



# The Light

St. Luke Catholic School



*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

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## Christmas Program and 4th Grade Pageant

1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students will have the opportunity to perform in the evening Christmas Program on Thurs., Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. The students will be representing children from around the world. Students participating in the program should assemble in their homerooms at **6:10 p.m.** Homeroom teachers will take the students to the church before the program starts.

On Thurs., Dec. 17 at 8:15 a.m. we will celebrate our Christmas liturgy. Our 4th grade students are working on their beautiful pageant which they will perform during Mass on that day.

*Winter Dance  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Friday, December 11, 2009*

A notice was sent home today regarding attire for the dance (casual to semi-formal) and about visitors/strangers on campus for the basketball tournament. Students will be released from the dance from the cafeteria. In order to ensure each student's safety, parents or carpool drivers are asked to escort the student from the cafeteria to the parking lot; students will not be released from the cafeteria to walk to the parking lot by themselves. The dance will end at **10:00**. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



**Cookie Dough and Peace & Joy  
Catalog Items Pick-up  
TUES., DEC. 15, 2:00-6:00 P.M.  
In the gym**

All families that sold cookie dough and items from the Peace and Joy fundraising catalog need to come by the gym on Tuesday, December 15 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. to pick up all of their orders. **THIS IS THE ONLY TIME TO PICK UP COOKIE DOUGH.** As the cookie dough is perishable and we do not have freezer space for storage, this is the only time to pick-up cookie dough.

**Early Dismissal Times  
Friday, December 18  
NO AFTER-SCHOOL CARE**

PK-1st: 11:45  
2nd-5th: 11:55  
6th-8th: 12:00



## UPCOMING CALENDAR

		9 Bball @ Atone-ment Mad Science-ends at 4:20 p.m. PTC Board Mtg., TL, 6:30 p.m.	10 Elementary Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m., 1st-3rd Gr., Church 8th Gr. to downtown library	11 7th & 8th Gr. Dance, 7-10 p.m.	12	
			Dec. 10-13, St. Luke Basketball	Tourney-A Teams		
13	14 Advent Prayer Service, led by 1st Gr., PH, 8:15 a.m.	15 <b>Cookie Dough/PTC Fundraiser Delivery</b> Catholic Student Club Mtg., 3:30-4:40, Rm. 205 Reconciliation 4th-8th Gr.	16 Mad Science-ends @ 4:20 p.m.	17 Christmas Mass for School, led by 4th Gr. MS Service Hrs. due for 2nd Q Scrabble Club-ends @ 4:20 p.m.	18 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL No After-School Care</b>	19 Dec. 18 & 19, Basketball A-Boys @ Central Catholic Tourney



**Basketball News**

The basketball teams have been working hard and playing well at all of their games. The A-girls stand at 6 wins—0 losses, the A-boys are at 5-0, and the B-girls are also undefeated with 6 wins. The B-boys stand at 4-1.

In tournament play, the B-girls took first place at the St. Paul tournament and the B-boys placed third. Thomas Andry, Alina Hilliard, and Maggie Chavez were named all-tournament players.

St. Luke will host the Rebel Tournament this weekend (Thurs., Fri., Sat.)

Congratulations to all of the teams for their hard work.



**Go Rebels!**

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION REMINDER**



The next turn-in date for Box Tops for Education is **Friday, December 11th**. Save those Box Tops from your Thanksgiving feast! **Search your cupboards for Box Tops expiring 12/31/09**. For a complete list of participating products, ways to earn Bonus Box Tops, and for savings coupons on participating products, please visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). (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



**Be Prepared for the Spelling Bee!**



The 2010 Spelling Bee Booklet is now available in the school office (cost is \$1) for students in grades 5 through 8. The school Spelling Bee will take place on Tues., Jan. 19, 2010.

**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 homeroom 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 [jayrod4@msn.com](mailto:jayrod4@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. *Families who have not paid their annual contribution to the church by Dec. 31, 2009 will receive the out-of-parish tuition rate for the 2010-2011 school year.* The contributions must be made by the child's parents or guardians; other relatives' contributions will not qualify the family for the in-parish rate.

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Many thanks to all the volunteers who made the Arts and Crafts Show such a success—Lisa Holguin, Norma Ortiz, Shannon and Gilbert Montes, Maxine and Luis Elizondo, Mari Bueno, Claudia Vasquez, and Ray and Debbie Luna. We would also like to thank the St. Luke Guadalupanos for providing the delicious meals and Mrs. Tavira and the St. Luke students for providing such wonderful entertainment! We appreciate everyone who supported our Arts and Crafts raffle. Congratulations to this year's winners!

Spurs Tickets: Mike Garcia  
Handmade Quilt: Gloria Ritter  
Christmas/Jewelry Basket: Brenda Ayala

**Angel Tree Gifts**

Each grade level has adopted a family from the Faith Formation Angel Tree. Grade level lists of suggested donations were sent home on Nov. 18. Students are asked to participate in whatever way they can, knowing that each family has a real need. Please bring your unwrapped gift donation to your child's homeroom on or before Tues., Dec. 15.

**Beyond Cana Marriage Enrichment Retreat**

Consider a quiet weekend with your spouse in the Hill Country, where you can spend quality time together and revitalize your marriage. A retreat is being planned for St. Luke parish January 29-31, 2010 at the Hampton Inn, Boerne, TX. The cost is \$250 per couple and includes two nights at the Hampton Inn, breakfast, lunch, and all retreat materials. Dinner each night is on your own. For more information, please contact the parish office @ 433-2777, ext. 110.