



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

THE PARENT/SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Our school and your home are partners in raising your children in a Godly manner. One of the things I have noticed over the years is how parenting has changed, some for the good and some for the bad. But, rather than discussing social changes and trends, I like to go to God's Word for guidance. The following devotion struck me as being helpful for you, the parents of today's children. Please read it, pray about it, make changes if needed, and feel free to discuss it with me or your child's teacher. We as a staff are willing to work with you in nurturing your child and helping him/her grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, so talk to us.

God's Blessings, Mr. Gary Spieler

WHAT WE OWE OUR CHILDREN

“Here am I, and the children the LORD has given me. We are signs and symbols in Israel from the LORD Almighty, who dwells on Mount Zion.” Isaiah 8:18

Here are some things we as parents owe our children:

- 1) **Be there!** Spend more 'intentional' time with your children. If your life's ruled by a schedule and your children aren't on it, do something - quickly! 'Being there' doesn't mean watching television together for three hours. No, it's being 'emotionally present,' allowing them to see your fears and insecurities at times, even as they witness your delight and appreciation of them.
- 2) **Learn from them!** There's so much our children have to teach us, about themselves, about ourselves, and about who God is. When we realize that we don't have all the answers, we become open to allowing God to speak to us through our children. Such receptivity strengthens their faith in God, helps them to remain teachable, and keeps us young at heart.
- 3) **Be their parent, not their friend!** It's vital, especially during the formative years, to maintain boundaries and set rules. Children need structure. It makes them secure. This includes things like fixed and firm bedtimes in the early stages, moving the time back as they get older. (start with 8 o'clock with Kindergarteners and adjust for your child) Doing this helps them understand that age brings freedom, but not all at once, because freedom brings responsibility and they're not as ready as they think for that responsibility. Don't try to be your child's best friend, looking for them to meet your emotional needs. Their shoulders aren't strong enough to carry that load. Be confident in God and in who you are. Seek encouragement from healthier sources. Become the firm but gentle parent your children need.

Our Prayer

Heavenly Father, Help me be a parent who is there for my children, who listens to them, and is truly living up to being a parent! In Jesus' Name, Amen

NO SCHOOL-MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5



School will not be in session this Monday, September 5, for Labor Day. Classes will resume Tuesday, September 6. Enjoy the extended weekend!

EARLY DISMISSAL-FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9



Classes will dismiss next Friday, September 9, at 11:30 a.m. for Teacher Meetings. Please note that all Early Dismissals this year are at 11:30 a.m. Child care will be available if needed until 6:00 p.m. Remember that a lunch and drink are needed if staying for Child Care.

PTO BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



Mark your calendars for our Back to School Bash, Saturday, September 24, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. This family event will include inflatables for children, face-painting, Tug-of-War Contest, a D.J., and delicious BBQ. The Chili Cook-off is back this year, so get your recipes ready and watch for your Chili Cook-off Registration Forms coming soon. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success, so watch your email for volunteer opportunities. We hope to see you there!

SPECIAL CHAPEL – SEPTEMBER 14



We will be honoring the 10th anniversary of September 11, with a special Chapel service on Wednesday, September 14. We would like to invite current military personnel, veterans, police officers, EMT's, and firefighters to attend this service so we can honor them for their service. Please invite your friends, neighbors and relatives to join us. Dave Waser, a firefighter who worked at Ground Zero, will speak briefly following the service. Our Chapel service begins at 8:30 a.m.

PTO “EAT AND EARN NIGHT”



Our next Eat & Earn Night is Wednesday, September 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Casa Gallardo in South County. Casa will donate 25% of the total food sales generated by our supporters to Green Park! **To receive credit, please bring in the attached flyer at the time of purchase.** Don't forget to order your Casa gift cards through Scrip, and earn money for your family and Green Park. Last month at Chick-fil-A we earned \$289.51 for PTO. Invite your family, friends and neighbors, and enjoy an evening without cooking! Thank you for your support!

MARKET DAY



October 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 Friday, September 16, and internet orders are due by 11:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 21. Pick-up is Tuesday, September 27, 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.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are in need of parent volunteers to help with our library. This is a very small time commitment and includes some computer training. Volunteers will assist various classrooms as they visit the library to check-out and return books. Classes will begin their library time beginning next week. For more information or to volunteer your time, please contact Jeanette Hammon at jah61774@aol.com.

