



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

Going Once, Going Twice, Sold!

If you are reading this note on Friday, hopefully you are getting ready to attend the dinner auction for Green Park this evening. Our auction is a success because of the hard work of April Baese, Joan Wantland, Kim Hummert, and the many volunteer helpers who have put their time and skills to use to make this auction a success. The net proceeds of the auction go to make our program at Green Park better in many ways. The PTO supports and provides funding for many ongoing programs. Over the last year we have made great strides in improving our technology equipment and the use of technology in our classrooms. Two computer labs were added last fall that now provide our students with 64 new work stations in the two labs. With some of the proceeds from tonight's auction we hope to add interactive white boards (SMART-boards) in some of our classrooms that don't already have them, and we want to start replacing some of our teacher lap-tops that are aging and starting to fail. These items will enhance our instruction and student learning.

I hope you enjoy our auction and pray you will share your positive experiences with all the volunteers.

Rooted in Faith,

Gary Spieler
Principal

NO SCHOOL FEBRUARY 17 & 20

School will not be in session Friday, February 17 and Monday, February 20. Friday our teachers will be attending the Lutheran Elementary School Association In-Service, and Monday is the observance of President's day! Enjoy the extended weekend with your family!

GREEN PARK WINTER FINE ARTS CONCERT

Green Park invites you to their upcoming Winter Concert Tuesday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Green Park. The concert will feature performances by the Green Park Junior and Intermediate Strings, Middle School Choir and 5-8th Grade Bands. We hope you will join us for a wonderful evening of music and praise!

NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS!

For your convenience Green Park is now able to accept MasterCard, VISA or Discover for any payments! If you would like to put payments on a card please see Ann Anderson, Business Administrator Monday, Wednesday or Fridays between 7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. A 2% fee will be added to all charges.

ABC MUSICAL FESTIVAL RESULTS

We want to recognize the following band students for receiving special honors at the ABC League Music Festival, held on Saturday, February 4. These students performed a solo or ensemble in front of a professional musician and received helpful comments and award medals for their level of participation. We congratulate Ben Zaretsky and Chris Walter for receiving a Superior (I) rating and Noah Peterson, and trio, Jenna Hertlein, Ashley Harness and Kaylea Rezek for receiving an Excellent (II) rating. We congratulate each of you on your outstanding accomplishment!

INVITE A FRIEND TO OUR OPEN HOUSE

LESA (Lutheran Elementary School Association of St. Louis www.lesastl.org) is promoting an all-schools open house this Sunday, February 12. Green Park will open our doors from 1:00-3:00 p.m. that afternoon for prospective families. If someone you know is considering Christian education, please invite them to visit! For more information contact: Katy Schmitt, Admissions, katy.schmitt@greenparklutheralschool.org or call the school office.

EAT AT CHEVYS - FEBRUARY 21

Our February Eat & Earn is Tuesday, 2/21, at Chevys, 12466 Tesson Ferry Road in South County. Present the attached flyer from 4:00-10:00 p.m. and Chevys will donate 15% of the total food sales generated by our supporters to Green Park! Invite your family, friends and neighbors and we raise money for our school! We hope to see you there!

DRESS CODE REMINDER FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Just a reminder as we look ahead to next year that all uniform polo shirts are to be embroidered with our Green Park Logo, and should be purchased from our uniform vendors listed in our handbook. We will be in touch with you regarding a spring Uniform Fitting Day coming in April!

MARKET DAY

March Market Day flyers were sent home last week. 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 the school office by Monday, 2/20, with internet orders due by 11:00 p.m., Wednesday, 2/22. Pick-up is Tuesday, 2/28, 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.

GREEN PARK STUDENTS SHINE AT LHSS

Our former Green Park students continue to shine at Lutheran South. Of our 90 former Green Park students enrolled at LHSS, 60% were included on the LHSS First Semester Honor Roll. We congratulate Elizabeth Kirkman, Garrett Pagano, Nicholas Taylor, Natalie Doskal, Trevor Jost, Brendan Murphy, and Lauren Dalton; these seven students received "Honors with Highest Distinction" (4.0 GPA). Of the four freshmen at Lutheran South with a 4.0 GPA, three were former Green Park students. We congratulate each of our former Green Park students for their academic achievements!

EAST AFRICA DROUGHT - CAN YOU HELP?

East Africa is suffering the worst drought in 60 years. More than 11 million people are suffering with widespread food shortages. January and February chapel offerings will be going to Lutheran World Relief to help. Checks may be made to LCMS World Relief and Human Care.

SPRING MUSICAL - "A TALE OF THREE TREES"

Kindergarten with grades 1 and 2, present the musical, "The Tale of Three Trees." Follows the adventures of Annabelle, who dreams of holding great treasure; Bud, who longs to become a mighty ship; and Gabrielle, who just wants to stay in the forest and point people toward God. Through the eyes of Woody, the woodcutter; Stump, who is rooted in puns; and Woodworth, the tree of knowledge, we are reminded that even when we can't see the forest for the trees, there is no prayer that is too small for God. Join us for our 2 performances Friday, March 2, at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

SCRIP NEWS

Upcoming Scrip Order Dates: Friday, 2/24 – Delivery: 3/2

A scrip order form is included with the Green Sheet this week. Please note, Baskin Robbins is no longer available, but we have added Papa Murphy's Pizza to our order form.

The remaining inventory of Wal-Mart cards has sold out. All Wal-Mart cards should now be ordered through Great Lakes Scrip.

