



The Light

St. Luke Catholic School

August 21, 2013



"Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me."

MT 18: 4-5

Dear Parents,

Our first days of school have been very promising for an especially fruitful school year. The children and teachers are beginning the new year with great enthusiasm. The school and class routines are being established; routine and consistency provide stability and comfort to children. The little ones have toured the school with wide eyes and big smiles. The elementary grades can be observed diligently listening to their teacher. The 6th graders are focused on organizing their lockers and balancing the requirements of several teachers. The 7th and 8th graders are confident in their status as leaders and soon-to-be leaders of the school. We anticipate that our 8th graders will be wonderful role models for our younger students.

Our teachers are here because they want to be here. It is the integration of our faith throughout the day that makes teaching in a Catholic School rewarding; it is the potential to make a difference in the life of a child that makes teaching in a Catholic School gratifying. We will strive daily to fulfill the mission of St. Luke Catholic School; to *inspire* our students to *live as faith-filled Catholics*.

We feel privileged to be partners with you in the formation and education of your children. God bless our efforts as parents and teachers. We are here for your children. We are here for you.

Blessings,

(Mrs.) Marcella Salazar
Principal

Prayer for the New School Year



Lord we thank you for this new school year, for all the ways we will learn and grow. We ask you to fill us with the wisdom and joy of your Spirit. May everything we do be a sign of the Holy Spirit within us. We make this prayer to you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Luke Parent-Student Handbook

2013-14

Where is it?

The revised Parent-Student Handbook for this school year is one line. It is on the St. Luke website, www.stlukecatholic.org. There are a limited number of hard copies in the school office. If you wish to have one, just stop by and ask; there is no charge for a hard copy. Otherwise, please review the Handbook and return the acknowledgment form to the school office by Fri., Aug. 23.

 St. Luke Catholic School		21	22 Mass led by Faculty Group	23 Handbook, Internet & all color forms from Summer Packet due to school office.	24
		Volleyball teams at Holy Cross Tournament			
25	26 Cards for a Cause fundraiser begins.	27 Individual Student Photos Back-to-School Night, 2nd-5th Gr., 6:30 p.m., PH	28 Back-to-School Night, 7th & 8th Gr., 6:30 p.m., PH	29 Mass led by 8th grade	30
					31 Football vs. St. Peter, 7:00pm, UIW Field 



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

Go Rebels!



All Forms Due

A reminder that all back-to-school forms are due this Friday, August 23. This includes all color forms from the Summer Packet, the Parent-Student Handbook Acknowledgement Form and the Internet Driver's License Form.



Important Announcement!

Please read the letter that was sent home today to the oldest student in the family regarding St. Luke's new data management program: **Ren-Web.**

From the Cafeteria...

Applications for the National School Lunch Program are available in the school office. If you participated in the National School Lunch Program last year, you must re-apply for the new school year by **Monday, August 26**, or you will be dropped from the program. Please contact Mrs. Baumann in the cafeteria at 210.434.2011, ext. 130 or cafeteria@stlukecatholic.org with any questions.

PTC

"Civvies" Day Coupons

PTC Board members will be selling "Civvies" Day Coupons before and after school on Friday, August 23, in the hallway outside of the school office. "Civvies" Day Coupons will also be available for purchase on the Back-to-School Nights scheduled on August 27 (2nd-5th gr.) and 28 (7th and 8th gr.). The first opportunity to use a "Civvies" Day Coupon is Friday, September 6.

Room Parent Applications

Applications for room parents are still being accepted. Room parent application forms were included in your Summer Packet. Forms are also available in the school office. 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.

Directory Cover Contest

Our PTC is currently working on the school directory. It is a St. Luke tradition to have a student design the cover. Students in 1st through 8th grades are encouraged to participate in the contest. Please follow the guidelines below:

- The illustration should depict the St. Luke School community.
- The illustration should be done in **black** felt tip pen.
- The student's name and grade must be written on the back of the illustration.

The deadline to submit drawings is Wednesday, August 28, 2013, 3:30 p.m.

A look ahead...

Mon., Sept. 2, No School, Labor Day

Fri., Sept. 6, Noon Dismissal,
Teacher Professional Development,
After-school care will be available

Counselor's Corner...

Welcome to the 2013-14 school year! As we begin another year, I would like to take this opportunity to make parents aware of the guidance and counseling services available to all students.

On a monthly basis, I will be presenting guidance lessons to all home-rooms to teach life skills. Some of the guidance topics include feelings awareness & management, friendship skills, conflict management skills, bullying prevention skills, responsibility, personal safety, and decision-making skills. These lessons are presented to assist each child in their social, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual development.

In addition, I am available to meet with you and/or your child, on an individual basis, to provide support when situations arise that may interfere with learning. I welcome referrals from parents, teachers & staff, and students. You may contact me at 434-2011 ext. 128 if I can be of assistance.

Know that I am your child's advocate and confidante, and that I look forward to working with you to help your child have a happy and successful school year.



SCHOOL PHOTOS NEXT WEEK!

Individual student photos will be taken on **Tuesday, August 27.** Order

forms are being sent home today and are due back by picture day. Orders received after picture day are subject to a \$10.00 late fee. Please make your checks payable to **HJ Photo Studio.** If paying in cash, please include the exact amount; change will not be returned.

Students should be in full school uniform on picture day. No scout uniforms please.