



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

Information Overload!

On almost a daily basis we receive requests from various groups and organizations to include items in the Green Sheet or to send out a special email during the week. We are concerned that with so many emails and notices, people are not paying attention to these important communications. We are initiating the following procedures for publishing items in the Green Sheet or a special email blast.

1. The Green Sheet is the preferred publication for all announcements.
2. Plan ahead! Print ready articles for the Green Sheet must be submitted by 9:00 a.m. on the Wednesday before publication.
3. Items may be edited for content and space.
4. Content should be for Green Park sponsored functions and groups associated with one of our congregations.
5. The administration reserves the right to publish or not publish any item.
6. Special requests for group emails outside of the Green Sheet publication schedule will generally not be honored.
7. Under special circumstances the administration may allow special group email blasts, but only rarely and at our discretion.

We want to work with all the groups and individuals who have important information to share, but we need to take these steps to insure that these important messages are being read.

Thanks for your consideration and cooperation.

Gary Spieler
Principal

USED BOOK SALE NEXT FRIDAY



Our 2nd Annual Used Book Sale will be next Friday November 11, from 11:30-1:00 p.m. All books are \$.25 each! Proceeds will benefit the Lutheran Community Center. We will collect books until next Wednesday, November 9. Please bring any donations to your classroom. Plan on shopping next Friday, November 11, for some great book deals!!!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS - THIS WEEKEND



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening, November 5, for daylight savings time!

IMPORTANT HEALTH REMINDERS



With the flu season upon us, we want to remind our parents of our School Health Policy regarding returning to the classroom. Your child must be fever free, no vomiting and/or diarrhea, and on antibiotics for an infection for at least 24 hours before they can return to school. We ask that you strictly follow this policy so your child does not pass germs onto others. I will begin visiting classrooms to talk about good hand washing with the children. Please encourage good hand washing at home as well. Thank you for your help.

PTO "EAT AND EARN NIGHT"



Our November Eat & Earn Night is Wednesday, November 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Bob Evans in South County. Bob Evans will donate 15% of the total food sales generated by our supporters to Green Park! Dine in only! To receive credit, please bring the attached Bob Evans flyer at the time of purchase.

CHURCH CHOIR SCHEDULE



Peace Choristers sing Sunday, November 6, at the 8:00 a.m. service. Please meet in the choir room to warm-up at 7:30 a.m.

PTO AUCTION NEWS & NOTES



Our Auction date is set! Mark your calendar for Friday, February 10, at Royale Orleans Banquet Center. Our theme for this year's Auction is "Rooted in Faith," and we have set a financial goal of \$75,000 to benefit curriculum enhancement, and technology. To make this event a success – we need YOU! Auction folders were sent home last week with every student. These folders included general information, personal and corporate sponsorships, as well as Auction Donation Forms. We encourage each family to donate or solicit 2 or more auction items. Auction items must be new and can be restaurant or store gift cards, certificates for golf, trips, sporting items and much more. Our next meeting is Monday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m. in Room #100! We hope you will join us! The classroom with the most parents in attendance will win a Pizza Party!

MARKET DAY



Thank you for making our Market Day Program a success! Last month we earned \$513. We sold 100 pies so we were able to earn 30% profit. This month Market Day will again offer Bonus Days with the sale of cookie dough. We did not want to overwhelm you with another fund raiser but we would like to encourage you to order cookie dough. If you would like to sell cookie dough and avoid paying sales tax you must pick up a Bonus Day Order Form in the school office. Please return the order form and payment to the office no later than Monday, November 14. Checks can be made payable to GPLS PTO.

December Market Day flyers are coming home today with the oldest child. 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 office by Monday, November 14, and internet orders are due by 11:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 16. Pick-up is Tuesday, November 22, 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.

GROW PROGRAM – DONATIONS NEEDED



The GROW Program: Operation Mercy is in need of a few items. Please consider donating the following: granola bars, travel size toiletries, small packs of Kleenex and hand wipes, small individual containers of peanut butter, snack crackers, apple sauce, plastic utensils, gallon size Ziploc bags, Chap stick, band-aids, toothbrushes, socks and gloves. These will be used on one of our missions!!! A collection container will be located outside the school office. Thanks for your support.

OASIS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We are always on the lookout for volunteers for the OASIS program here at Green Park. Last year we had three volunteers, but this year we don't have any available. OASIS is a program where an adult takes time once a week to work with a child in a lower grade who needs extra help with reading. Over time, the adult and child build a relationship that benefits the child and the adult, while strengthening the learning process. OASIS has had great results in helping children overcome obstacles with reading in the early years so they can succeed later on. The OASIS program provides specialized training for volunteers. If you are interested or you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Gary Spieler in the school office at 544-4248 as soon as possible, as the next training session will begin in January.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

11/6	Daylight Savings Time – Set Clocks Back 1 Hour
11/7	Band Pictures 7:00 pm-PTO/Auction Meeting
11/8	String Pictures 7:00 pm-School Board Meeting
11/11	11:30 Early Dismissal 11:30 am-1:00 pm-Used Book Sale – Room 100
11/11-13	LSAM State Volleyball Tournament
11/15	9:30 am-Kindergarten Open House
11/16	Logo Shirt Day 9:30 am-Kindergarten Open House 10:00 am-10:00 pm-Eat & Earn @ Bob Evans
11/18	Spirit Day



ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Volleyball (7-8)

11/7	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
11/8	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
11/10	Practice	Peace	3:30-5:00
11/11-13	LSAM Tournament @ Concordia	TBA	

Viking Boys (A1) Basketball 7-8th

11/4	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
11/7	Practice	Gethsemane	3:30-5:00
11/8	Practice	Gethsemane	3:30-5:00
11/10	Practice	Gethsemane	3:30-5:00
11/11	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
11/14	Practice	Peace	3:30-5:00

ATHLETIC FEE INFORMATION



Beginning with the upcoming Basketball season, we will require that all Athletic Fees (\$45.00 per sports team) be paid in advance. We will ask families to pay their athletic fee as soon as the team roster has been determined, which will be at the first practice or the parent meeting, whichever happens first. Students will not be issued their team uniform until their athletic fee has been paid. You may pay your fee earlier, if you wish, by remitting it directly to the Business Administrator. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Rusert, Athletic Director or Ann Anderson, Business Administrator.

LCR - FRIDAY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Looking for an evening of family fun? Join us at Resurrection this evening, November 4, for Friday Family Movie Night. "Cars 2" will be showing in the Multi-Purpose Room. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs for a "Movie in the Park" atmosphere. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with show time at 7:00 p.m. Popcorn, candy, and drinks will be available for purchase.

BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL



Please join us for the 17th season of the Boar's Head Christmas Festival, a 1300's medieval Christmas pageant celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ at Peace Lutheran Church, beginning Thursday, December 1, through Sunday, December 4. **Free tickets (limit 6 per person) are available on a first come, first serve basis by calling the church office at 892-5610.** Doors open one hour before each pageant. Pre-service music begins thirty minutes before each service, and reception follows with homemade Christmas cookies, wassail, punch and coffee. Additional information is on our website at www.peacelutheranstl.org.