increase in options for your children. While prices have not increased, it's important for everyone to understand how students will be charged for these additional choices. Thank you to those parents willing to be part of this lunch discussion. We will measure the success of these changes throughout the spring and connect with you to evaluate. Thanks for your patience and happy eating!

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

NO GREEN SHEET NEXT WEEK

Due to our upcoming short week a Green Sheet will not be printed. Look for the next issue on Friday, April 13.

NO SCHOOL - APRIL 5, 6 & 9 - EASTER BREAK

Just a reminder that school will not be in session next Thursday, Friday and Monday, April 5, 6 & 9 for Easter Break. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 10. We wish everyone a blessed Easter!

GREEN PARK STUDENTS SHINE

On Saturday, March 17, the following students participated in the 34th Annual Excellence in Mathematics Contest on the campus of St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley:

Sixth Grade: Emma Hopfer, Allison Maschhoff, Aidan McMurry, Nick Perrine, Cole Dieckhaus, Max Schiller, Claudia Lappe

Seventh Grade: Ashley Harness, Paige Miller, Jason Ha, John Yaeger, Shelly Wientge, Matthew Chapman, Meredith Meyer, Alex Hammon, Ashley Hummert

Eighth graders: Jenna Hertlein, Andrew Torbeck, Ben Zaretsky, Korinne Roberts, Noah Peterson, Josh Bohall, Elizabeth Bartels, Jeffrey Strahm, Nicole Morse

Team Results:

6th grade team: 1st Place

7th grade team: 2nd Place

8th grade team: 5th Place

Individual results:

Allison Maschhoff (6th) 3rd place

Cole Dieckhaus (6th) 5th place

Jason Ha (7th) 5th place

Ashley Harness (7th) 10th place

Congratulations to all participants for participating in the contest on their Spring Break!

LSAM SCHOLAR BOWL

Five Green Park students competed in the 4th Annual Lutheran Sports Association of Missouri (LSAM) Scholar Bowl in Jackson, MO this past Friday and Saturday, March 23 & 24. The participants from Green Park were Nicole Morse, Ben Zaretsky, Brooke Harmon, Andrew Torbeck, and Josh Bohall. Congratulations to all five students for giving up two days during their Spring Break for this activity.

CHURCH CHOIR SCHEDULE

Peace Choristers and Junior Choir sing Sunday, April 1, at the 8:00 a.m. service. Please meet in the choir room no later than 7:30 a.m. to rehearse with both choirs together!

FRIDAY 4/13 - EARLY DISMISSAL AT 11:30 A.M.

Friday, April 13, is an 11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal for our teachers monthly enrichment meeting. After School Care is available from 11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Students attending after care should bring a lunch and drink.

PTO NOMINATIONS FOR 2012-2013

The following positions will be open for our 2012-2013 Parent Teacher Organization: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations should be submitted to pto@greenparklutheralschool.org and will be accepted through Friday, April 13. We would love to have our new officers in place for our Monday, May 7 meeting.

SPRING PICTURES

Spring Pictures were taken today! A proof/order form will be sent home in early April if you're interested in purchasing. If you don't wish to order, please return the proof to the school office.

VIEW GREEN PARK PICTURES ONLINE

Mrs. Cindy Tiefenbrunn has pictures available online for Green Park families. Visit the link <http://smu.gs/w99mFK> 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!

EAT AT CHICK-FIL-A - APRIL 18

Our April Eat & Earn is at the Arnold Chick-fil-A Wednesday, April 18, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Flyers will be emailed with the next Green Sheet to share with your family and friends. Eat in or Dine-out, either way it's a great benefit for our school! We hope you will join us as we dine out for our school!

MARKET DAY

May Market Day flyers are available now! Place your order online 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, 4/23, with internet orders due by 11:00 p.m., Wednesday, 4/25. Pick-up is Tuesday, 5/1 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. 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: Friday, April 13 by 11:30 a.m.

Delivery: Friday, April 20 - (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 WINNER

Our Spring Box Top class room winner will be announced in the next Green Sheet! Stay tuned, we have one, last, year-end contest coming soon!

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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	1:15 p.m. LHSS Jazz Band Performance 7:00 p.m. School Board
4/11	8:30 a.m. Chapel
4/13	11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal
4/18	8:30 a.m. Chapel/LOGO Shirt Day 3:45 p.m. Faculty Meeting 5:00-8:00 p.m. Eat @ Chick-fil-A
4/20	10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 6th Grade Visitation @ LHSS 1:30 p.m. 8th Grade Dress Rehearsal for K-7 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Dinner Theatre

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

TRACK SCHEDULE

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

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.

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.