



The Light

St. Luke Catholic School



“Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.”

Mk 10:15

Parent-Teacher Conferences

The Conference Schedule for each class (grades PK-5th) is included in the Wednesday packet. Conferences for middle school are scheduled on an “as needed” basis; middle school conference letters are being mailed today. Please make note of the time that has been scheduled for you.

It is important that:

- all parents **arrive on time**; teachers will make every effort to stay on schedule;
- parents prepare questions and comments ahead of time so the 10-minute conference time is used productively;
- if a parent needs to change the scheduled time, he/she must switch with another parent then inform the teacher before the day of the conference;
- if younger siblings need to attend they should be with the parent and not left outside the classroom during the conference;
- if more time is needed, another conference can be scheduled.

The faculty and staff at St. Luke Catholic School are grateful for the continuing support of the school parents. Be assured that the administration, faculty and staff work toward fulfilling the Mission of our fine school:

*“Our mission is to **educate** our students to excel in high school and in life, and to **inspire** our students to live as faith-filled Catholics.”*

School Policy Reminder Be On Time!

A significant number of students are arriving late to school. It is so important that students arrive on time for many reasons:

- Entering the classroom late interrupts and distracts the teacher **and** students from the flow of instruction.
- When the parents make a point of making sure that the child arrives on time, it sends a message to the child that being prompt in fulfilling one’s responsibilities is important.
- The student misses initial instructions for the class or for the entire day; the teacher must repeat instruction to the class or one-on-one to the student.
- A student running late in the a.m. often tends to be a bit harried during the morning hours.
- For many students, walking in late can be embarrassing, particularly if it is a frequent occurrence.

All these things are exacerbated when the class is interrupted 3-4 times by students entering the class late. Also, please note, in order to discourage tardies, as per the Parent-Student Handbook, page 18, a charge of \$5.00 will be added to the family tuition for each tardy after 11; a charge of \$10.00 will added to the family tuition for each tardy after 15. Being late can be costly!

Please, make every effort to be on time for school. It is the parents’ responsibility to comply with school hours. During inclement weather, be safe, leave home earlier. Thank you for your support and your efforts.

A look ahead:

1. **Thursday, October 22**—NO SCHOOL, Parent-Teacher Conferences.
2. **Friday, October 23**—NO SCHOOL, Catholic Formation and Leadership Conference.

		7 Mad Science Soccer vs. St. Peter @ UIW Parent Workshop, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Library	8 Mass led by Athletic Dept. Volleyball vs. St. Paul	9 PTC Lunch-Domino's Pizza MS Service Hours due 1Q Middle Sch. Youth Night with Fr. Edwin, 7-10 p.m.	10 Football vs. St. Anthony, 11 a.m. @ St. Anthony H.S.	
		11	12 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day	13 Volleyball vs. Holy Cross Hearing Screenings	14 Mad Science PTC Board Mtg., TL, 6:30 p.m. Parent Workshop, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Library	15 Mass, Feast of St. Luke Celebration, Brigidine sisters in attendance, led by 3rd Gr. Scrabble Club, ends at 4:20 p.m.

Tuition Policy Reminder

A reminder that tuition payments are due on the first business day of the month and are late if received in the school office after the 10th. After the 10th, a late fee is charged. For the month of October, as the 10th falls on a Saturday and Monday, Oct. 12 is a school holiday, payments received on Oct. 14th or later will be charged the 10 per cent late fee. Report cards, access to EdLine, and all student permanent records/transcripts will be withheld for students whose tuition account is one or more months in arrears (pg. 13 Parent/Student Handbook).

High School Placement Test Review and Preparation Time

We are happy to announce that our middle school teachers, Mrs. Huth, Mrs. Marenco, Mrs. Garland, and Ms. Garza, will be assisting all the 8th grade students in the preparation of the High School Placement Test. The teachers will familiarize the students with the format of the test and review relevant content. This will be integrated in their regular classes as the skills are relevant to current objectives. The Placement test is scheduled for Saturday, December 5.

