

SAVE THE DATE!!!

- St. Paul Lutheran School Auction and Dinner, 12/6
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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL AUCTION AND DINNER

This year St. Paul's Auction and Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 6th in their Basement with a theme of "Oh Christmas Tree". Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the door. Join us in supporting our Lutheran Elementary School.

LHS CHOIR

The LHS choir will be singing in the 10:30 a.m. morning worship service at Mount Olive Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 7th. Please come out and support your LHS choir.

CHEERLEADING

December 5th the LHS Cheerleaders will be performing a pep-rally (weather permitting) during the P.M. Activity time. The boy's basketball team plays McMain at 5:00 p.m. at Mount Olive. All are encouraged to join in the Gryphon spirit.

The LHS Cheerleaders will be marching in the Harahan Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13th. The parade starts at 12:00 p.m., with lineup at 10:30 a.m. The route along Jefferson Highway is approximately 2.7 miles long. It will start at 6601 Jefferson Highway.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council is once again selling candy-grams for students to send to their LHS friends. For \$1 they can send a bag of candy. All candy-grams will be delivered by Santa on Friday, December 12th. The final day to buy candy-grams is Thursday, December 11th. Candy-grams can be purchased from Student Council Executive Officers.

The Student Council Christmas Lunch will be Friday December 12th. Students and Faculty will indulge in a feast with an assortment of food. The cost of the lunch is \$5, which includes a drink and dress down. Money for the lunch can be given to Ms. Fields. Student Council is looking for parents who are willing to donate a dish, or know someone who would be willing to donate a dish for the Christmas Lunch. If you or anyone you know would like to help out please contact Ms.Fields at the school by phone or by email kfields@lutheranhighschool.net

Friday, Dec. 12th is also a dress down day. You may wear appropriate Christmas themed shirts or other colors of the holiday season (red, white, or green) with jeans or other slacks (without holes or frays). Students may wear tennis shoes or their uniform shoes. Students may also choose to participate in our “ugliest Christmas sweater” contest. The rules are simple: wear an ugly Christmas sweater to school. The person deemed wearing the ugliest sweater will win a gift card.

Our annual door decorating contest is here! All 8th period classes will have the opportunity to decorate their classroom door with their own Christmas Hymn. The door judged the best will win a “dessert party” sometime after the New Year.

SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

The schedule for semester exams is as follows:

	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
8:45-10:05 a.m.	English	Religion	Social Studies
10:05-10:25 a.m.	Break	Break	Break
10:25-11:45 a.m.	Spanish	Math	Science

If your child does not have an exam at one of these time slots he/she is free to leave. Remember that once a student leaves the campus, he/she may not return that day. All students must be off the campus before 12 p.m.

BUS RIDERS

December 17 – 19 will be our semester exams and dismissal will be at 11:45 a.m. each day. There will be no bus transportation at this dismissal time. There will only be a.m. pick up. Please make arrangements for your child’s transportation on each of exam days at dismissal time.

AMAZON PROGRAM

As you begin your Christmas shopping on line, Amazon has a program called AmazonSmile, which will automatically donate 0.5% of your purchases to the charity you select. It costs you (and us) nothing, and it’s just like shopping on Amazon normally, but you get to do a world of good. To sign up, go to www.smile.amazon.com, and search for Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans. Once you add us as your chosen charity, Amazon will do the rest! The only real catch is that you have to start your shopping at smile.amazon.com (which means

that you have to update your bookmark). Everything else is the exact same Amazon shopping experience.

SAVE THE DATE!!!! Mark your calendars!!!!

The Lutheran High School Gryphon Gala will be held on **Saturday, March 21, 2015**. Leading up to the Gala, there will be two gift gathering parties in 2015 - an Alumni Party on **Saturday, February 28th** and a Ladies' Tea on **Sunday, March 8th**. More information to follow as the events get closer!! We would love to see you there!! Thank you in advance for your support of Lutheran High School.

