



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



Every once and a while I come across some item that speaks to parents about parenting.

This week in a fatherly moment I was reminded that parenting doesn't stop even when they are in their thirties. Please read this devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries and ponder the whole devotion, especially the last few paragraphs. God has placed us in the role of parent and wants us to practice that role with our children.

May the Lord give you patience and wisdom as you train the children He has entrusted to you. And, if you become frustrated, be thankful God sent Jesus to forgive our short-comings also. As you attend your parent-teacher conferences please openly discuss your concerns or joys of your child, with the teacher.

Rooted in Him,

Gary Spieler
Principal

(Jesus said) "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11:11-13

The questions Jesus asked in the passage above are known as rhetorical questions.

My high school English professor told me a rhetorical question was one which had an answer that was so obvious it didn't need a reply. If you reread that passage, you will almost automatically find yourself saying, "No father would ever do such a thing. Not never. No how."

This past week I saw a video that made me think Jesus' questions weren't as rhetorical as I had once thought.

The video was of a fellow attending a Dodgers-Marlins game. A fly ball was hit in his direction and he tried to catch it. Now there's nothing wrong with that. The wrong part comes when you realize he was holding his little girl. In order to catch the ball, he dropped his daughter.

And I do mean he dropped her.

To make a long story short, his wife gave him a dirty look; his daughter gave him a shot in the chest, and he didn't get the ball.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL continued

Now I only share this story because I think there is more than this one fellow dropping his child ... not literally, maybe, but figuratively.

In recent years I've heard numerous parents say things like "I had religion forced down my throat when I was young. I'm not going to do that to my kids." Or, "When my child is old enough, I'm going to let him decide what religion, if any, he wants."

To many those words sound both modern and sophisticated; to me it sounds like some parents are dropping their children. Think about it. Are those parents consistent? Do they say things like "My parents forced me to read, spell, learn math, and I'm not going to do that to my children?" Do they say, "When my child is old enough, I'm going to let him decide if he wants to have manners, not wear diapers, etc?" Of course not, they teach their children the important things.

Indeed, the Lord made parents so they could show their children the way. Moms and dads were designed to be the loving Savior's first, foremost and best witnesses to His little ones -- witnesses to Jesus. That's what a parent will be; unless, of course, they drop the ball (child).

BAND STUDENTS AND PARENTS



5th Grade Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 2, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Lutheran South. Students must bring their own music stand to the rehearsal. Rehearsal Pick-up: Parents, please park your car and come in the building to meet your student. This will greatly help the flow of traffic.

6th-8th Grade Rehearsal

Thursday, November 3, 8:30-10:45 a.m. at Lutheran South. Students must bring their own music stand, to the rehearsal. Students should arrive at Lutheran South by 8:30 a.m. Please enter at the main entrance doors. Students will be returning to Green Park together by bus at 11:00 a.m.

5th - 8th Grade CONCERT

Thursday, November 3, 7:30 p.m. at Lutheran South. Students meet at 7:00 p.m. for warm-up and tune-up. Concert dress attire is white (or light) colored shirt and black (or dark) slacks or skirt.

ATHLETIC FEE INFORMATION



We wanted to let all families know that 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.

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.

METRO DISTRICT 8 HONORS



Andrew Torbeck and Ben Zaretsky auditioned and were selected to take part in the Metro District 8 Honors Orchestra. This is a select group of students from Grades 8-12. They will have 3 rehearsals and take part in a special concert on Friday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. at Fort Zumwalt East High School. Congratulations to both Andrew and Ben! They are the first students from Green Park to be selected for this orchestra.

USED BOOK SALE – CAN YOU HELP?



It's time for our second annual Used Book Sale at Green Park. Please donate all varieties of gently used books to the collection box in your child's classroom. The sale will be held on Friday November 11, from 11:30-1:00 p.m. (an early release day) in Room 100. Books are only \$.25 each and proceeds will benefit the Lutheran Community Center. For more information or questions, please contact Ashlyn Cunningham at acunningham@maryville.edu or 314-849-0068.

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.

NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH MENU



The November Hot Lunch Menu is included with the Green Sheet attachments. Copies are also available in the information center near the school office.

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUR SCHOOL?



There are many ways to help the school raise money, some of which are very easy and don't cost you any money. Here are two examples:

- Green Park can earn money for old cell phones (must be in working order), inkjet cartridges, or toner cartridges that you may have at home or at work. Instead of throwing them away, bring them to school and we can turn them in for points (or cash) to purchase items for the school. Talk to your friends, relatives, and your employer. Containers for these items are located in two locations - in the main foyer of the school by the bleachers and by the upper parking lot entrance near the 1st grade classroom.

- Green Park can earn a penny every time you search the Internet using Goodsearch.com. This Yahoo-powered search engine donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to your designated charity. Use it just as you would any search engine; just enter Green Park Lutheran School as the charity to support. Sign up today by visiting www.goodsearch.com.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

	10/27	11:30 am Early Dismissal-P/T Conferences
	10/28	NO SCHOOL – P/T Conferences
11/2	8:30 am-	Faith Families
	7:00 pm-	5 th Grade Combined Band @ LHSS
11/3	8:30-11:00 am-	6 th -8 th Grade Combined Band-LHSS
	7:30 pm-	5 th -8 th Band Concert @ LHSS
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

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Volleyball (7-8)

11/11-13 LSAM Tournament @ Concordia TBA

Lady Viking Basketball 7-8th

10/31	Try-Outs	Peace	4:30-5:45
11/1	Try-Outs	Peace	5:00-6:30
11/3	Practice	Peace	5:00-6:30
11/4	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30

Viking Boys (A1) Basketball 7-8th

10/31	Try-Outs	Green Park	3:30-5:00
11/1	Try-Outs	Green Park	3:30-5:00
11/3	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
11/4	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00

LASE – HERALD THE HOLIDAYS



Lutheran Association for Special Education invites you to attend "Herald the Holidays" on Saturday, November 5, at the Sunset Hills Country Club Ballroom. Start your holiday season with a presentation of *The Music and Magic of Christmas* that includes a luncheon, silent auction and sales boutique. The silent auction opens at 9:30 a.m. with lunch served at 11:00 a.m. Ticket prices are \$45 per person. For more information or to make reservations, please call 314-268-1234. Honor the spirit of the Christmas season with a celebration of children with special needs.