

Parent News Letter

February 21, 2014

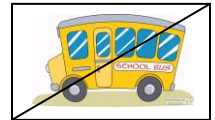
HIGHLIGHTS

- Mark your Calendars
 - Bus Service
 - Third Quarter Exams, Feb. 27th & 28th
 - St. John Family Fest, March 1st
 - Pi Week March, 10th – 14th
 - Gryphon Family Night, March 14th
 - Service Hour Opportunities
 - Free Pelicans Tickets
 - Gryphon Gala, Saturday, March 22nd
- Freshmen Class Bake Sale
- WLAE Tuition Auction, March 30th
- Sports
- ACT



BUS SERVICE UPDATE

There will be no "PM" bus service on Thursday, Feb. 27th. Also there will be no "AM" or "PM" bus service on Friday, February 28th. Please make arrangements for these days. **The bus WILL run both AM and PM on Wednesday, February 26th.**



MID-QUARTER



The third quarter is finished at the end of next week with exams on the final 2 days before our Mardi Gras break. This is a shorter-than-usual quarter because Mardi Gras break comes during the week when we would typically have exams. So, we encourage you to check grades on Edline and stay up to date on assignments. School dismissal February 27th & 28th will be 1:30 p.m. As always, if you have any questions about a grade or class, please contact the teacher or call the school office. **Thursday's exams are English, Religion, and Math. Friday's exams are Social Studies, Science, and Spanish.** Students with more than one class in a subject area should make arrangements with the teachers to determine when they should take exams.

CALCULATOR REMINDER FROM MS. LOUGHMILLER!

Students are allowed to use a calculator on their math exams. Last quarter several students did not have their calculators on exam day and asked to borrow one. I am sometimes forgiving on test days during individual classes and will loan a spare calculator. On exam days this is *NOT* possible when all of my students are taking tests at the same time. Please remind your child to come prepared!

ST. JOHN FAMILY FEST!

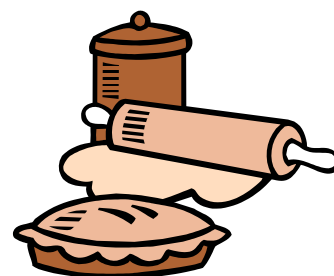
The best place to watch the Krewe of Endymion? St. John Lutheran Church, 3937 Canal Street, New Orleans. It is a family-friendly safe place to get lots of food, beverages and most importantly clean bathrooms! Bathroom passes are \$5 for unlimited use all day starting at 10 a.m. on March 1st.

MISSION TEAM

The mission team will be assisting in building the booths at St. John Lutheran Church this Saturday, February 22nd for their annual family fest. Mission team members are expected to arrive by 9 a.m. and work until noon. On March 1st they will be selling turkey legs, corn dogs and nachos all day until Endymion rolls. Team members should arrive at 8 a.m. and will be dismissed when all turkey legs are sold out, and everything is cleaned.

“PI” DAY CELEBRATION – ANOTHER REQUEST FOR HELP!

During the week of March 10 – 14th (the first week back after Mardi Gras break), all of Ms. Loughmiller’s math students will be celebrating “Pi”. The week of fun filled events will include a poster contest, pi trivia, a pi scavenger hunt and pie baking on Friday (3/14). First English has graciously offered to let us use their kitchen and back meeting room for pie making and baking. Students will be asked to contribute \$2.00 each to help defray the week’s costs (flour, sugar, butter, disposable pie plates, fruit, etc.). Ms. Loughmiller is also looking for parents who might be willing to donate their time to help supervise pie baking. If you have a rolling pin that could be borrowed for the day, please contact Ms. Loughmiller (mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net). Students will get to enjoy their pies at the end of the day with a pie party. If you have a favorite pie that you would like to bake and share with students that day, let Ms. Loughmiller know.



- Rolling pin update – I have two but would like another 4 or 5.
- Top five (5) pie flavors voted on by my classes: apple, blueberry, pecan, lemon meringue and sweet potato.
- This northerner could use some guidance from a sweet potato pie expert! I have never tasted one and/or made one! *Help!*
- Students may bring their \$2.00 next week.

GRYPHON FAMILY NIGHT

Mark your calendars for this special family night sponsored by the Dad’s Club on Friday, March 14th at Mount Olive gym at 6 p.m. More information forthcoming!

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY

The Sun Belt Conference, a NCAA Division I Athletic conference and non-profit organization, will be conducting their Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournament at the Lakefront Arena, March 12-16. They are looking for high school students to help with the Dribble Drive and Sun Belt Saturday Festival on Saturday, March 15th from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. If your child is interested in working at this event you can either email keene@sunbeltsport.org or phone 556-0887 to sign up.

