



GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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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

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”
1 Corinthians 10:31

Excellence, it is not added on to our programs, it is part of our culture at Green Park. Excellence is obtainable by all our students, not just the high achievers. While we acknowledge those who do well we also want to praise our children who try hard and do their very best. We encourage our students and teachers to do their very best in everything not for praise or rewards but to give glory to God for the gifts He has given us. Whether it is in musical performances, athletic competition, or academic success, all of our abilities are gifts from God, our Creator.

The results from the Lutheran South Academic Fair demonstrate how our students are using God's gifts to them. We want our parents and the members of our four churches to know that their money is being well spent and our program is as strong, if not stronger, than ever! Thanks be to God!

I always knew Green Park had a great reputation for excellence, over the last year and a half I have seen it in person!

Rooted in Him,

Gary Spieler
Principal

ACHIEVEMENT TESTS NEXT WEEK

This culture of excellence impacts all that we do. Remember that next week, March 12-16, we will be administering the Stanford Achievement Test to all students in grades Kindergarten through grade seven. Eighth graders do not take the spring test because they have taken a high school readiness test (EXPLORE) in the fall. As always, good rest, good diet, fewer distractions, being present and on time, and a good attitude are always helpful.

REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING 2012 - GROW SESSIONS

GROW sessions for Spring 2012 are now available and include the following session topics: Theater Arts, Clay Creation, Engineering and 3D Video Game Programming. Registration material was email home last week! Enrollment begins immediately and is first come/first served. These will be the last offerings for this school year, so be sure to check them out! Questions: contact Ashlyn Cunningham at 314-849-0068 or acunningham@maryville.edu

SPRING GROW PROGRAM - CORRECTION

There are still spaces available in all GROW sessions. Due to early dismissal, the Clay Creations class will meet March 30, April 20, 27, and May 4. Registration forms are available on the GPLS webpage under "Life at Green Park - GROW."

BIBLE BEE CHAMPION

Congratulations to our 2012 Bible Bee Champion, Andrew Torbeck (8S) and Runner-Up Brendan Shawcross (5H). We are extremely proud of all of our Bible Bee participants - excellent job!

CHURCH CHOIR SCHEDULE

God's Joy Choir and Sunrise Saints will sing this Sunday, March 11, at the 8:00 a.m. service. Please arrive by 7:35 a.m. so we can warm up our voices and prepare for worship. We will meet downstairs in the music room. Thank you for rising extra early this weekend so your child can help lead in worship through singing.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER YEARBOOK

There is one week left to reserve your copy of the 2011-2012 Yearbook! Yearbooks are \$16 and sales will run through next 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.

GREEN PARK STUDENTS SHINE AT ACADEMIC FAIR

On Saturday, March 3, students participated in the 6th Annual LHSS Academic Fair. Students from our Southside Lutheran grade schools competed in five categories; Art, Bible Facts, Geography, Math and Spelling. Congratulations to all participants! We would especially like to recognize the following students for their outstanding achievement:

Geography Quiz Bowl:

Noah Peterson, Josh Bohall, Jason Ha and Alex Hammon (**2nd Place**)
Nicole Morse, Sophia Darnell, Analise Schuler and Eli Cunningham (**3rd Place**)

Mathematics Contest-Individual:

Ben Zaretzky (**1st Place**)
Andrew Torbeck (**2nd Place**)

Mathematics Contest-Team:

(**1st Place Team**) Andrew Torbeck, Jenna Hertlein, Josh Bohall,
Elizabeth Bartels, and Nicole Morse
(**2nd Place Team**) Ben Zaretzky, Mitchell Moellenhoff, Jeffrey Strahm,
Korinne Roberts and Noah Peterson

Mathematics Contest-Sweepstakes:

(**1st Place Team**) A combination of Individual and Team Scores

Spelling Bee:

Olivia Rabbitt - Grade 1 - (**2nd Place**)
Marissa Kempf - Grade 3 - (**1st Place**)
Abbie Meyer - Grade 5 - (**2nd Place**)
Emma Hopfer - Grade 6 - (**1st Place**)
Claudia Lappe - Grade 6 - (**2nd Place**)
Kayla Berner - Grade 7 - (**1st Place**)
Noah Peterson - Grade 8 - (**1st Place**)

Art Participants: (each participant received a ribbon)

Jack Bussen, Lisa Bartz, Elijah LeGrand, Nathan Roberts - Grade 1
Chloe Kathrinus, Sammi Wientge, Mia Dujmovic - Grade 2
Abbie Meyer, Abby Frankenreiter, Livie Sandt - Grade 5
Allison Maschhoff, Emma Lind, Sarah Baese - Grade 6
Meredith Meyer, Kaylea Rezek, Allie Steinbach, Ashley Hummert - Grade 7
Brooke Harmon, Josh Bohall, Noah Peterson, Tori Harrison - Grade 8

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 BREAK

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

SPRING PICTURES

Friday, March 30, students will have their spring pictures taken. Picture proofs will be sent home with students in a few weeks, along with an order form so parents can preview the pose. 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.

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!

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. 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.

SCRIP NEWS

Upcoming Scrip Order Dates: Due: Thursday, 3/29 – Delivery: Wednesday 4/4 (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! For more information about FMP, please visit their website at www.feed-my-people.org.

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?

3/12	Chicken Nuggets w/Roll or Burrito w/Cheese, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy & Cinnamon Apples
3/13	Twin Tacos or Burrito w/Cheese, Corn & Strawberry Applesauce
3/14	Spaghetti w/Roll or BBQ Rib Sandwich, Green Beans & Jell-O
3/15	Spicy Chicken Sandwich or Corn Dog, Baked Beans & Mixed Fruit
3/16	Cheesy Breadstick w/Sauce or Deli Sandwich, Peas & Chocolate Chip Cookie

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

3/11	Daylight Savings Begins (Spring Forward) 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

3/12	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

3/12	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

3/8-10	(5th only) Tournament @ St. Paul's, Des Peres	TBA	
3/12	Game	vs. CCLS	5:15

OUTSTANDING MUSICIANS HONORED AT POWELL HALL

On Wednesday, February 29, the following Green Park students and Alumni students were recognized as "Outstanding Musicians" at Powell Symphony Hall: We congratulate our current students - Brooke Harmon, Jenna Hertlein, Ben Zaretsky, Noah Peterson, Chris Walther and Green Park Alumni - Tyler Sanft, Kyle Hopfer, Jessica Carson for their accomplishments!

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.