



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

Support for the Welker family

The Welker's have been a part of the Green Park and LHSS families for many years. As some of you may know, their family has been struggling since April 19, when Katelyn (17) and Collin (15) were involved in a head on collision driving to school. Both were in the hospital for several weeks and had to undergo numerous surgeries. Collin has returned home, but Katelyn will remain in a rehab center continuing to progress. Katelyn is an active member of the LHSS Student Council, so the Student Council would like to try and help the family out the as much as possible. We are selling rubber bracelets for \$3 each. All profits will be directed toward the Welker family medical bills. If you would like to purchase a bracelet, members of the LHSS Student Council will be at Green Park on Wednesday, 5/16 at 7:45-8:15 a.m. and on Thursday, 5/17 at 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to sell the bracelets. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Hannah Frentzel at 724-4447. Please continue to lift up the Welker family in your prayers! “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1-9

Rooted in Him,

Gary Spieler, Principal

THANK YOU PTO AND PARENTS

PTO would like to thank all the parents who donated the delicious foods for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, as well as the many volunteers who covered classes and kept the luncheon running smoothly. Every dish was amazing and enjoyed by the faculty and staff. These events are so special and we couldn't do it without the wonderful support from our families! THANK YOU again!

AND THE BOX TOP WINNER IS

Congratulations to Miss Torbeck and our Kindergarten Class - they are our Final Box Top Champion! Thank you to all who participated and here are the final contest totals: Torbeck (943), Meyer (448), Prange (36), Gieseke (560), Huster (298), Cibulka (192), Rusert (214), Rueckert (302), Hesse (108), and Schiller (755) = 3,856 Box Tops = \$385.60! Grand total collected for this school year = 22,378 = \$2,237.80! Congratulations and WOW! Be sure to clip and save your Box Tops during the summer!

CAN YOU HELP? BOX TOP COORDINATOR NEEDED

After many years of dedication to our Box Top program, Toni Moellenhoff is ending her time here at Green Park! We give thanks and are so grateful for her countless hours spent each school year - counting and submitting our Box Tops for our school. Thank you Toni - for your commitment to Green Park! Now we need your help! If you would like to serve as our Box Top Coordinator, please call the school office.

CHURCH CHOIR SCHEDULE

The **Christ Memorial Cherubs** (grades 1-3) will sing **Sunday, May 13** in both the 9:20 and 10:45 services. Please meet in the "Worship Preparation Room" 15 minutes before each service begins.

STUDENT LUNCH BALANCE

All student lunch balances will carry forward to next year. However, if your child's balance is in the negative, we ask that you please bring this account current as soon as possible. Eighth grade student balances will be transferred to their sibling's account. Eighth grade students who have no younger siblings, as well as any other students not returning for next year (with a balance of \$5 or more) will be issued a refund check. Lunch balances can be checked at www.cafeprepay.com, or by calling the school office.

STRINGS COOKIE CONCERT

Come and listen to Green Park's string students perform solos, duets, trios and group songs at their "Strings Concert," Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. String students should wear their black and white and are asked to meet in the Strings Room at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially parents and children who might be interested in joining strings next year. Refreshments will be provided following the concert.

8th GRADE CHAPEL & AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Join us on Wednesday, May 16, at 8:30 a.m. as our 8th grade lead their final Chapel Service. The Award Assembly will immediately follow the chapel service. Everyone is welcome to attend!

EAT AT MCALISTER'S DELI - WEDNESDAY-MAY 16

Our May Eat & Earn is at McAlister's Deli on Wednesday, May 16. McAlister's will donate 15% of total the total sales received from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Flyers are required for Green Park to receive credit. Flyers will come home next week with the Green Sheet attachments. Please remember to share with your family, friends and neighbors. Eat in or carry-out, either way it's a great benefit for our school! We hope you will join us!

YEARBOOK DELIVERY

Yearbooks will be distributed on Monday, 5/21, to students who preordered. If you did not pre-order, there are a few extra yearbooks available in the school office for \$25.

LHSS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to Ben Zaretsky (*Green Park Class of 2012*), for receiving the Lutheran High School South Excellence Award. We also congratulate Nicole Morse, Noah Peterson and Andrew Torbeck, (*Green Park Class of 2012*), for receiving the Lutheran High School South Explorer Award. Each student will receive a \$1,200 Yearly Scholarship. We are very proud of our students and their accomplishments.

PULLTAB CONTEST UPDATE

Wow! We have some major pull tab collectors! Thank you for supporting the Ronald McDonald House! The current standings are as follows: K - 5 bags - 1 - 3 bags - 2 - 9 bags - 3 - 5 bags - 4 - 3.5 bags - 5 - 9 bags - 6 - 0 bags - 7BR - 3 bags - 7DR - 4 bags - 8H - 2 bags - 8S - 0 bags. Remember, all pull tabs should be brought in a Ziploc bag to your homeroom teacher. The contest officially ends today. The winning classroom will be announced in the Green Sheet next week. The class collecting the most pull tabs will win a special treat! Thank you for supporting the Ronald McDonald House.

VOLLEYBALL SPRING PRACTICE DATES

Coach Griffith will host 2 volleyball, spring practice dates, Thursday and Friday, May 17 & 18, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Green Park. All girls currently in 6th and 7th grade are invited to attend! Be sure and check out the Volleyball Camp opportunities on page 2 of the Green Sheet!

