



The Light

St. Luke Catholic School



So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us.

EPH 5:1-2

Let's Minimize the Congestion

We are now in the second week of school and our children are in a routine. That is good. In the morning, outside the cafeteria, inside the administration building (near the elementary wing), and at dismissal time, there is too much congestion. Parents, PLEASE, in the morning (after 7:50), drop off your children and let them walk to the classroom themselves; do not walk them to the classroom door. The elementary hallway is much too crowded in the morning. If you wish to talk to a teacher, please give a note to your child and the teacher will call you; once the children are entering the classroom, they need the teacher's undivided attention.

Also, at dismissal time, if you choose to walk to pick up your children, we ask that once you pick them up at the circular drive, escort them swiftly to your car as this area is very congested with parents, children, and vehicles. Let's all watch for children; keep them with you (no playing with their friends); cross only at the crosswalks; drive very slowly; **do not use cell phones during the dismissal procedure.** Please post the carpool name card on your dashboard or on your car window.

Parents, the safety of all our children is of paramount concern.

Mad Science

Grades 1-5 Opportunity

Calling all students in grades 1-5 for a wonderful opportunity to pursue your dreams of becoming a scientist! Look for the flyer that went home today offering classes in science after school. This fall, there will be two six week sessions. Session 1 will start on Sept. 23, and Session 2 will begin on Nov. 4. Details on topics that will be covered in each class can be found on the back of the flyer. Classes will meet on Wednesdays from 3:20-4:20 p.m.

Registration is due on or before Sept. 11 for session 1 and Oct. 23 for session 2; there is a fee which goes directly to Mad Science.

This is a wonderful opportunity for hands-on science experience; each session, every student will take his/her project home. Class size is limited; first come, first serve.

Check it out!

QUICK NOTES

- Wednesday, Aug. 26**—Parents' Back-to-School Night, 7th & 8th Gr., 6:30 p.m., parish hall.
- Friday, Aug. 28**—*"Civvies"* Day for 2 entertainment books sold (pg. 17 Parent & Student Handbook).
- Friday, Sept. 4**—**NOON DISMISSAL** (after school care will be available).
- Friday, Sept. 11**—first Chick-fil-A lunch for this school year; order forms due by Wednesday, Sept. 9: 3:30 p.m. Sorry, late orders cannot be accepted.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

			26 Back-to School Night, 7th & 8th Gr., 6:30 p.m., PH Ent. Book Goal: 2 books	27 AS Mass led by Faculty Group <i>Volleyball @ Mt. Sac. Heart</i>	28 <i>Ent. Book Sale, "Civvies" Day, 2 books sold</i>	29 <i>Football vs. Blessed Sacrament @ Central Catholic Field, 11:30 a.m.</i>
			30	31	1 September <i>Soccer vs. OLPH, 5 p.m. Volleyball vs. Holy Spirit</i>	2 Ent. Book Goal: 3 books



Sports News

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 team. Come out and fill the stands!

The schedules for football, volleyball and soccer can be found on the athletics page of the school website; just follow the link to St. Luke Athletics from the school's homepage: www.stlukecatholic.org.

CYO News

CYO is looking for kids to play Flag football. Date of birth must be between Sept. 1999 thru Aug 2001. For more info. contact Ruben Rodriguez at 374-1014 or rurodz1@yahoo.com or Carla Almeter @ calmeter@sbcglobal.net. Thank you.

ATTENTION!!

Parent volunteers are needed in the library on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If interested, please call Ms. Davis at 434-2011 ext.121.

ST. LUKE COMMUNITY "BACK TO SCHOOL ROSARY: FAMILIES PRAYING TOGETHER"

Come join us on Friday, Sept. 4th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center as we come together to pray for our children, teachers, families and school community. Praying the rosary in community is a wonderful way to show Our Lord and Our Lady how much they mean to us and a great way to start off the school year. All prayer intentions will be presented. Light refreshments hosted by the St. Luke Guadalupanos and Senior Adult Ministry.

For more info: Viola @ 684-6841 or Vivian @ 378-5678

PTC

PTC LUNCH DAYS

Funds raised from PTC lunches are used for items in your child's classroom and other improvements/upgrades throughout our school.

Order forms for the Chick-fil-A lunch scheduled for Friday, Sept.11 are being sent home today. Please read the notice at the top of the order form regarding order deadline (Wednesday, Sept. 9, 3:30 p.m.). Orders will not be accepted after this deadline in order to ensure that children are not kept waiting for additional food to arrive.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION TURN-IN

St. Luke's participates in the Box Tops for Education program. The 4th quarter turn-in for the 2008-2009 school year earned us about \$250. We would like to see all families participating in this very worthwhile fundraiser (ask extended family members to clip too)! Each Box Top you clip is worth at least 10 cents. Bonus Box Tops are appearing on products such as Betty Crocker's Hamburger Helper (4 Box Tops), Warm Delights (3 Box Tops), and some Green Giant frozen vegetables (3 Box Tops). For a complete list of participating products, ways to earn Bonus Box Tops, and for savings coupons on participating products, please visit boxtops4education.com. Please turn your Box Tops in to the school office no later than **Friday, October 2nd**. Reminders will appear periodically. (Please remember that St. Luke's does not participate in the Campbell's Soup program.) Thank you for supporting our school by participating in the Box Tops for Education program! Mary Knisley, Box Tops Coordinator

**Warning!!!
New Parents**

When picking up your child, do not leave any valuables in your car. Thefts have occurred in the parking lot when only leaving the car for a few minutes. Take your purse and valuables with you.

Counselor's Corner...

The beginning of a new school year can be a stressful time for some children and their families. To make the first days of school easier for everyone, the following tips are suggested:

- Establish a bedtime routine that you can stick to. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends 10-12 hours of sleep for children ages 3-10, 10 hours of sleep for children ages 11-12, and 9 hours of sleep for teens.
- Get things ready the night before. Work with your child to have their clothes laid out for the next day and their book bags packed with all necessary books, homework, notes, etc.
- Set a wake-up time that allows plenty of time for you and your child to get ready and arrive at school on time. If your child has difficulty separating, it is important to display an attitude of confidence, give him/her a hug, and leave without lingering.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Families are reminded that anyone serving as a volunteer at any school event must have a current background check on file. Background check forms are available in the school office. The cost to process background checks is \$6.00 (payable to Archdiocese of San Antonio).

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.