FREE TICKETS

We have a BOGO (Buy one, get one) offer from the New Orleans Pelicans. If you buy a Pelican's ticket, you will get a free ticket for a student (sorry, not adult) in that same seating area. The 2 games available are the Bucks on March 7th and the Trailblazers on March 14th. Forms are available in the office and must be postmarked no later than 1 week before the requested game.

GRYPHON GALA

Preparations are underway for our annual Gryphon Gala. The Gala will be held Saturday, March 22nd at Atonement Lutheran Fellowship Center. ALL parents are asked to help the Gala Committee present one of the BEST high school auctions in the area. Volunteers are needed Friday, March 21st and Saturday, March 22nd. Please contact Carol @ 504.256.3754 or Nadine @ 504.388.8444 for more information.

We ask that you please help us in our gift-gathering efforts by donating a gift with a minimum value of \$25, or a gift certificate for a home-cooked food item. Gift items that you donate may be solicited from a business you own, where you are employed, or from a business you may frequent. Also, monetary donations may be made in lieu of a gift item.

If you have questions or for more information, please contact either Carol or Nadine. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

PTL REMINDER - PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE DINNER

Sophomore parents will be asked to bring dinner items for the teachers on Thursday, March 20th. Items can be brought that morning or dropped off after school. Suggested items include – sandwich items, salads, pasta dishes, vegetables, soup, dessert, etc. *Please note that this is a date change from the school calendar published at the start of the year and in the handbook.* **Parent teacher conferences have been moved up a week** and are now on Thursday, March 20th and Friday, March 21st. Appointments can be scheduled after Mardi Gras break.

Schedule for the remainder of the year:

- 2nd Semester Exams – (Breakfast) – Freshmen

WLAE TUITION AUCTION REMINDER – SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH

Lutheran High is once again participating in the WLAE Tuition Auction. This community outreach program is used by WLAE to help promote area schools. The auction is scheduled for Sunday, March 30th. We have not yet received our live interview time. Additional information and a flyer from WLAE will be available after Mardi Gras Break.

FRESHMEN CLASS BAKE SALE

The Freshmen Class will begin their fundraising effort by holding a bake sale on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Students have signed up for the Tuesday of their choice, and they are expected to bring in homemade items or something store-bought – cupcakes, cookies, cakes, donuts, etc. No bag cookies or donuts, please. Students that do not participate by bringing in items will be assessed dues of \$5 for the month. Thank you for your help in this endeavor.



LUTHERAN HIGH PROM – JUNIORS & SENIORS SAVE THE DATE!!

The Lutheran High prom will be held Saturday, May 3rd from 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. at the Hilton Riverside in downtown New Orleans (Poydras at the River). The prom is open to Lutheran High juniors and seniors and their dates! More information will follow after Mardi Gras break! The senior prom committee is busy making plans! Please contact Ms. Loughmiller if you have any immediate questions (mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net).

SPORTS COLLAGE PHOTOS BY KEN REDLER PHOTOGRAPHY

If your child participated in volleyball, soccer, basketball or cheerleading, be sure to check out the poster collages on view in the LHS hallway near the office. Thanks to Ken Redler Photography for creating these displays. If you are interested in purchasing a copy or viewing other photos he may have on file, you may contact him directly at ken_1@bellsouth.net.

TRACK SIGN-UP SHEET POSTED

The first track practices of the season will be next week on Monday, February 24th and Tuesday, February, 25th. Practices are held at LHS and will run from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Daily practices will begin after Mardi Gras break and will go from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Our track coaches are Coach Marroccoli (running events) and Coach Schalm (field events). A schedule of meets will be available after Mardi Gras break. Questions can be directed to either coach dschalm@lutheranhighschool.net or creolejoe14@yahoo.com. As a reminder, if this will be the first sport of the year for your child, he/she must have on file the three (3) forms required by the LHSAA. Your child should see Ms. Loughmiller to pick up these forms.



ACT 2013-2014 TEST DATES

Registration must be completed online at www.act.org. Lutheran High is a test center and is available for all six (6) test dates. Students needing accommodations should contact Ms. Rost and begin the application process as soon as possible.

For more information, refer to the ACT website.

Test Date (Saturdays)	Early Registration (last day for)	Late Registration (last day for)	Standby Registration (last day for)
April 12, 2014	Fri., March 7	Fri., March 21	Fri., April 4
June 14, 2014	Fri., May 9	Fri., May 23	Mon., June 6

NOTE: Students should plan to take the ACT no later than April of their junior year. Juniors who participate in the State Scholarship Program will take the ACT on March 18th as part of the state program.