



# The Light

St. Luke Catholic School



DURING THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT:

*Let me fast from problems that overwhelm and feast on prayer.*

Dear Parents,

In any organization, there are many elements that need to work together for the greatest number to benefit from its mission. This is particularly true for a school where discipline, order, and compliance are critical to the success of each student. Success in a Catholic school is measured by how well the students come to know their faith, how they give evidence to practicing their faith, how they grow academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. As a Catholic school, for that matter any school, the uniform enforcement of policy and rules is also important in the students' developing their sense of fairness and a solid work ethic. Like a fabric, as threads begin to unravel it may seem harmless at first but the fabric soon becomes tattered as more and more threads come apart. This cannot happen at St. Luke Catholic School. We have been successful in forming and educating students because we have not compromised our expectations of them.

Each one of us is responsible for complying with school policy. Lately, there have been many liberties taken with regard to grooming, jewelry, uniform, and arrival time. Our students, whether in pre-kinder, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, or any grade in between, are responsible for being in compliance with the Uniform and Grooming Code as printed in the Parent and Student Handbook, 2009-10 school year edition, pages 13 – 17 and School Attendance, page 17. Please read the policies and enforce them with your child. Many students have been repeatedly reminded about what they need to do. There should be little instructional time spent on enforcing this kind of policy but it reflects a respect for St. Luke School, the school mission, its heritage and the efforts of the teachers and administration. Let us not diminish the expectation of *excellence* that St. Luke has worked so hard to develop and maintain over the last 50 years.

The most common infractions observed at all grade levels are:

- being late to school; this interrupts the class. Students should be at school at 7:50; they are late if they enter the classroom at 8:00 or after.
- girls' hair should be out of the eye, bows should be white, yellow, green, or uniform plaid; gold or silver barrettes are fine; boys' hair should be off the collar, off the ear, and no longer than the eyebrow.
- jewelry should be limited; **religious** pendants only (page 16 of Handbook).
- boys are to wear belts.
- boys' shoes, grades 2 – 5, are to be black athletic TIE shoes.
- socks are to be white, **over the ankle (in a relaxed state) or higher**; no striping or markings; for the boys, plain black socks may be worn with uniform trousers.
- Outerwear is to be **St. Luke** outerwear; green sweatshirts and sweaters may be worn in the classroom; the gray hooded sweatshirts may NOT be worn in the classroom, only to and from school, at recess, P.E. if outside, or extra-curricular activities.

Let us all comply with the policies of St. Luke Catholic School. Compromising excellence is not an option; respecting policy is a good thing to teach our children. The benefits of this are immeasurable. Talk to a St. Luke graduate who has pursued one of our local Catholic High Schools. They are doing well because they have learned to respect the system, work within it, and have the knowledge and work ethic that has prepared them well for challenges. A sincere heartfelt thank you for your continued support. Questions or comments are welcome, 434-2011, ext. 124.

Blessings,

(Mrs.) Marcella Salazar  
Principal

## Principal For A Day, Zenaida and Arabella Holguin

*Friday, February 26, 2010*



On Saturday, February 20, our School Council and PTC held a landmark event, planned and coordinated by a committee of extraordinary persons. It was an event that will receive much attention over the next few months as it was a great success on many levels. Toward the end of the evening, the live auction was held. The greatest bid for any item either in the silent or live auction was "Principal For A Day." The bidding was between Mrs. Javier Bocanegra, grandmother of Adrian Salinas in kindergarten, and Mrs. Lisa Holguin, mother of Zenaida and Ara-

bella Holguin, in 4<sup>th</sup> and 1st grades. Mrs. Holguin held out to win the special day for her girls.

We hope that both Zenaida and Arabella enjoyed the day. It was filled with administrative duties:

- They made the morning announcements and added their own words of encouragement for the students to be good to each other.
- They dressed like a principal; they were models of professional (and fashionable) attire.
- They wore a name tag with their title for the day and wore the lanyard all day.
- They went to every classroom after morning announcements to greet the students.
- They ate lunch with Ms. Lagle and Mrs. Salazar; they chose Whataburger.
- They assisted with the fire drill.
- They met with the Pastor, Fr. Jim, for the weekly meeting.
- Their names were on the parking lot marquees.
- Their classes enjoyed ice cream in the afternoon.

- They complimented 6<sup>th</sup> grade and dismissed the school from "Stations of the Cross" in church.
- They received some special gifts that only "Principal of A Day" can receive.

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Holguin for their generosity and hope that Zenaida and Arabella enjoyed their special day as "Principal of St. Luke School." Zenaida and Arabella, you did a wonderful job as administrators. You offered us insight from a different perspective. God bless you in your future endeavors.



### Homeroom Group Photos

Homeroom group photos are scheduled for Wednesday, March 24 for students in PK-7th grades. Students are asked to be in their St. Luke uniform; no scout uniforms on this day please.

**Friday, March 5**  
**Early Dismissal Times**  
**PK-1st: 11:45**  
**2nd-5th: 11:55**  
**6th-8th: 12:00**

### Report Cards Distribution

Tuition, after school care, and tardy fines must be up to date in order for report cards to be distributed on Friday, March 26. Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding your accounts.

### Archdiocese of San Antonio Hope for the Future

For more information on tuition assistance through the Archdiocese of San Antonio's Hope for the Future Program, visit their website at [www.hopeforfuture.org](http://www.hopeforfuture.org) or call their office at 734.1963. Please note that the deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 7. You must apply on line through the Hope for the Future website; mailed applications will not be accepted.



