



The Light

St. Luke Catholic School



*“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.”*

Mk 8:35



Ice Cream Social



All St. Luke Catholic School community members are invited to the PTC's annual Ice Cream Social, this Friday, September 18, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on the CYO Patio. The PTC and volunteers will be serving ice cream, toppings, hot dogs and refreshments all evening at no charge. Please come out and visit with your friends and make some new ones! In case of rain, activities will move to the gym.

Please note: We ask that parents stay with their children at all times. In the interest of safety, children of all grade levels should be under their parents' supervision. Thank you.

Nurse's Notes

We are currently experiencing an increased volume of illness, including flu, strep throat and stomach virus, especially in the middle school. Please do not send your child to school until they have been fever-free for 24 hours. If your child is running a fever, they are most contagious at that time and medications such as Tylenol and Motrin only reduce fever; they do not prevent the spread of viral infections. Let's work together to keep the spread of infection controlled.

There have been many requests for exemptions from PE for coughs, stomach ailments, etc. We encourage students to participate in PE unless there is a medical reason. Exercise promotes circulation that helps the body heal and is therapeutic. Please encourage your child to participate in PE. If you must have your child sit out, a parent note will be accepted for one day. After that, a doctor's note is required.
Diane Jaén, RN

Entertainment Book Sale Update

We are near the end of our Entertainment Book fundraising sale. On Wednesday, September 23, a final tally of sales will be made and the books for this year's sale will be closed. If you have not bought or returned your "demo" book, please do so by Monday, September 21. If your child has sold seven or more books, the "demo" book is yours to keep; if you paid for your demo to complete your seven book requirement for "civvies" days, you will receive a free book after the sale.

The top-selling class in each grade division (pre-K through Kinder, 1st through 4th and 5th through 8th) will enjoy a lunch time pizza party. The top-selling class per grade (pre-K through 8th) will have ice-cream after lunch. The top-selling class overall will have both an ice-cream party and a pizza party.

**Thanks for participating in the
Entertainment Book Sale!**

All Reasonable Precautions Are Being Taken to Prevent the Flu Virus

One precaution St. Luke School has taken to help prevent the spread of the flu virus is the frequent washing of hands. This is highly recommended by the CDC. The children are to take instruction from their teachers regarding this. Most have permitted, in some cases encouraged or required, students to bring their own hand sanitizer. Other teachers have provided it in the classroom due to the accidental spilling of personal hand sanitizer on books or other supplies. In either case, be assured that students are regularly encouraged to wash their hands.

Thank you for your support.

		16	17	18	<p>Football vs. St. Mary's Fredericksburg, 7:30 p.m. @ Fredericksburg H.S.</p>	
		<p><u>Midpoint</u> 1st Q. Ent. Book Goal: 7 books Soccer vs. Atonement @ Specht Field</p>	<p>Mass led by 4th Gr.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> St. Luke Volleyball Tourney Sept. 17-19 </div>	<p>Ice Cream Social, 6:30 p.m., CYO Patio Progress reports and deficiency forms go home. "Civvies" Day for 7 books sold</p>		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<p>AIAL Cross Country Meet @ Woodlawn Lake, 4:30 p.m. LAST DAY TO RETURN DEMO ENT. BOOKS Extracurricular ineligibility begins.</p>	<p>Volleyball vs. St. Anthony @ St. Anthony H. S. Catholic Student Club Mtg., 3:30-4:30 p.m., Rm. 205 Soccer vs. St. Matt. @ St. Mary's U.</p>	<p>LAST DAY OF ENT. BOOK SALE Soccer vs. Holy Spirit @ ACP</p>	<p>Mass led by 6B Volleyball vs. St. Peter</p>	<p>Football vs. Mt. Sacred Heart, 7:30 p.m. @ Central Catholic</p>	<p>Homecoming Dance, café 7-10 p.m.</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Homecoming week, Sept. 21-25 </div>						



2009 St. Luke Lady Rebels Volleyball Team
GO REBELS!

Homecoming Dance

Homecoming week is a time for a school to acknowledge and appreciate the talents of its students, particularly in athletics. We publicly acknowledge our Honor students every grading period and we acknowledge athletic talents during Homecoming week. One way in which we celebrate the spirit in our community is our middle school dance. As always, there are guidelines. All middle school students are expected to be in compliance with the following for the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 26:

- Dress Code – casual dress to Sunday best; walking shorts (to the knee) are permitted; dresses and blouses MUST have straps at least one inch wide; no spaghetti straps; no skirts or dresses shorter than the uniform skirt. This is not a “formal” dance. Students not in compliance will call home for a change of clothing.
- We strongly discourage limousines for transportation. It is not appropriate for a **middle school** dance. It is also insensitive to those students in a class who are not invited for a ride.
- There should not be arrangements made for “couples” to attend the dance. This is middle school; the dance should be enjoyed with ALL peers in the class. Parents, please discourage pairing off.

Let us be mindful that there will be a time in the near future for these students when all these things will be an option and more age-appropriate. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of these guidelines. The dance concludes at 10:00 p.m.; please be prompt in picking up your child. God bless all our efforts as parents and teachers.

M. Salazar, Principal

Thank you...Thank you...Thank you

Special thanks to the Guadalupanos and the Adult Senior Ministry for the beautiful rosary that was offered for the school children, teachers, and families of St. Luke on September 11. What a wonderful way to express love and devotion to all the school children of our community. Many blessings to the Guadalupanos and the Adult Senior Ministry. Special thanks to Ms. Viola Cruz and Mrs. Vivian Cantu.

Counselor's Corner...

Free Parent Workshops at St. Luke

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to make an investment in your family that is absolutely FREE. Topics to be discussed are: recent brain research, child development through age 11, promoting communication and positive behavior, keys to school success, dealing with anger, and more. See the flyer in today's Wednesday envelope for details and registration information.

In-Parish Tuition Rate

Please refer to the Parent and Student Handbook for details on qualifying for the In-Parish Tuition Rate, page 11. In order to qualify for the in-parish rate, the minimum annual contribution of \$350.00 (\$7.00 per week) to the parish is required. This payment must be made during the calendar year, January 1-December 31.

The contributions must be made by the child's parents or guardians; other relatives will not qualify the family for the in-parish rate. Any questions, please call Mrs. Dora Calderon at 434-2011, ext. 126. Thank you.

Tuition Due Date Reminder

A reminder that tuition payments are due on the first business day of the month and are late if not received in the school office by the 10th. After the 10th, a fee is charged. Historically, an effort has been made to be understanding when tuition was received late; unfortunately we have found that without consistent enforcement of the late fee there have been widespread late payments. If you have any concern about your payment reaching the school office on time through the classroom envelope, please bring your payment by the school office (you may use the drop box by the office door [please no cash]) Payments received by mail must be post-marked by the 9th.