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NewsBrief

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People are only as happy as they make up their minds to be!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 20th: Catechetical Sunday

September 22nd – 24th: Standardized Testing Week

September 24th: Gift Wrap Sale Ends at 3:30 PM

(Late orders will not qualify for prizes)

October 2nd: First Friday Mass (Full Mass Uniform)

Picture Day (Red Sweaters Required)

October 7th: Noon Dismissal – Faculty Meeting

October 8th: 7 PM SLACS Parent Meeting

Included in this week's Newsbrief:

- ✓ 2009-2010 Revised Calendar
- ✓ Lunch Order Form

Parent Volunteers Needed Casino Night Fundraiser

Let's make fundraising enjoyable!

We are looking for parent volunteers to join us this year in planning our 1st Casino Night Fundraiser.

Have fun and earn PPP Hours planning a great event for our school. If you're interested in joining this committee or would like to find out more about this event please join us on Thursday, September 24th at 6 PM in Room 6.

Any question call Darci at 943-0786.

What is SLACS?

Saint Luke Advisory Council is exactly that. These are meetings for St. Luke Parents to attend to hear what's being planned and share their thoughts, suggestions, and opinions. What a great way to be a part of your child's school! Because of limited space we ask that you do not bring your child to these meetings. If you are unable to find child care please consider our next SLACS Meeting as they will be held monthly.

The Gift Wrap/Frozen Food Sale is coming to an end. Please turn in all order forms and money to the school office by 3:30 ON 9/24. All orders that are received by the deadline will be eligible for prizes, anything received after the deadline will NOT be eligible for prizes.

Calling System

We are launching a school wide calling system to schedule reminders and important messages to be sent to the entire school or certain groups (ie choir, running club, 1st grade only). These messages will be sent via home phone numbers, cell phone numbers and email. This is why it is very important that all information be kept current in the office.

Running Club and Choir Practice will begin next month. We are excited to get these programs up and running again!

Standardized Testing Week

September 22 – 24 is Standardized Testing Week for 2nd – 8th grades. Please try not to make any appointments during school hours on these days. Be sure that your child arrives to school on time, gets plenty of sleep and a good healthy breakfast as well.

Study Smarts

Studying is a skill that youngsters will need throughout their years of school. Help your child study effectively with these tips.

Start a habit. Encourage your youngster to treat studying as a daily assignment, not just something she does the evening before a test. For example, she might study 15 minutes every night for a spelling test on Friday. After she finishes her regular homework, she can spend a little time reviewing her notes and handouts.

Tackle textbooks. When your child has a chapter to study, have her “preview” it to increase her understanding. She should glance over headings, graphics, and photos and go to the glossary to lookup boldface words. *Tip:* If she finds a section hard to grasp, she could read a picture book on the topic. For a science unit on matter, , for instance, she could try *What Is the World Made Of?* by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld.

Mix it up. If your youngster reviews information in several ways, she’ll be more likely to remember it. She might use colored pencils to copy each spelling word or math fact onto a separate index card. Then, she can shuffle the cards and study them in a different order each time. For extra reinforcement, suggest that she spell each word or recite each fact aloud.

For more helpful tip visit www.rfeonline.com.

Mustang Matrix



**Congratulations to our winner:
Darci Torres**

Did you know...

...that Mrs. Hummel is deeply appreciative for the following parents who have helped in Kindergarten while Mrs. Laboy is out for her brother’s funeral: **Mr. Esparza** (Jacob’s dad), **Mrs. George** (Reese’s mom), **Mrs. Magsayo** (Vince’s mom), **Mr. and Mrs. Mahnke** (Sam’s parents), **Mrs. Ohan** (John in 1st grade’s mom), and **Ms. Magsayo** (D’Ondra’s mom). We love you!!! Thank you for helping us!!!

...that **TK** is learning about Apples and working on being good friends. They **WOW** Mrs. Carmen every day!!

... **Mrs. Curtis** and **Grade 8** did a great job at the Sisters’ Feast Mass...Thank You to Mrs. Curtis and Grade 8!

... that the following **6th grade students** recycled plastic bottles at the Festival: **Erma Moorman, Sophia Parra, Leah Dutra, and Desiray Cordova**. Thanks for doing your part to take care of our beautiful Earth.

... 2nd graders are industrious workers.

...happy birthday **Kloey Reyes!**

...**Joseph Fontes** celebrated his 9th birthday on 9/14. Happy birthday!

... **Mrs. Sanders** was happy to see all her **students** at the Festival. She also wants to thank all the **parents** who volunteered at our Festival. You all helped make it a success!

...**First Grade Star of the Week** is **Vicente Contreras**. He loves to climb trees and play soccer. He wants to be an inventor when he grows up. He also celebrated his 7th birthday on 9/12!

...first grade has also celebrated **Eric Spangler** and **Marcus Babauta** as Stars of the Week. Eric loves to swim & play soccer. He wants to be a policeman when he grows up. Eric celebrated his 6th birthday on 8/23. Marcus loves soccer, ...the 8th graders took their first History Test & did fabulous!

...Student Senate will be leaving for retreat. Let’s pray they have a fun, productive time.