



The Light

St. Luke Catholic School

September 16, 2015



Greetings Parents,

As you know, St. Luke School has been preparing this past year for our Accreditation Visit. Please take a few minutes to read and understand what this Accreditation entails.

All Catholic Schools in the state of Texas are subject to this process every so many years. The Texas Catholic Conference Education Department, which is an umbrella of the Texas Education Commission, is responsible for the process throughout the state.

The process begins a full year ahead of the visit with a thorough evaluation of the school in all areas, by faculty and staff. This process is called a "self-study". This document acts as an evaluation of the school, so that the members can take pride in its quality, and may use objective goals to strengthen any weaknesses identified, to attain an even higher level of performance. This is a painstaking process for all schools, but a necessary one.

A "Visiting Team" is then selected from within the state, and after reading the document carefully, visits the school for a minimum of three days, to affirm the strengths and weaknesses named in the self-study. The team views both subjectively and objectively to assure complete coverage of programs and policies.

So how can I, as a parent, offer support? First and foremost, pray for a "beneficial" evaluation. Secondly, if you have the opportunity, please greet visitors you may see in the car line, cafeteria, halls, this next week, and let them know why you selected this "one of a kind" Catholic school for your child.

Most importantly, try not to be tardy next week, this does and will disrupt classroom activities.

Look for the spectacular findings of the Team in about two weeks.

Thank you again for your continued support and cooperation.

Keeping you all in prayer,

Rita Graves,
Interim Principal

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."

PROVERBS 2:6

Gala Art Design Competition: Deadline this Friday

Original art or graphic design submissions for the 2016 Gala are due by this Friday. The competition is open to students and their family members. The winning selection will be featured in promotional materials for this year's gala. Submission deadline is this **Friday, Sept. 18**. The winner will be announced in the Wednesday, Sept. 23, issue of *The Light*. Please click [here](#) to link to the submission form.

Virtue of the Month

Each month, students from each homeroom class are recognized for a specific virtue. The virtues are based on the *Fruits of the Spirit*. The students will hear about this virtue throughout the month. The students who consistently demonstrate this quality will earn special recognition at the end of the month.

Our mission is to educate our students to excel in high school and in life and to inspire our students to live as faith-filled Catholics.

Virtue of the Month for September Self Control

 <p>St. Luke Catholic School educate.inspire.</p>		<p>16 Beginner Strings, 3:30-4:30, Church Volleyball vs. St. Mary's Chess Club, 3:30-4:30, Library</p>	<p>17 Mass led by 6A <i>Advanced Strings</i>, 3:30-4:30, Music Rm. Play-Well/Robotics, 3:30-5:00pm, Rm. 205</p>	<p>18 Football vs. Holy Cross </p>	19	
20	<p>21 <i>Intermediate Strings</i>, 3:30-4:30, Music Rm. Catholic Student Club Mtg., 3:30-4:15</p>	<p>22 Choir, 3:30 to 4:15, Church Volleyball vs. Holy Spirit Soccer vs. St. Monica</p>	<p>23 <u>Midpoint 1st Q.</u> Beginner Strings, 3:30-4:30, Church Soccer vs. St. Pius Chess Club, 3:30-4:30, Library</p>	<p>24 Mass led by 3rd Gr. followed by Virtue of the Month recognitions <i>Advanced Strings</i>, 3:30-4:30, Music Rm. Volleyball @ OLPH Soccer vs. St. Gregory Play-Well/Robotics, 3:30-5:00pm, Rm. 205</p>	<p>25 Progress reports & deficiency notices go home PTC Lunch School Council Mtg., 12:30pm</p>	<p>26 Football vs. St. Mary's Fredericksburg, 7pm </p>



Homecoming Dance
St. Luke School Athletes and
Middle School Students
Saturday, October 3
7:00-10:00 p.m., Cafeteria

Attire: Jeans (cannot be torn or low-slung) and appropriate shirts/blouses; should not be too revealing. Tickets will be sold at the door (pre-sale not available this year) \$5.00; exact change will be appreciated. Extracurricular eligibility rules apply for students to be able to attend the dance. Please see page 35 of the 2015-2016 Parent and Student Handbook.

HOMECOMING MUMS

Order forms for Homecoming Mums were sent home with students today. Order forms are due by 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 25. Students will be allowed to wear mums and garters to school on Friday, October 3. Click here to view the order form.

Football Wins Again!

The football team scored a victory against OLPH on Saturday, September 12. The final score was 30-7. Well done!

Cheerleaders Apple Watch Fundraiser

Please contact a St. Luke Cheer Parent or Rose Davila @ 210-857-4945 to purchase a ticket. Tickets are available for a donation of \$10.00 for a chance to win an Apple Watch Sport (42mm with Sports Band). The drawing will be held at the football game on Friday, October 9.

After-School Art Classes

Students in grades 1 through 8 received a flyer regarding "My Art Starz". After-school classes will be held on Tuesdays for eight sessions beginning October 6. Please register by mail directly to Shelley Fluke, My Art Starz, or by visiting their website.

PTC Chick-fil-A Lunch
Friday, September 25, 2015
Deadline to order:
3:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 22

Order forms for the PTC Lunch on Friday, September 25, are being sent home today. Please note that orders cannot be accepted after the deadline stated above to ensure that orders can be tabulated and that students are not kept waiting for additional food to arrive on PTC Lunch day.

PTC Lunch Yearly Pay Option

There is still time to participate in the Yearly Pay Option for the PTC lunches. Never miss another PTC lunch deadline! The purchase price of the yearly-pay option includes a discount compared to ordering each PTC lunch individually. The forms are posted in the News area of the PTC page on the school website.

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.

Attention St. Luke Athletes!

Please visit the Athletics page for the Spirit Poster Order Form

Extra Yearbook Orders

If you are interested in ordering additional yearbooks (in addition to the yearbook that is included in your family's tuition), they must be pre-ordered and pre-paid. Please refer to the order form which is on the school website. The deadline to order is Wednesday, October 28, 2015.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER . . .

HAVE YOU FILLED A BUCKET TODAY?

Have you filled a bucket today? This is a question that is being posed to students in the elementary grades during Mrs. Hinojosa's monthly guidance visits. The concept of bucket filling is simple:

Everyone carries around an invisible bucket that holds their good thoughts and feelings about themselves. When we treat others with kindness and respect, we fill their buckets. However, when we do or say unkind things, we dip into others' buckets. Whenever we choose to fill others' buckets, we in turn fill our own.

Following the children's story, Have You Filled A Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud, students identify bucket filling and bucket dipping behaviors and are challenged to be bucket fillers for each other throughout the school year. At the end of the lesson, each student is assigned a "bucket buddy", and each homeroom is left with its own class bucket to remind students to ask themselves daily, "What can I do to fill someone's bucket today?"

Note: The popular theory of a bucket and a dipper was created years ago through the work of Donald O. Clifton, PhD and has been applied by many adults wishing to improve relationships, productivity, health, and happiness. For additional information on the power of bucket filling you can read his book, How Full Is Your Bucket? Positive Strategies for Work and Life. (New York Times # 1 Bestseller)

Girl Scouts Information Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 24, 6:30- 7:30 p.m.
St. Luke Cafeteria

Find out what YOU can do in
Girl Scouts!

Join us for more information on how your daughter can participate in Girl Scouts and how you can volunteer.