If you have any questions about Scrip or your Scrip balance, please e-mail Sara at sara.hopfer@att.net.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Green Park has completed a successful audit as of our fiscal year end, June 30, 2011. If you are interested in a copy of our audited financial statement, please stop by our Business Administrator, Ann Anderson's office Monday, Wednesday or Friday or email ann.anderson@greenparklutherschool.com. A copy can be sent home in your student's folder.

GETHESEMANE PORK SAUSAGE DINNER

Come join us for our 58th Annual Pork Sausage Supper Sunday, February 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. All you can eat Pork Sausage or Roast Beef meal! Ticket prices are \$8.50 in advance or \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 5-12 (children 4 and under free). To purchase advance tickets, please contact Beth Berner at beth.berner@lhm.org or bernerbk@sbcglobal.net. We hope you will join us!

MARIO KART AND PING PONG TOURNAMENT

Christ Memorial Lutheran Church will be holding its 2nd Annual Back Row Ministry Mario Kart and Ping Pong Tournaments. Come Saturday February 25, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. We have beginner, intermediate and advance player slots. Prizes will be awarded! Come Join the fun and excitement!! Contact Sarah Kempf for registration information. 314-267-1177 or email at tands-kempf@yahoo.com.

LHSS OFFERS 7th GRADE PREVIEW DAY

Students in the 7th grade at any area school and their parents are invited to attend "7th Grade Preview Day" on Friday, February 17, at Lutheran South. The families can choose from three sessions: 10:00-11:30 a.m., 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., and 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Mrs. Jayne Lauer, Director of Admissions, at 314-631-1400 or jlauer@lhssonline.org.

LUTHERAN SOUTH BAND & CHOIR UPCOMING CONCERTS

The LHSS bands will present their Pre-Tour Band Concert on Friday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kuhlmann Center at Lutheran South. The concert is held every year as a warm-up for the annual band tour. The concert will feature the school's Concert Band, Wind Symphony, and Jazz Band.

The LHSS Choirs will present their annual Sacred Concert on Sunday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m., at Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens. The concert will feature music presented by the Concert Choir and Lancers Singers for their tour later in March. The concert will include the LHSS Mixed Chorus.

CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESENTS... "EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW"

Christ Memorial Lutheran Church invites you to attend *Every Knee Shall Bow*, a Lenten Musical. Performances will be held on Friday March 9 and Saturday March 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 11, at 2:30 p.m. at 5252 S. Lindbergh Boulevard. Tickets are free, with reserved and open seating. The Free tickets are available at the church office at 5252 South Lindbergh Boulevard, Monday through Friday 9:00 am. - 4:00 p.m. or Saturdays and Sundays before services. Tickets may also be reserved for Will Call via our website, www.ChristMemorialStl.org. Visit our website, call the church office at (314) 631-0304 or email tickets@ChristMemorialStl.org for additional information.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

2/13	Chicken Nuggets w/Roll or Deli Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy & Cinnamon Apples
2/14	Twin Tacos or Burrito w/Cheese, Corn & Strawberry Applesauce
2/15	Lasagna w/Roll or BBQ Rib Sandwich, Green Beans & Jell-O
2/16	Spicy Chicken Sandwich or Corn Dog, Baked Beans & Mixed Fruit
2/17	NO SCHOOL - LESA Teacher In-Service Meeting

SCHOOL CALENDAR

2/10	11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal 5:30 p.m. Rooted in Faith - Auction @ Royale Orleans
2/12	1:00-3:00 p.m. Open House
2/14	7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting
2/15	8:30 a.m. Chapel Logo Shirt Day
2/17	NO SCHOOL - LESA Teacher In-Service Day
2/20	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
2/21	4:00-10:00 p.m. Eat & Earn @ Chevy's Fresh-Mex
2/22	8:30 a.m. Chapel
2/24	Spirit Day
2/28	7:30 p.m. Winter Fine Arts Concert
2/29	8:30 Chapel - February Character Trait Awards

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Viking Girls Basketball 5-6th

2/13	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
2/14	Game	vs. Immanuel, SC	4:45
2/16-18	Tournament @ St. John's-Ellisville		TBA
2/20-25	Tournament @ Salem-Affton		TBA
2/27	Game	@ Zion	4:30
2/28	Game	@ CCLS	4:15

Viking (B1) Boys Basketball 5-6th

2/13	Practice	Peace	5:00-6:30
2/14	Game	vs. Immanuel, SC	5:45
2/16	Practice	Green Park	5:00-7:00
2/21	Game	vs. Victory Christian	5:30
2/24-25	Tournament @ Bethlehem		TBA
2/27	Game	@ Zion	5:30
2/28	Game	@ CCLS	5:15

Viking (B2) Boys Basketball 5-6th

2/13	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
2/14	Game	vs. Immanuel, SC	7:00
2/16	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
2/20-25	Tournament @ Salem, Affton		TBA
2/21	Game	vs. St. John's, Ellisville	4:30
2/27	Game	@ Zion	6:30
3/1	Game	@ CCLS	4:00

FITNESS FIRST FRIDAYS AT THE MAGIC HOUSE!

Children can earn **FREE** admission and take the first step toward a healthy lifestyle at Fitness First Fridays on the first Friday evening of every month from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. Families can stretch their muscles and their minds as they take the 1,000 step circuit through the museum touring hundreds of fun, educational exhibits and looking for "Fit Facts" filled with useful health and nutrition information. Each month will feature a different fitness theme as well as special guests and activities to get families energized about getting fit. Check out www.magichouse.org to complete the monthly challenge sheet in order to receive free admission. February's theme is "Loving our Heart".