LADY VIKING VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Volleyball Camp will be held July 10, 11 & 12. There will be 2 sessions.

Session 1: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for incoming 5th & 6th grade

Session 2: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. for incoming 7th & 8th grade

Each camp session is limited to 20 participants. Location for the camp has yet to be determined. We are hoping for Green Park, but could possibly be held at another location. Cost for the camp is \$40 and includes camp shirt. To register or for more information please contact Phil Griffith at griffith.philip@gmail.com or 314-566-9106.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

School office hours during the summer are Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. during the summer months. Our first day of school for the 2012-2013 school year will be Wednesday, August 15, for grades 1-8 and Thursday, August 16, for Kindergarten. Open House will be Sunday, August 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. More information will follow this summer!

REPORT CARDS - UNPAID ACCOUNT BALANCES

Report cards will be available for pick-up in the school office on June 4, 5 and 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please remember that all financial obligations must be met prior to receiving your report card. Any remaining report cards (with no outstanding balances) will be mailed on Thursday, June 7.

Parents, please note that any outstanding account balance left unpaid will result in a hold or non-release of student records, diplomas, summer mailing information, as well as suspended enrollment for next school year.

If you have any questions regarding outstanding balances, please contact the school office.

BEFORE/AFTER CARE FOR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for grades 1-7 is Friday, May 25. This is an **11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal**. Before School Care will be open the last day of school at their regular time 6:30 to 7:55 a.m., however After Care WILL NOT be available. Please be sure to make arrangements for your child to be picked up at 11:30 a.m.

PHYSICALS NEEDED

As summer quickly approaches, please remember to schedule your physical appointments for the new school year. All kindergarten, 4th and 7th grade, and new students registered for the 2012-2013 school year must have a physical on file before the first day of school. This is a comprehensive physical which includes an updated vaccination history. Any students participating in Green Park Athletics next year will need an Athletic Permission and Physical form on file before they can begin practice. Both physical forms are available on our school website.

SCRIP NEWS

FINAL Scrip Order Delivery: Friday, May 18

This is the final scrip order for the school year! If you are looking for a year end gift for a special teacher this order will arrive before the last day of school.

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

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 remaining May Chapel offerings will benefit Feed My People! 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.

MARKET DAY

June Market Day flyers are available now! This is our final Market Day order for the school year. 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 Friday, 5/25, with internet orders due by 11:00 p.m., Wednesday, 5/30. Pick-up is Tuesday, 6/5 from 12:30-1:30 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. Thanks for supporting Market Day this year!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

5/12	LSAM Track Meet
5/14	12:30-2:00 p.m. - 4th Grade Band Recruitment
5/15	7:00 p.m. Strings Cookie Concert
5/16	8:30 a.m. 8th Grade Chapel & Awards Assembly - Character Awards 4:00-9:00 p.m. Eat @ McAlister's Deli Last Day for 5th-8th Grade Band/Choir/Music Appreciation
5/17-18	8th Grade Class Trip
5/18	Spirit Day
5/23	7:00 p.m. Kindergarten Closing Service
5/24	12:00 p.m. - 8th Grade 1/2 Day
5/25	10:30 a.m. - Closing Chapel (Last Day of School for Grades 1-7) 11:30 a.m. - Early Dismissal (No After School Care) 6:30 p.m. - 8th Grade Graduation Group Picture 7:00 p.m. - 8th Grade Graduation

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

TRACK SCHEDULE

5/12	State Track Meet	@ LHSN	TBA
5/15	*Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
5/17	*Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
5/19	*Pentathlon	@ LHS-SC	TBA

*These practices & meet are only for 7th & 8th graders who qualify.

SUMMER CAMP AT PEACE

Peace Lutheran Church will be offering a summer camp beginning in May for children ages 5 to 13. There will be several field trips each week that include Grant's Farm, St. Louis Zoo, bowling, swimming, crafts and more. Meals are included. Summer Camp is available from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Sue Velton at 892-8844 or email at earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org. Forms are available in the school office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT PEACE

Join us for an "Amazing Desert Journey - Where Jesus Leads Us Home!" Vacation Bible School is June 11-15, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per child (not to exceed \$45 per family, and includes t-shirt, CD and crafts!) For registration or more information, please contact the church office at 892-5610! We hope you will join us!

GREEN PARK ALUMNI RECEIVES SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

Each year the St. Louis Post Dispatch honors one student, from each of our area high schools, for athletic and academic achievements. Jill Harmon, a 2008 graduate of Green Park, has been named the 2012 Post Dispatch Scholar Athlete for Lindbergh High School. We congratulate Jill on her accomplishments!

INTERNATIONAL HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

The Lutheran High School Association of St. Louis is looking for families to host International Students attending LHSS and LHSN for the 2012-2013 school year. For more information please contact Terri Dalton at 606-0838 or email at daltontlee@hotmail.com.

GUITAR LESSONS

Mr. Rueckert will be offering guitar lessons this summer! Learn to: play chords, strum, flat pick, play finger-style, and improvise. Call or email Mr. Rueckert for more information or to set up a time. Phone: 314-302-2456 or email: Brian.Rueckert@greenparklutherschool.org

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for Summer Camp opportunities or sport camps? Be sure and stop in the school office. New this week - St. Paul's, Des Peres, Sports Camps, Lutheran Junior Golf Camp, Camp Wartburg & Heit's Point Summer Camps!