



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

The End is Near!

No, I'm not referring to the Mayan prediction, but the end of the school year.

This last month is similar to running the last hundred meters of a mile run. You're tired, looking forward to the end, and ready to rest. But, you don't quit. And school is similar to a race. While the end is in sight, it's not time to slow down on assignments, homework, attention to detail, or focusing on the important lessons still to be addressed this month. Please help your child stay on top of their school work, but remember it is ultimately their responsibility; a reduced grade now, or a missed recess may just be the motivation your child needs to keep this from happening in the future. I know it worked for me when I was in elementary school. One of the founders of the Love and Logic Institute said once in a presentation, and I paraphrase; "The cheapest lesson on responsibility your child can learn is today - tomorrow, the price goes up."

Because you are rooted in Him, enjoy May, but stay focused on the important things also.

Rooted in Him,

Gary Spieler, Principal

CHAPEL OFFERINGS TO ASSIST FEED MY PEOPLE

We are thankful for your generosity this week with our food drive for Feed My People! Our Faith Families built some amazing "Can Castles" on Wednesday! Our remaining May Chapel offerings will benefit Feed My People as well! 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.

THANK YOU! FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the parents who volunteered at Field Day or brought in freeze pops! The students had a great time dunking their 8th graders, bowling, shooting baskets, kicking soccer balls and enjoying time with their Faith Families. We had a beautiful day outside, and enjoyed a little time away from classes. It was great to see the older kids encouraging and helping our younger students. I hope all of the students have grown in their faith this year during their Faith Family time together. We also thank our 8th grade students who served as Faith Family Leaders this year!

CHURCH CHOIR SCHEDULE

Peace Choristers sing Sunday, May 6, in the 10:30 a.m. service. Please meet at 10:15 a.m. in the choir room to practice.

ROTARY CLUB INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Tori Harrison! Tori received the *Rotary Club International of South County, Student of the Month* for May. Tori, along with her parents will be recognized and receive her award Wednesday, May 9, at a luncheon held at Roberto's Trattoria. Congratulations Tori!

PTO DRESS DOWN FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE

Next Friday, May 11, is our "Dress Down for Tuition Assistance Day!" For a \$5 flat fee, students may wear their favorite sports team t-shirt, hoodie or jersey, with jeans or jean shorts (knee length only please). T-shirts and jerseys may be tucked or un-tucked and belts are optional (for this day only.) This is an optional dress day of course. If not participating, students should be in uniform dress. All money raised will benefit our Tuition Assistance for the 2012-2013 school year. We thank you for your support of Green Park!

STRINGS SPRING 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!

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 - 3 bags ~ 1 - 2 bags ~ 2 - 9 bags ~ 3 - 5 bags ~ 4 - 3.5 bags ~ 5 - 2 bags
6 - 0 bags ~ 7BR - 1 bag ~ 7DR - 1 bag ~ 8H - 2 bags ~ 8S - 0 bags. Remember, all pull tabs should be brought in a Ziploc bag to your homeroom teacher. The contest runs until Friday, May 11, 2012. The class collecting the most pull tabs will win a special treat!

FINAL BOX TOP CHALLENGE ENDS MONDAY!

All Box Tops must be turned in by Monday, May 7. The class that collects the most will receive a Gus' Pretzel Party! Extra collection sheets are available in the information center by the office. Please remember - Bonus Box Tops should not be attached to the collection sheet, but sent in separately. We really appreciate the support this year! Let's see if we can go over the \$2,000 for the school year! Good luck! Don't forget to clip and save your Box Tops during the summer!

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!

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!

SCRIP NEWS

FINAL Scrip Order Date: Due: Friday, May 11, by 2:30 p.m.

Delivery: Friday, May 18 - (The order form is included with the Green Sheet.)

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.

Did you get your Scrip Profit Total sheet? Sheets were sent home earlier this week. Please return to the school office as soon as possible.

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.

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!

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.

LUTHERAN SOUTH SPRING EVENTS

Band Concert - Friday, May 4, 7:30 p.m. (features Wind Symphony, Concert Band and Junior Winds) @ Concordia Lutheran Church - Concordia Center

Choir Concert - "On Broadway Performance", Saturday, May 5, 7:30 p.m. @ LHSS

For more information please contact Jayne Lauer, Director of Admissions & Community Relations at 631-2842, ext. 426.

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

5/7	7:00 p.m. 5th Grade Band Combined Practice
	7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting
5/8	10:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon
	7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting
5/9	8:30 a.m. Chapel
	7:30 p.m. 5th Grade Band Concert @ LHSS
5/11	Last Day for Church Choir
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
	6:30 p.m. - 8th Grade Graduation Group Picture
	7:00 p.m. - 8th Grade Graduation

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

TRACK SCHEDULE

5/8	*Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
5/10	*Practice	Green Park	3:15-5:00
	*Practice is only for those students that qualify in their events		
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.