

Parent Newsletter #20

1/16/15

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

This is a reminder that school will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. We will resume classes on Tuesday.

SOCCER - SCHEDULE CHANGE – NO GAME ON MLK DAY!

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK – January 25th – 31st

During the week of January 25th – 31st, Lutheran Schools across the country (and internationally) will be observing National Lutheran Schools Week. This is an annual opportunity to celebrate Lutheran education. Lutheran High will be participating in this week. The Service Club is finalizing their plans for LHS events and will have a full calendar to attach to next week's parent e-mail.

The theme for this year's event is "**Mercy Forever — Standing in Christ, serving others,**" based on Mark 10:45: "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Each year during this week, the Lutheran schools across New Orleans unite for one event. This year's event will be held on **Friday, January 30th**. In keeping with the theme of "Serving" we are asking our LHS students to do one of two things:

1. Volunteer at one of our area Lutheran elementary schools that will be hosting certain grade levels from Lutheran schools throughout the city:

Atonement Lutheran (6th – 8th grades)

6500 Riverside Dr.
Metairie, LA 70003

Faith Lutheran (K – 2nd grades)

300 Colonial Club Drive
Harahan, LA 70123

St. John Lutheran (3rd – 5th grades)

3937 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

Lutheran High faculty members will be leading sessions at these various schools and will be onsite to supervise. Members of Student Council, Service Club, Mission Club and athletic teams will be asked to choose one of these locations.

2. Volunteer at a location within your community to earn service hours toward your graduation requirement. We will provide a letter on Lutheran High letterhead that should allow you to volunteer on a weekday. Students are expected to get their volunteer site pre-approved and to start making arrangements now.

Students will be responsible for securing transportation to their volunteer site. ***There will be no bus service provided on this day!*** For this reason, we are encouraging students to choose

locations near their home or to make arrangements with fellow students to carpool. The Lutheran School events will start at approximately 9:00 a.m. and should finish around 1:00 p.m. We will provide specific times for each site once we receive their final schedule of events.

All students are expected to volunteer on this day! The school events are typically quite memorable and it is a great way for Lutheran High to reach out to our area Lutheran elementary schools.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office (504) 455-4062 or Ms. Loughmiller at (mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net).

CONGRATULATIONS

Lutheran High School, junior, Jessica Waddell will be participating in the Jr. Keeper program at the Audubon Zoo for the 3rd consecutive year. Jessica says, "It's very exciting to get to teach people things about animals and to see the wonder and curiosity in their eyes." The Jr. Keeper program encourages hands-on learning, creativity, teamwork, a sense of stewardship towards the environment and the development of work place and life skills through a wide variety of volunteer experiences. The 2015 Jr. Keeper Program is open to youth entering the 7th, 8th, or 9th grade in the Fall of 2015. Don't forget when you're at the zoo to stop by and see Jessica!

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE-Ambassador Program

Lutheran High School students, Annie Batte and Allison Garay were chosen as People to People Ambassadors. The students have the opportunity to participate in the European Odyssey trip this summer. The trip is filled with classic experiences: floating in a Venetian gondola, seeing Paris from the top of the Eiffel Tower, walking the streets of the Roman Forum, and making lasting memories with new European friends. Congratulations to Annie and Allison for this high honor

The students chosen to be People to People Ambassadors are raising money to offset the cost of their trip. They are selling raffle tickets now, \$2 for 1 ticket and \$5 for tickets, to win a 42" flat screen TV. If you would like to buy a ticket or donate to their cause please contact Lutheran High School.

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.

NEW WEBSITE!

Have you been to www.LutheranHighSchool.net lately? We updated the site. Check it out!

CHAPEL

We would like to thank Pastor Babin of St. John, Pastor Drew of Mt. Olive, and Pastor Manning from Gloria Dei and Pastor Lattimore from St. Paul's Lutheran Churches for sharing about the Unbound Compassion we find in Christ during our first semester chapel services.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER NEEDED.

Pastor Manning is a favorite chapel speaker at LHS. He is legally blind so he cannot drive himself. His normal driver got a new job and he needs help with transportation. We are looking for someone who is able to pick him up from his home on Freret St. and bring him to school by 12:45p.m. once a month or less on Tuesdays. You may then join us for worship and drive him home after chapel (approx. 1:40p.m). Contact Mr. Taylor if you can help (jtaylor@lutheranhighschool.net).

TRACK SEASON TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY

Varsity level track is currently the spring sport offered at Lutheran High. Track practice will begin in February. The official date will be provided in an upcoming e-mail. If this sport will be the first sport your child has participated in this year, he or she will need to complete the required LHSAA forms (Parent Permission, Substance Abuse and a Physical – with a portion that must be completed by a doctor). Interested athletes are encouraged to see Ms. Loughmiller (the athletic director) to discuss eligibility and to obtain copies of the required forms. Parents or guardians who have questions are encouraged to contact Ms. Loughmiller at (504) 455-4062 or by e-mail (mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net).

Basketball

The basketball team is gradually getting back into the swing of things. We had a rough start after the Christmas break, but are getting our rhythm back. We played Ecole Classique Friday night and fell 35-37. The game was in our grasp, but we let it slip away in the final minutes. Our scorers for the night were Tory Griffin – 15 points, Malik Peters – 7 points, Tariq Griffin – 5 points, and Jacob Stevens and Kevin Charles – 4 points each.

On Tuesday night, we travelled to the West bank and faced Patrick Taylor. We got behind early and made a run in the second half, but still came up short 45-54. On the night, our scorers were Malik Peters – 17 points, Tory Griffin – 13 points, Kevin Charles – 7 points, Jacob Stevens and Tariq Griffin – 3 points each, and A. J. Roman – 2 points.

Our next home game is Friday night, January 16 at Mount Olive gym versus M. L. King Charter at 6:00 pm. It will be a varsity game only. On Tuesday night, January 20, we play at Bishop McManus, which is our first district game at 6:00 pm. The address to Bishop McManus Academy is 13123 Interstate 10 Service Road, New Orleans, LA 70128. Please come out and cheer us on!!

Also, attached to this email is an updated practice schedule and game schedule.

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

We are currently raising funds for teamwear, gear, and equipment for our basketball team. This is how it works:

THE SLICE THE PRICE CARD

- The card is good to buy a large pizza, get a large pizza FREE!
- The card sells for \$10.00.
- If you use the card just one time, it more than pays for itself!
- Use the card as many times as you would like until Thursday, December 31, 2015.
- Great for parties! Buy 10 large pizzas, get 10 large pizzas FREE!
- The SLICE THE PRICE card is valid for delivery or carryout!

WHERE THE CARD WORKS

- Jefferson , Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa parishes

Cash accepted or make checks payable to: Lutheran High School. The fundraiser runs to Wednesday, January 21, 2015. Please help us out and spread the word!! If you would like to purchase a SLICE THE PRICE CARD, please call the school or email Coach Scriber at ascriber@lutheranhighschool.net. Orders will be taken and the cards will be ordered on January 21, 2015. Thank you!!

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)

SOCCER

Attached to this e-mail is an updated soccer schedule. Please contact Coach Marroccoli with any questions at creolejoe14@yahoo.com.

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)
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.