



The Light

St. Luke Catholic School



Blessed day by day be the Lord, who bears our burdens; God, who is our salvation.

Ps 68:20-21

Parish Blood Drive Sunday, November 15

Please consider taking a few minutes of your time to donate blood on Sunday, November 15 at the parish blood drive. A mobile unit will be set up in the St. Joseph Room. In giving just 45 minutes of your time, you could save the life of another person. For more information on the life saving impact of blood donation visit the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center website at www.bloodntissue.org.

Entertainment Book "Demos"

If you have not yet paid for your "Demo" book, please remit your \$25 payment to the school office as soon as possible. Reminder letters will be mailed home in the next few days. Please pay for outstanding "Demo" books in a separate check. Be sure to indicate the child's name, homeroom, and that the payment is for a "Demo" book in your check's memo line. Outstanding "Demo" book obligations will be subject to Edline and report cards being withheld.

Book Fair Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Book Fair November 16th – 20th. Please call Ms. Davis at 434-2011 ext.121 or email at mindy.davis@stlukecatholic.org if you are interested.



**Come Join the Fun at
Our Halloween Carnival
Fri., Oct. 30, 6:00-9:00 p.m.**



Lots of games, food, and fun for the whole family. Come dressed in your Halloween costume and participate in our Halloween parade. All grades will be hosting booths and will have treats for all participants. The results of the booth decorating contest will be announced at 7 p.m. Plan your evening meal with us—there will be food items to purchase. Please contact your room parent to volunteer. *ALL children must be accompanied by a parent. No drop-offs please.*

Also, the 8th Grade is asking for Cake Donations for their cake booth. Cakes may be dropped off in the coaches' office starting the morning of Oct. 30. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated cakes. Cake judging will take place at 6:00 p.m. Please contact 8th grade room moms Sylvia Valadez (8A) at 216.1188 or Laura Fragozo (8B) at 393.3579 with any questions.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

If you are interested in purchasing additional 2009-2010 yearbooks (in addition to the yearbook that is included in your family tuition), they must be pre-ordered and pre-paid. Please pick up an order form in the school office. The cost is \$35 and checks can be made payable to St. Luke Catholic School. The deadline to order extra yearbooks is *Friday, Nov. 20*.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

			28 <i>Individual Student Picture Retakes</i> Soccer semi-final game, 5pm, @ St. Matt	29 Mass led by Catholic Student Club SCRABBLE CLUB ends at 4:20 p.m.	30 <i>Regular Dismissal</i> PTC Halloween Carnival, 6 p.m.	Oct. 30-Last day to wear uniform shorts until after Spring Break.			
			<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Red Ribbon Week </div>			1 November <i>All Saints' Day</i> Daylight Savings Time Ends	2 Windy City Players, "The Emperor's New Clothes" 8:15 a.m., PH <i>Basketball try-outs begin</i>	3	4 2nd Mad Science session begins



Basketball News

A flyer with details on basketball try-outs is being sent home today with all middle school students. Try-outs will be held Nov. 2 through Nov. 5. All students trying-out will receive a letter with try-out results after school on Friday, Nov. 6.

Soccer News

The soccer team will play against St. Peter today at 5:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's field. If the Rebels win, they will play again on Thursday, Oct. 29 at St. Mary's University field for the championship.

Spirit Wear

An order form for fall spirit wear, "hoodie" and T-shirt, is being sent home with students today. (The form will also be posted on the home page of the school website.) Samples of both items are in the gym display case. All orders are due by Monday, November 9th.

In-Parish/Out-of-Parish Tuition

Please review the in-parish/out-of-parish tuition rate policy stated on page 11 of the Parent/Student Handbook. Families who have not met the \$350 minimum contribution to the church by Dec. 31, 2009 will be charged out-of-parish tuition for the 2010-2011 school year.

Coat Drive

St. Luke Girl Scout Troop 973 will be having their annual coat drive to benefit the Battered Women's Shelter from November 2nd through November 6th. The Battered Women's Shelter serves women and children of all ages. Coats of all sizes for both girls and boys are needed. Girls from Troop 973 will be on the circle drive side and by the flag pole on the church side of the campus on the above dates (both morning and afternoon) to take your donations. Thank you for your continued support of this very worthy cause.

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, Nov. 13 are being sent home today. Please read the notice at the top of the order form regarding order deadline (Wednesday, Nov. 11, 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. Also, if paying in cash, please send *exact change* as no change will be given. Payment for multiple orders can be combined in one check. Please submit separate order forms for each child. Thank you.

Middle School Jackets

If you are interested in purchasing a middle school jacket for your child, please purchase directly from Athletic Sewing Center, 7210 Eckhert Rd, 681.9744, athleticsewing-center.com

CYO Basketball Registration

Late registration for CYO basketball teams will be held on Saturday, October 31, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the CYO office (upstairs in the CYO building). Registrations for all ages, girls and boys, will be taking place. For more information, Visit the CYO website at www.stlukecyo.com or email Ruben Rodriguez at rurodz1@yahoo.com or Carla Almeter @ calmeter@sbcglobal.net.

Uniform Reminder

A reminder that uniform shorts are not to be worn by students after October 31. Shorts may be worn again from the first day of school following spring break until school dismisses for the summer.

Counselor's Corner...

FAMILY CONVERSATIONS HELP KEEP KIDS SUBSTANCE FREE

Make a commitment to eat five or more meals as a family each week to lower your child's risk for smoking, drinking, illegal drug use and prescription drug use. Parent and child conversations do more to reduce a teen's substance abuse risk than any other preventive measure.

Sadly, more than 13,000 kids take their first drink of alcohol each day. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University also reports that prescription drug abuse tripled among teens between 1992 and 2003. Additionally, researchers claim that the average teenager who uses alcohol, tobacco and marijuana began using them between 12 and 14 years of age.

"If I could wave a magic wand to make a dent in our nations' substance abuse problem, I would make sure that every child in America had dinner with his or her parents at least five times a week."

Joseph A Califano
Chairman, National
Center on Addiction &
Substance Abuse

REMINDER: Friday is TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS DAY. Students may wear a T-shirt or jersey representing a favorite team along with the uniform pant or skirt; athletic shoes may be worn.

8th Grade Yearbooks Ads Due Friday, October 30

Attention 8th grade parents!! Graduation Ads for the yearbook are due by this Friday, October 30th. Please contact Ms. Davis by phone at 434-2011 ext.121 or by email at mindy.davis@stlukecatholic.org.