

Parent Newsletter #25—March 6, 2015

APPLICATION FORMS FOR 2015-2016

The application form for the 2015-2016 school year was given to each student to bring home. *We must have an application form filled out by all returning students.* The application fee for tuition paying students is \$225 and should accompany the application form when it is returned to the office. Application forms are due April 15, 2015.

METAIRIE BANK—TUITION LOAN

For the last few years our parents have been given the opportunity to finance the school tuition through Metairie bank. Parents who currently have a tuition loan will be sent the forms to sign and return to Metairie Bank. June 5th is the deadline to apply for the 10-month loan. Your school application and fee must be in the office ***before*** you apply to Metairie Bank for a tuition loan.

BUS INFORMATION

There will be no PM bus service on Tuesday, March 10, Wednesday, March 11, and Thursday, March 12. ***NO SCHOOL ON MARCH 13 BECAUSE OF TEACHERS RECORDS DAY.***

3RD QUARTER EXAM SCHEDULE/STATE TESTING FOR STATE SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS (STATE SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS ABSENT FOR EXPLORE, PLAN, OR THE ACT INVENTORY MUST BE PRESENT IN SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, MARCH 13 FOR MAKEUPS.)

Tuesday, March 10

8:45 – 10:00 a.m. Social Studies

10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Spanish

10:15 – 12:30 p.m. Explore test for 9th grade state scholarship students.

Students not taking Spanish or the Explore test must be picked by 10:15 a.m..

Students taking a Spanish exam must be picked up by 11:45 a.m.

Students taking the Explore test must be picked up by 12:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11

8:45 – 10:00 a.m. Religion

10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Science

10:15 – 12:30 p.m. Plan test for 10th grade state scholarship students.

Students not taking a science exam or the Plan test must be picked up by 10:15 a.m.

Students taking a science exam must be picked up by 11:45 a.m.

Students taking the Plan test must be picked up by 12:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 12

8:45 – 10:00 a.m. English

10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Math

11:45 – 1:00 p.m. Act inventory for 11th grade state scholarship students.

Students not taking a math exam must be picked up by 10:15 a.m.

Students not involved in the Act inventory must be picked up by 11:45

Students taking the ACT inventory must be picked up by 1:15 p.m.

STATE TESTING FOR JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

All 11th grade students participating in the State Scholarship Program must take the ACT on Tuesday, March 17. Testing will begin at 8:45. These students must be present in school and on time to take the ACT.

GRYPHON GALA

Preparations are underway for our annual Gryphon Gala. The Gala will be held Saturday, March 21st 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 20th and Saturday, March 21st. 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. (See attached GALA flyer.)

BASKETBALL STATE PLAYOFFS

Hello everyone!! We had a great trip and experience on our last game of the season in Summerfield, LA. We lost our playoff game to a very good team 37-88. We made a lot of great memories that we'll always cherish and remember. Thank you for your prayers and support throughout the season. On our last game, our scorers were Tory Griffin – 10 points, Malik Peters – 8 points, Tariq Griffin – 6 points, Ethan Ortiz – 5 points, Kevin Charles – 4 points, and Herman Gosey – 4 points. Go Gryphons!!

Lutheran HS Boys' Basketball Presents: THE DOMINO'S FUNDRAISER!

Thanks to everyone who participated and bought a SLICE THE PRICE card. If anyone is still interested in purchasing a card, please call the school or email Coach Scriber at ascriber@lutheranhighschool.net. Thank you!!

TRACK

We continue to persevere through the cold weather and have not yet cancelled a practice, but we are ready for Spring! The track meet schedule should be finalized by next week. We are waiting to hear from two schools, but we are excited about the meets we have lined up! ***We will practice next Monday after school!*** For the remainder of the week, athletes are encouraged to run on their own. Beginning the week of March 16th we will begin traveling to Muss Bertolino in Kenner for practices on Mondays and Wednesdays. On these days practice will last until

6:00 p.m. We will provide additional information to your student athlete at Monday's practice. The track coaches are Coach Marroccoli (running events) (creolejoe14@yahoo.com) and Coach Loughmiller (field events) (mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net). Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have. The date for our Regional Meet is Tuesday, April 28th at Louisiana School for the Deaf in Baton Rouge.

ACT 2014-2015 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 Fee Required (last day for)	Standby Registration (last day for)
April 18, 2015	Fri., March 13	Fri., March 27	Fri., April 10
June 13, 2015	Fri., May 8	Fri., May 22	Fri., June 5

NOTE: Juniors should plan on taking the ACT for the first time in April of their junior year. Juniors who participate in the State Scholarship Program will take the ACT on March 17, 2015 as part of the state program.

