



The Light

St. Luke Catholic School

August 19, 2015



"We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives."

COLOSSIANS 1:9

Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year.

*It is exciting to be back,
Welcome to all our new families.*

We are committed to a year filled with academic challenges and faith-filled positive experiences that will nurture the best in our students. Let us work together toward this end.

We realize that every day we make an impact on each and every child in our care.

The theme of our faculty and staff this year is:

Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life.

Tip toe if you must, but take the step.

Mrs. Salazar, Mr. Meyer, and the Faculty and Staff of St. Luke Catholic School

Save the Date...

**For the annual PTC
Ice Cream Social**

Friday, August 28, 2015, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Don't miss the first big event of the school year!



School Photos on Tuesday, August 25

Individual student photos will be taken on Tues., Aug. 25. Order forms are being sent home today and are due back by picture day. The order form can also be found on the *News* page of the school website. Please read the important notice on the form for details on ordering and payment.

Students should be in full uniform on picture day. No scout uniforms please. Please check the grooming code on page 18 of the Parent-Student Handbook.




All Forms Due

A reminder that all back-to-school forms are due **Fri., Aug. 21, 2015**. This includes all color forms from the Summer Packet, the Parent-Student Handbook Acknowledgement Form, the Student Internet Acceptable Use Policy Agreement Form, and the Distance Learning/Video/Photo Consent, Waiver and Release.

A Prayer for a New School Year

Father, We thank you for the opportunity to begin this new school year, and we ask that you bless the students, faculty, and student families that make our school a great place. We pray that you will guide us in all ways, so that we will seek your will in everything that we do. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *David Bennett*

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23	24	25 Individual Student Photos Back-to-School Night Parents' Meeting, 2nd-5th gr., 6:30 p.m., PH Choir auditions, 3:30-4:15, Church	26 Back-to-School Night Parents' Meeting, 7th & 8th gr., 6:30 p.m., PH	27 Mass led by 8B Auditions Advanced Strings, 3:30--4:30pm, Music Rm. 6:30 p.m., Football vs. Holy Spirit	28 PTC Lunch, deadline to order: 3:30 p.m. Tues., Aug. 25 Ice Cream Social, 6-8pm, CYO Patio	29
			<i>Soccer at St. Matthew Tournament</i>			



2015-2016 Middle School Fall Sports

Come out and support your St. Luke Rebels! Game schedules can be found on the Athletics page and all games are also included in the calendar that is on the website.

Go Rebels!



If you are new to St. Luke's or you have not yet created an account on RenWeb, visit the school website and click the link to RenWeb for instructions on setting up your account. If you have any questions regarding RenWeb please contact the school office or Ms. Mesquiti, Technology Teacher, at liz.mesquiti@stlukecatholic.org.

Family Directory

A Family Directory is available on RenWeb. If you do not wish to be included in the Family Directory, please email Debbie Rodriguez in the school office at: debbie.rodriquez@stlukecatholic.org

Faculty and Staff Directory

Faculty and staff voice mail extensions and email addresses can be found on the Faculty & Staff Directory page on the school website. Follow the link from the Contact Us tab that is on the top of the Home page; click on the Faculty/Staff submenu on the left. (Note: clicking on a staff member's name will open an email link).

A Reminder

A reminder that the contribution to the parish due by Nov. 1, 2015 is \$400.00. The parish contribution will enable a family to receive the in-parish tuition rate for the 2016-2017 school year.

PTC

PTC Lunch Friday, August 28, 2015

Funds raised from PTC lunches are used for items in your child's classroom and other improvements and upgrades throughout our school.

Order forms for the PTC lunch on Fri., Aug. 28, are being sent home today. Please note that the deadline to order is 3:30 p.m., Tues., Aug. 25. This is a firm deadline; orders cannot be accepted after the deadline so that orders can be tabulated and to ensure that students are not kept waiting for additional food to arrive.

If paying in cash, please send the exact amount as no change will be given. Payment for multiple orders can be combined in one check, but please fill out a separate order form for each child. Additional forms are available in the school office, and the form is also posted on the News page of the school website.

Room Parent Application

Applications for room parents are still being accepted. The room parent application form can be found on the PTC page and also on the Forms page of the school website. If you are interested in serving as a room parent for your child's homeroom, please submit an application to the school office as soon as possible.

Eighth grade room parents have already been selected.

Counselor's Corner...

Welcome to the 2015-16 school year! My name is Mrs. Laurie Hinojosa, but most of our younger students know me as "Mrs. H". It is a blessing to begin my 19th year as St. Luke's school counselor.

The guidance and counseling services here at St. Luke Catholic School serve to facilitate the intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual growth of our students so they may more effectively handle their lives and interactions with others. Through monthly guidance visits to each homeroom, I will present lessons to teach developmentally appropriate skills such as feelings awareness & management, friendship skills, conflict management skills, bullying prevention skills, responsible behavior, personal safety, and career awareness.

I am also available to provide individual support for students when situations arise that may interfere with school success. Individual counseling may address such issues as behavioral, social or emotional functioning, attention/hyperactivity, signs of depressed or anxious mood, as well as coping with changes or challenges in the home (separation and divorce, death of a loved one, military deployment, blended family, etc.) I welcome referrals from parents, teachers, and students. You may contact me by phone at 434-2011, x128 or by email at: laurie.hinojosa@stlukecatholic.org if I can be of assistance. I look forward to working with you to help your child have a happy and successful school year!

Strings/Choir

Tues., Aug. 25th - Auditions for Choir 3:30-4:15 p.m. in the church; Thurs., Aug. 27th - Auditions for Advanced Strings from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Music Room; Wed., Sept. 2nd - Beginner Strings will be picked up from after school care and escorted to the church. Beginner Strings practice will take place from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

ALL CLASSES WILL BE ESCORTED FROM THE CAFETERIA AT 3:30 TO THE DESIGNATED PLACES FOR PRACTICE! STUDENTS WILL BE ESCORTED BACK TO THE CAFETERIA TO AFTER-SCHOOL CARE AT THE DESIGNATED ENDING TIME IF PARENTS DO NOT PICK UP THEIR CHILD PROMPTLY WHEN PRACTICE ENDS.