PTC Used Uniform Sale

Saturday, October 24
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Girl Scout Room or Cafeteria

Save the Date

PTC Halloween Carnival
Friday, October 30, 6:00 p.m.

On-Going Service Projects

Holy Childhood Association—please continue to bring in your spare change through Oct. 29; *Operation Shoebox*—please send in plastic wrappers from your newspaper.



PTC

PTC Domino's Pizza Lunch

St. Luke PTC will be sponsoring a Domino's Pizza Lunch on Friday, October 9. Please note that the deadline for ordering pizza is today, Wednesday, October 7, 3:30 p.m. If you were unable to submit your order by the deadline, please remember to pack a sack lunch. Please note that outside fast food is not permitted.

Directory Cover Contest

A very big *Thank You* to all our students who took the time to participate in the Directory Cover Contest. The illustrations were wonderful; choosing just one was a difficult decision. Giselle Lozano's illustration was chosen to be our 50th year's Directory cover. Thank you, Giselle; Giselle is one of our fifth graders. Your thoughtful depiction is appreciated. Several other illustrations have also been selected to be included in the Directory. Thank you to each one of you. And, to all the students who chose to participate, thank you. God bless you.

Directory Cover Contest Entries

Giselle Lozano, 5B, Directory Cover- Congratulations and Thank you!
Mateo Mendoza, 6A-back cover;
Madylin Mercado, 1A-illustration inside
Gabriela Martinez, 7A-illustration inside;
Celine Gomez, 7B-illustration inside;
Ali Meyer, 2A-illustration inside;
Matthew Garcia, 5A-illustration inside.

Other Entries

Maria Garcia (7B), Aimee Moncada (6B), Anthony Moore (2A), Marina Sanchez (4A), Sergio Villagomez (2A), Aidan Gomez (2A), Faelin Villarreal (2A), Matthew Lozano (2A), Ari Rodriguez (2A), Vivian Serna (2A), Claire Saldana (2A), Lauren Olivarri (1B), Nicky Martinez (2B), Pepe Moncada (2A), Madison Moreno (2A), Francisco Lopez (2A), Madalyn Gonzalez (2A), Victoria Maldonado (2A), Alfredo Gonzalez (2A), Jacob Schneider (2A), Brandon Hernandez (2A), Kirstiene Victoriano (2A), Delaney Carrillo (2A), Stephen Navarro (2A), Sebastian Caballero (2A), Cade Chisum (2A), Thomas Elizondo (2A), Diana Villarreal (2B); there were two entries with no names.

Counselor's Corner...

2009 RED RIBBON WEEK T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Students in grades 2 – 8 have one more week to create a T-shirt design reflecting this year's Red Ribbon Week theme, *Life Is a Gift – Live It Drug Free*. Entry forms are due to the counseling office by Wednesday, October 14, and winners in both elementary and middle school categories will be announced during Red Ribbon Week, October 26-30. For contest rules, see the back of the T-shirt entry form that was distributed in last week's Wed. envelope. Extra forms are available in the school office.

"Standing Strong as a Parent" presented by Family Lifeworks

Dr. Ray Guarendi, father of 10, clinical psychologist, author, public speaker, and radio host will be speaking at Antonian High School Auditorium on Friday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Gaurendi is the author of several books on parenting. Advance tickets are \$12.00; \$15.00 at the door. For ticket information call 210.707.9044 or 210.264.9431 or online at www.familylifeworks.net.

St. Luke 50th Anniversary Celebration Kids Activities

Sun., Oct. 18, 2009
1:30-4:00 p.m.
CYO field (if rain-in the gym)
Free hot dogs, chips, sodas, corn on the cob and snow cones; games and activities for all ages, RSVP by Oct. 11 to Elaine Sepulveda @ 288.2844 or gasepulveda@aol.com, please provide children's name(s) and age(s).

Correction to School Directory

Please note that Mrs. Moreno and Ms. Garza are both listed with voice mail ext. 160. Mrs. Moreno's voice mail is ext. 153 and Ms. Garza is at ext. 160. Please refer to the school calendar or the *faculty/staff* page of the school website for correct voice mail/extension listings.