HELP – HOUSING NEEDED FOR AUSTRALIAN BAND IN DECEMBER

Lutheran High has been asked to house a number of students from Australia in December. We would like to find places for 14-15 students that will be performing at area churches. If you are available to do this, it is requested that you take two or three students, and let us know if you prefer girls or boys.

Students will arrive to Atonement at lunchtime on Sunday, December 7th (approximately 12:30). All host families from the participating churches and Lutheran High are invited to lunch at Atonement, to mix and mingle with the students. After lunch, the individual families will be free to take their students and do whatever they would like for the rest of the day (spend family time at home, visiting relatives, sightseeing, etc.). Students will need to be brought back to Atonement on Monday morning (exact time TBD).

The band will have a couple of group activities on Monday, and they will perform a concert at St. John Lutheran Church on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in their Gym/Fellowship Center. All host families are invited and encouraged to attend the concert. After the concert, the families will take their students home. Some may wish to take their students out for coffee / beignets, etc. On Tuesday, families will bring their students back to Atonement at 8:00 a.m. From that point forward, the band has additional group activities planned, as well as a concert at Lamb of God in Slidell.

SOCCER

Attached to this e-mail is the tentative soccer schedule. We are still in the process of confirming fields for our home games due to conflicts at LaSalle Park. We will keep you posted. Coach Marroccoli is also looking to add a few more games. Please contact Coach Marroccoli with any questions at creolejoe14@yahoo.com.

BASKETBALL

Welcome back!! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break! Our game before the break was Saturday, November 22nd at the Grace King Tip-Off Classic. We played Riverdale High School and lost 34-94. There were several large schools in the tournament, which gave us a different perspective of competition. Tory Griffin and Kevin Charles led all scorers each with 11 points, Herman Gosey with 8 points, Tariq Griffin with 3 points, and Ethan Ortiz with 1 point.

On Tuesday, December 2nd, we traveled to Houma and played Houma Christian for junior varsity and varsity games. The JV team lost 20-54. Kevin Charles, Jacob Stevens, and Tariq Griffin each had 6 points and Ethan Ortiz had 2 points. The V team lost 35-60. On the night, Tory Griffin and Kevin Charles each had 13 points, Jacob Stevens had 4 points, Ethan Ortiz had 3 teams, and Herman Gosey had 2.

Thursday, December 4th, we play at New Orleans Math and Science High School at 6:00 pm. On Friday, December 5, we have junior varsity and varsity home games against Eleanor McMMain Secondary School, which starts at 5:00 pm at Mount Olive Gym. Please come out and support the Gryphons!!

There is also a practice schedule for December attached to this email.

ADMISSION PRICES FOR LHS ATHLETIC CONTESTS

To help defray the cost of officials and to help fund athletic programs, schools typically charge admission to athletic contests. We made an exception for LHS volleyball this year due to our gym situation and having to play many of our home games at our opponent's gym. Admission will be charged for our home basketball games, all of which will be played at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church (315 Ridgelake Dr, Metairie, LA 70001).

Below are the admission prices:

- Adults - \$5.00
- Students - \$3.00
- Children 5 and Under – Free
- LHS Students – Free

ADMISSION PASS

The LHS Athletic Department is offering admission passes for the upcoming basketball season. The prices are as follows:

- Individual Pass - \$35
- Family Pass - \$50 (would cover three family members)

To help you determine if this would be beneficial for your family, we have fourteen (14) home contests scheduled. Payment can be made by cash, check or money order.

Checks should be made payable to Lutheran High (with Admission Pass noted in the memo). Your name will be added to a master pass list. There will not be any card that you have to present at games. NOTE: Admission is typically not charged for soccer matches, unless they are played at a field on a school's campus. LHS will play the majority of our home games at LaSalle Field on Airline Drive and we will not charge admission. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Loughmiller

mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net

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)
December 13, 2014			Fri., Dec. 5
February 7, 2015	Fri., Jan. 9	Fri., Jan. 16	Fri., Jan. 30
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.