### First Reconciliation

We congratulate the members of our third grade homerooms for receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Thursday, February 25. Many blessings to all of our third grade students. Thank you to Mrs. Thompson, Ms. Turk, and the parents of our third graders for making this a special time in these children's spiritual journey.

Homeroom 3A, Ms. Turk

Homeroom 3B, Mrs. Thompson

Hannah Albor  
Christopher Badillo  
Audrey Cura-Faz  
Dierdre Duffy  
Michaela Edwards\*  
Paul Elbayeh  
Heather Figueroa  
Samuel Gallardo  
Michael Galvan\*  
Giselle Garcia  
Marc Gonzalez  
Dominic Hatzenbuehler  
Sterling Henarie

Juan Jaén  
Roxanne Lochte  
Vanessa Luna  
Aidan Maldonado  
Peter Mendez  
Dallas Montez  
Landry Overton  
Emily Schelstrate\*  
Kelsey Seidel  
Natalie Sweeden  
Ethan Villarreal  
Nathaniel Zapata

Zachary Arndt  
Jacob Avina  
Bailey Bernal  
Lauren Casas  
Jianna Castillo\*  
Joaquin Cuellar  
Zachary Davidsmeyer  
Rebekah Davis  
Michelle Enciso  
Gabriel Gonzalez  
Giselle Gutierrez  
Taylor Hudgins  
Luis Jaén  
Alexandria Leija  
Gabriel Lopez

Solei Luna  
Joshua Madrid  
Avery Martinez  
Frank Martinez  
Shayne Montalbo\*  
Nicholas Montez  
Garrett Overton  
Victoria Reyes  
Charles Rodriguez  
Brandon Romero  
Karina Salinas  
Jeffrey Toscano  
Jonnette Vidola  
Ariana Zepeda

\*Had received the sacrament of reconciliation at their previous parish.





**Cheerleading Try-Outs**



Cheerleader try-outs will take place on Thurs., March 11 for the 2010-2011 school year. All incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls are welcome to try-out; current cheerleaders must try-out as well. All participants must be in good academic standing. Cheer clinics will be held on March 8-10 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. All girls trying out must be present for the entire clinic.

**Eighth Grade Scholarships**

Scholarship applications for 8th grade students continuing their education in a Catholic high school were distributed today. Please review the directions on the cover-sheet carefully. Applications are due no later than **3:30 p.m., Wed., Apr. 7, 2010.**

**Catholic Life Sweepstakes Tuition Credit**

If you sold tickets for the Catholic Life Insurance Sweepstakes raffle, your tuition account has been credited. If you have any questions regarding the amount of your credit, please contact Mrs. Calderon in the school office at ext. 126.

**The remaining balance of the registration fee is due by 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 31, 2010.**

**St. Luke Catholic Men's Club Wild Game Dinner**

Please support the Men's Club by baking a dessert for their annual Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, March 6. Over the years, the Men's Club has supported St. Luke School through funds for 8th grade scholarships and improvements to our school facilities.

Please bring the desserts to either the school cafeteria between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. or to St. Paul's Family Center (corner of Donaldson & St. Cloud) between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 6.

**Standardized Testing**

Standardized testing (grades 1 through 8 ) is scheduled for March 24 through April 8. Please note that when testing is in progress, classes will not be interrupted to admit late arrivals or for early dismissals. Make up tests will only be given as schedules of proctors and students permit.

In order for our students to perform their best on the tests, we suggest the following guidelines:

- Students should get plenty of sleep the night before.
- Children should have a good breakfast.
- Testing will begin each morning first thing as this is when the children are fresh and alert.
- Stress the importance of these tests with your children but do not overstate it as too much stress is counterproductive.

Thank you for your continued support of all our efforts. We are confident that our children will perform well.

**Ash Wednesday Soup Meal**

Our thanks to all 2nd-8th grade students who participated in the Ash Wednesday soup meal. After accounting for the cost of the soup, \$134.31 in cash was raised. The cafeteria donated the milk, bread, and paper products. All cafeteria staff members contributed the cost of their labor that day. All proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

**Talent Show**

The time to begin preparing for the St. Luke Talent Show is here. Bring us your fully completed and best talent show acts for the auditions. Audition applications are being sent home today and are available in the school office. Please note that practices will not be allowed on campus. **Audition Applications will be due no later than 12:00 p.m., Thurs., April 1, 2010.** Our official Talent Show day is May 13. We look forward to showcasing our students' talents.

		3	4	5	6
		Mad Science-ends at 4:20 p.m. Tennis vs. St. Anthony Base/softball @ Mt. Sac. Heart	Mass, led by 3rd Gr.  Scrabble Club-ends at 4:20 p.m.	Stations of the Cross, led by 4th Gr.  <b>NOON DISMISSAL</b> MS Service Hours Due 3rd Q. Golf @ Riverside	St. Luke Men's Club Wild Game Dinner @ St. Paul's Family Center
7 <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>		8	9	St. Luke Tournament, March 4-7	
		Base/Softball vs. Holy Spirit	School Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., TL  Mad Science  Catholic Student Club Mtg.	10	11
3rd Sunday of Lent		PTC Board Mtg., TL, 6:30 p.m.  Softball @ St. Pius, 4:30 p.m.  Mad Science	Mass, led by Student Leaders	Stations of the Cross, led by 5th Gr.  <b>END of 3rd QUARTER</b>	Spring Break Mar. 15-19
		Mar. 12-14, Baseball @ MSH Tournament			