



The Light

St. Luke Catholic School



Open up the gates to let in a nation that is just, one that keeps the faith.

ISAIAH 26:2

August 19, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

How wonderful it is for your children to fill the halls and classrooms of St. Luke Catholic School. After a quiet but busy summer, the sound and activity of your children are refreshing and renewing to the spirit. We are all so grateful for the trust you have placed in us to be a part of the formation of your children. We are so grateful for the opportunity to serve such a supportive school community.


The Brigidine Sisters were the first educators at St. Luke Catholic School 50 years ago. They established a mission and philosophy that we maintain today. That is, the belief that with standards of Christian behavior rooted in gospel values and high academic standards, each person will be prepared to succeed in high school and in life. ALL students benefit from an unwavering belief that with the gifts they have been given, they can excel. What a foundation and legacy the Brigidine Sisters gave us.

The faculty and administration of St. Luke Catholic School are committed to meeting the challenges ahead in order to fulfill the mission of St. Luke School. We ask for your continued support as we embark on a new school year. We will serve you and your children with the utmost sensitivity and unwavering goal to form them in our Catholic faith, to provide challenging opportunities for the intellect and to nurture personal responsibility. Thank you for your commitment to provide the best for your child. We know it is a sacrifice for you to do so. God bless all our efforts as teachers and parents.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Marcella Salazar
Principal

UPCOMING CALENDAR

		19	20 AS Mass led by Beta Club	21 ALL FORMS DUE TO SCHOOL OFFICE Ent. Book Sale Kick-off 8:15 a.m., PH	22	
		23 30	24 31	25 Individual Student Photos, morning, all grades, by Herff Jones Back-to School Night, Gr. 2-5, 6:30 p.m., PH	26 Back-to School Night, 7th & 8th Gr., 6:30 p.m., PH	27 AS Mass led by Faculty Group

Sports News

Volleyball: First game of the season is at home on August 25 starting with the B-team playing at 4:30 and the A-team at 5:30.

Come out and support the Lady Rebels!

Soccer: The Rebels will start their season at Holy Spirit on August 25, game time TBA.

Football: The second season of Rebel football starts on Saturday, August 29, at Central Catholic, kick-off is at 11 a.m.

Everyone is invited to come out and support your school teams. Come out and fill the stands!

Cross Country: If you are playing a FALL SPORT (football, volleyball, soccer) you are required to tryout for cross country. August 26th is the first conditioning tryout day after school. See you then.

P.E. News: Thank you for your purchase of P.E. uniforms. Most of the students who sent in their order before the end of last school year received their uniforms during P.E. on Monday and Tuesday. Orders received after June will be filled soon. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Nurse's News

Continue sending in updated shot records; it's a requirement.

H1N1 Flu update as of August 14. There has been one confirmed case of H1N1 Flu at St. Luke. *Please do not panic! All precautions are being enforced.*

- Metro Health recommends strict hand washing, cover coughs and sneezes.
- Stay home for any flu-like symptoms and must be fever free without medicine for 24 hours before returning to school.
- All are encouraged to keep siblings home if a student has the flu until 5 days after symptoms appear (highest chance of infection).
- High-risk students and staff should seek early treatment to prevent severe complications, particularly those with chronic respiratory conditions, low immunity, etc.
- Recommend vaccination when available, especially pregnant women, caregivers to infants under 6 months of age, healthcare personnel, all persons 6 months – 24 years of age.

Call with questions or concerns. Let's have a healthy year!
Diane Jaen, RN
434-2011, ext. 123

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SCHOOL PHOTOS NEXT WEEK!

Individual student pictures will be taken on *Tuesday, August 25*. **This year, school photos must be prepaid.** Order forms were sent home with students today and are due back by *Monday, August 24*. Please make your checks payable to Grad Photo Studio.

All students should be in full school uniform on picture day; smocks/skirts for girls, pants for boys, no scout uniforms.

**Reminders from the School Office
All Forms Due by Friday**

All forms (color sheets) from your summer packet are due by the end of the day Friday, August 21. Two forms that are often overlooked are the *Parent & Student Handbook Contract*, and the *Internet Driver's License Agreement*. Both of these forms must be on file for **ALL** families. Please note that students will not be allowed to access school computers until the Internet Driver's License has been turned in.

Entertainment Book

Sale starts on Friday, August 21. More details are included in the packet that each child will receive on Friday. Information on Entertainment Book sale "buy-out" rules for this year will be included. Please do all that you can to support this important fund raiser.

Phone System

The office phone system is currently experiencing some glitches in the voice mail application. If you have any difficulties reaching a teacher's voice mail, please call the school office and leave a message.

Student Accident Insurance

Information is being sent home today on extending school time accident coverage which is in place for students to 24 hour protection. Please read the parent letter for more details.

FROM THE COUNSELOR

Greetings from the school counseling office! It is a blessing to be here to serve you and your children in my role as St. Luke's guidance counselor. All the smiles, from both returning and new faces, help create lots of enthusiasm as we kick off the 2009-10 school year.

Our faculty and staff want all of our students to have a successful year. To assist us, we ask parents to help us to know your child by communicating:

- Stressors that may be affecting your child (a divorce, death, or illness in the family, for example).
- Hobbies, friendships, and other interests important to your child.
- Ways your child learns best.

I look forward to supporting our students in their efforts to learn, to assisting them in their social and emotional growth, and to guiding them in life's transitions. Please do not hesitate to contact me, at ext. 128, if I can be of assistance.

Blessings to all,
Mrs. Laurie Hinojosa

FROM THE CAFETERIA

Applications for the National School Lunch Program are available in the school office. Applications for the new school year must be submitted by Sept. 1. Students may substitute juice for milk on the lunch tray for medical reasons; a doctor's note must be turned in each school year. Please contact Patsy Baumann, cafeteria manager, at ext. 130 with any questions.

NOTE TO 8TH GRADE PARENTS

Eighth grade students received permission forms today for their trip to MO Ranch on September 11. Permission forms are due back by 3:30 p.m., Monday, August 24. Thank you.

