



The Light

St. Luke Catholic School



When you call me, when you pray to me, I will listen to you.

JEREMIAH 29:12

Get Ready for the SMART TUITION Management Program Next School Year

The quality of education and faith formation at St. Luke Catholic School is a priority and of utmost importance. Catholic Schools, St. Luke in particular, seek to find new ways to make improvements. After careful deliberation and evaluation, the administration and School Council of St. Luke School have decided to partner with SMART Tuition, a national 20 year old provider of tuition/fee billing and management services.

SMART is recognized by several professional associations and serve on average 2000 schools throughout the country. We are excited to be working with SMART and are confident this synergy will lead to more convenience for our families, a greater flow of funds for the school, and will afford the administration more time to focus on the *mission* of St. Luke Catholic School.

Some of the benefits for the families will be:

- If choosing to use the Automatic Deduction or credit card, families can choose their own due date, the 1st, 5th, 10th or 15th of the month.
- Choice of Payment Plans: 12 month (June – May); 11 month (July – May); semi-annual (Aug. and Jan.); or, one payment in August.
- Payment can be made by credit card (Master Card, Discover, American Express)
- Online access and online payment ability 24/7, 365 days
- Phone access and phone payment ability (English and Spanish)
- Automated email payment courtesy reminder
- Automated email and phone call follow-up service when families miss a payment
- Payment Card Industry (PCI) Compliance – banking/credit card information is secured and encrypted

SMART enrollment will be part of the 2010-11 school registration form in January. Participation will be mandatory for all families. There is a \$43.00 annual fee for this service; this fee will be added to the first tuition payment. The administration and School Council of St. Luke Catholic School are excited about the options this association will afford our families. More on SMART Tuition as registration approaches; there will be an informational meeting scheduled with the SMART representative. Keep abreast of the developments by reading the *Light*.

Arts and Crafts Show Student Performance Times

| Thurs., Nov. 19 | | | | Fri., Nov. 20 | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------------|----|-------------|----|
| 10:45-11:15 | 5B | 11:15-11:45 | 4B | 10:45-11:15 | 5A | 11:15-11:45 | 4A |
| 11:45-12:15 | 3B | 1:00-1:30 | 2B | 11:45-12:15 | 3A | 1:00-1:30 | 2A |
| 1:30-2:00 | 1B | 2:00-2:30 | PKA/PKB | 1:30-2:00 | 1A | | |
| 2:30-2:55 | KA, KB, & KC | | | | | | |

Book Fair only two days left!

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| | | | 18 Midpoint 2nd Quarter Girls' basketball @ Providence Book Fair open 'til 4 p.m. <i>Mad Science</i> | 19 Mass, led by 2nd Gr., Thanksgiving <i>Room Parent Mtg., 6:30 p.m., GCL</i> Book Fair open 'til 6 p.m. Basketball vs. Mt. Sacred Heart | 20 Progress Reports & Deficiency Notices go home Book Fair open 'til 4 p.m. Parish Arts & Crafts Sale, PH, Nov. 19 & 20 | |
| | | | 22 | 23 <i>Extracurricular re-in-eligibility begins</i> | 24 Catholic Student Club Mtg., 3:30-4:30 p.m., Rm. 205 | |
| | | | Happy Thanksgiving | | | |

Effort and Citizenship Recipients First Quarter 2009-2010

Effort

6th Grade

Ashleigh Lieck
Paulina Flores

7th Grade

Mary Joyce
Celine Gomez

8th Grade

Gaby Castillo
Alyssa Elizondo

Citizenship

6A

Natalie Farias
Nicole Davis
Aimee Felices
Gregory Fuentes
Nikolas Gonzales
Mateo Mendoza
Jewel Uzquiano

7A

Angelica Baez-Chavez
Robert Leiva
Valeria Marotta
Charles Moreno
John Michael Noriega

8A

Lana Cosme
Laura Escamilla
Isabella Garcia
Trey Gonzalez
Bethanie Hernandez
Stephanie Ke
Alex Torres
Matthew Valadez

6B

Robert Elizondo
Aimee Moncada
Maria Noack

7B

Joe Aldrete
Allison Beatty
Maggie Chavez
Ethan Elizondo
Alec Estrada
Maria Garcia
Celine Gomez
Christen Martinez
Claudia Montalvo
Sarah Navarro
Andrea Ramirez
Cody Rivera
Karley Rosales
Nicholas Tijerina
Amy Tondre

8B

Gabriel Fragozo
Veronica Knisley
Krista Kolbinskie
Kelly Langford
Victoria Martinez
Paige Overton
Nicholas Rodriguez
Pia Serrano
Kathryn Zurita



Catholic Life Insurance School Sweepstakes

The deadline to turn-in tickets is approaching. Please submit your ticket stubs and money in a sealed envelope to your home-room teacher. If you need additional tickets, please include a note in the envelope with amount of tickets needed or you can send an email to Jay Rodriguez at jay-rod4@msn.com. As a reminder, 50% of the raffle tickets that you sell will be credited to your child's tuition account; 50% will go to St. Luke School. You benefit and St. Luke benefits! Thank you for your participation.

In-Parish/Out-of-Parish Tuition

Please refer to the Parent and Student Handbook (pg. 11) for details on qualifying for the In-Parish tuition rate. In order to qualify for the in-parish tuition rate, a minimum of \$350.00 (\$7.00 per week) to the parish is required. This payment must be made during the calendar year, Jan. 1—Dec. 31. Contributions received after Dec. 31, 2009 will only be applied to 2010, and will not be back-dated to 2009. Tuition for the 2010-2011 school year (in-parish or non-parishioner) will be calculated based on contributions received by the Parish office by Dec. 31, 2009.

Counselor's Corner...

Prep 2010

Do you want your child to:

- Learn more about math?
- Experience college life?
- Develop problem solving skills?
- Explore careers in the fields of math, science, technology and engineering?
- Prepare for high school?
- Make new friends?

The San Antonio Prefreshman Engineering Program (PREP) offers a great chance to do all of this and more. 1300 middle school and high school students from the Greater San Antonio area are expected to enroll. Members of minority groups and women are especially encouraged to apply. This year's program will run daily from June 14 through July 30, Monday – Friday, and includes course work, team projects, class presentations, exams, career awareness speakers, field trips, and special events. The cost of the program is \$300.00 per student; St. Luke School does not provide funding for students who participate. Students will be responsible for their own lunch and transportation. Financial assistance is available from PREP for those who qualify.

Grade and conduct eligibility requirements must be met for students to apply. Contact your child's math teacher, science teacher, or Mrs. Hinojosa for applications. Applications may also be downloaded or completed online at www.prep-usa.org. Deadline is January 29, 2010. Early applications are encouraged, as campus assignments are made on a first-come basis. For more information, you may visit the PREP website and refer to the "News" section, or call (210) 458-2060.

Be Prepared for the Spelling Bee!

The 2010 Spelling Bee Booklet will be available for \$1.00 in the school office beginning Monday, Nov. 23, 2009. The school Spelling Bee will take place Jan. 19, 2010.