SERVICE HOUR REMINDER

If your child has service hour forms to submit, please have them do so next week. Forms should be turned into the office. A service hour update will be included with your child's 3rd quarter report card. As a reminder, LHS students are required to earn 40 service hours per year beginning with their sophomore year (for a total of a 120 by graduation). See page 4 of the Parent – Student Handbook for additional information.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY – ST. JOHN AUCTION (Saturday, March 14)

On Saturday, March 14th St. John Lutheran School is hosting their annual Blackboards and Blue Jeans auction. Monies from this event benefit their school. Last year's proceeds were used to establish a new classroom for 7th grade which was added this year. Ms. Loughmiller who is a member of the St. John School Board is looking for student volunteers to help with this event. Students would work in pairs and serve "tastes" of some well-known dishes provided by local New Orleans restaurants. Students will earn service hours. Students need to be at St. John (3937 Canal St, New Orleans, LA) by 6:00 p.m. and will finish no later than 10:00 p.m. St. John Lutheran Church supports Lutheran High and Pastor Babin frequently leads our chapel. This would be a great way for us to give back to them! The dress for the evening is a white shirt with black pants or nice blue jeans. Comfortable shoes should be worn (nice tennis shoes are allowed). Fliers with more information and a map were sent home with students who expressed interest today. If your child did not receive one, have them see Ms. Loughmiller on Monday. St. John would like to have a firm number of volunteers they can expect by Tuesday. Parents/guardians with questions should contact Ms. Loughmiller at (mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net).

22nd ANNUAL ACADEMIC RALLY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Saturday, March 28th LHS will be hosting the 22nd Annual Academic Rally for our area Lutheran elementary schools. Students in grades 1st through 8th will come to LHS to take tests

in the following subject areas – English, Math, Religion, Science, Social Studies and Spelling. The day will start at 9:00 a.m. and will finish no later than 2:00 p.m. Service hours will be available for LHS students. Student Council members are expected to volunteer for this event. If you have a conflict, see Ms. Loughmiller ASAP. A sign-up list is posted outside of Ms. Loughmiller's room. Student volunteers are expected to wear their school uniform or may receive permission from Ms. Loughmiller to wear other clothing supporting LHS – i.e. a cheerleading uniform, a sports jersey, a music polo, etc.

Parent volunteers are also needed. A few parent volunteers would be appreciated to help administer tests to the younger grades. These testing periods will finish no later than noon. Parents are also asked to help sell concessions in the lunch room. This is a great outreach opportunity to elementary school parents. Many of them have questions about LHS that they would like to ask a parent. If you can volunteer for all or part of the day, please contact Ms. Loughmiller (mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net).

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY – TUTORING AT MONTE DE LOS OLIVOS

Pastor Gonzales of Monte de los Olivos Lutheran Church in Metairie is looking for volunteers to help with their afterschool tutoring program. They offer tutoring Monday – Thursday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The majority of students being tutored are in the 3rd and 4th grades. Monte de los Olivos is located at 4105 David Dr. (just north of the Rouses as you exit I-10 at Power – the church is on the west side of David Dr.) For more information, contact Pastor Gonzales (504) 451-9172. Volunteers are not expected to commit to every day. He is willing to accept whatever time can be given to help benefit these children!

PI WEEK IS COMING – We will bake pies on Thursday, March 19th!!!

LHS math students will be participating in Pi week activities in March! Stay tuned next week for a listing of all activities! If you could loan us a rolling pin, it would be greatly appreciated! Please label it with your name and have your son or daughter turn it into Ms. Loughmiller. Parent volunteers could be used the day of our pie making event to help monitor baking! We use the kitchen at First English! Thanks in advance for your help! Each math student in Ms. Loughmiller's math classes is asked to contribute \$2.00 to help cover the cost of ingredients! We will be baking the pies from scratch – from rolling out pie dough to preparing the filling! Our flavors last year were apple, pecan, sweet potato and a variety of crème pies! Maybe we will try some new ones this year! Yum!

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!

PTL REMINDER - PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE DINNER

Sophomore parents will be asked to bring dinner items for the teachers on Thursday, March 26th. Items can be brought that morning or dropped off after school in the office. Suggested items include – sandwich items, salads, pasta dishes, vegetables, soup, dessert, etc. Parent teacher conferences are Thursday, March 20th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and Friday, March 21st from 8:00 a.m. – Noon.

Schedule for the remainder of the year:

- 2nd Semester Exams – (Breakfast) – Freshmen