LEAVE YOUR "MARK" ON GREEN PARK



We have scheduled one more night to paint tiles for the "Leave Your Mark on Green Park" 50th Anniversary celebration. If you have not seen the display of the 50th Graduating Classes tiles, please stop by the front entrance of the school and look on the inside wall! This is an exciting way to celebrate our school! We will be placing the remaining tiles on the wall above the sitting area in the front entry way. The cost to paint a tile is \$5 for current students and \$10 for alumni and faculty. This cost is per tile, but you are allowed to pay and paint for more than one if you chose! If you have previously paid to paint a tile, and missed out last year, we invite you to join us as well. This will be the last opportunity for you to be able to paint a tile and Leave your Mark on Green Park! So please mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 14, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. For questions or more information please contact Beth Berner at scrip@greenparklutheranschool.org

CHAPEL OFFERING FOR AUGUST – DECEMBER



Our chapel offerings for the months of August through December will be going to help the city of Joplin. The Lutheran school in Joplin has served as a relief center, cooling center, and served thousands of meals. We would like to help the Lutheran school continue to meet the needs of the community by helping to provide much needed shade or anything other needs. Please give generously to provide *green* shade from our *Green* Park Lutheran School!

DON'T FORGET

9/5 NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
 9/7 Faith Families-8:30 am
 Vision & Hearing Screening
 9/9 11:30 am-Early Dismissals – Teacher Meetings
 9/12 PTO Meeting-7:00 pm
 9/13 School Board Meeting-7:00 pm
 9/14 PTO Fall Fundraiser Begins
 9/16 Mid-Quarter 1
 9/21 Eat & Earn @ Casa Gallardo 11:00 am – 10:00 pm

GET READY TO GROW!



The GROW Program at Green Park Lutheran School is an after-school enrichment program which focuses on additional skills and opportunities not allotted during the school day. GROW will allow students to explore a variety of topics that will enhance learning, broaden thinking and encourage self-expression and problem solving. Green Park will offer a variety of GROW sessions this fall for all ages of students – our first offering is a 6 week **Introduction to Chess** session taught by Mr. Hesse! Registration forms are included with the Green Sheet this week. This session is open to grades students in grades 2-8, but limited to 12 participants. Contact Ashlyn Cunningham at 849-0068 or acunningham@maryville.edu for more information about GROW or if you have any suggestions for session ideas.



Soccer (5-6)

9/6	Practice	Green Park	4:45-6:15
9/8	Game	@ SPDP	4:00
9/12	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
9/13	Game	vs. IMSC	4:30
9/15	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
9/19	Game	@ ASLS	4:15

Soccer (7-8)

9/6	Practice	Green Park	3:15-4:45
9/8	Practice	Green Park	3:15-4:45
9/9	Game	@ CCLS	4:00
9/12-15	Tourney	@ SPDP	TBA
9/19	Practice	Green Park	3:15-4:45

Cross-Country (3-8)

9/1	Practice	Green Park	3:15-4:00
9/3	Meet	@ St. Charles	
9/6	Practice	Green Park	3:15-4:00
9/7	Meet	@ Grace	
9/8	Practice	Green Park	3:15-4:00
9/13	Meet	@ LHSN 1	
9/15	Practice	Green Park	3:15-4:00
9/16	Meet	@ Grace Chapel	
9/17	Meet	@ LHSS	

Volleyball (5)

9/6	Match	@ SJ-Ellisville	5:30
9/8	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
9/9	Practice	Gethsemane	3:30-5:00
9/13	Match	vs. IMSC	5:30
9/15	Practice	Peace	3:30-5:00
9/16	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00

Volleyball (6)

9/6	Match	@ SJ-Ellisville	4:30
9/8	Practice	Peace	3:30-5:00
9/9	Practice	Peace	3:30-5:00
9/12	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
9/13	Match	vs. IMSC	4:30
9/19	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00

Volleyball (7-8)

9/6	Match (A1)	vs. SJ-Ellisville	4:30
	Match (A2)	vs. SJ-Ellisville	5:30
9/8	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
9/9-10	Green Park Tournament		TBA
9/12	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
9/13	Match (A1)	@ IMSC	4:30
	Match (A2)	@ IMSC	5:30
9/15	Match (A1)	vs. Westminster	4:30
	Match (A2)	vs. Westminster	5:30
9/16	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
9/19	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30