

Parent Newsletter #21

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NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK – January 25th – 31st – UPDATED

BELOW!

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 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**.

The need for LHS student volunteers on Friday the 30th is less than anticipated. As a result, we are excusing freshman from this day of service. We will be planning a separate outing for them in the Spring to model service. Attached to this e-mail is a letter specifically for freshman parents/guardian with additional information. A hard copy of this letter is also being sent home with your child.

In keeping with the theme of "Serving" we are asking our LHS **seniors, juniors and sophomores** 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) – LHS Boys Basketball Players Only

6500 Riverside Dr.
Metairie, LA 70003

Faith Lutheran (K – 2nd grades) – only needs 7 volunteers (priority given to Juniors/Seniors)

300 Colonial Club Drive
Harahan, LA 70123

St. John Lutheran (3rd – 5th grades) – can use up to 25 volunteers

3937 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

LHS volleyball players are encouraged to volunteer at St. John where Ms. Loughmiller will be leading a volleyball session for the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders.

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.

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

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK – LUTHERAN HIGH EVENTS

The Service Club will be sponsoring several events next week! Monday through Wednesday you will have the chance to compete in trivia contests and challenges to win a free special lunch on Thursday. Thursday's special lunch will feature the following:

Build Your Own Burrito or (plate of) Nachos

Toppings will include: seasoned ground beef, rice, beans, lettuce, tomatoes, pico de gallo, jalapenos, olives, shredded cheese, queso, guacamole and sour cream.

For \$5.00 you will also get a beverage (lemonade or a bottle of water) and a dessert (brownies and cookies).

Paying for the lunch also includes a dress down day – you may wear jeans (no holes, rips, tears, or frayed hems), tennis shoes and a shirt that is a Lutheran High school color (red, black, gray or white). The shirt must be school appropriate (no cut-outs, sleeveless shirts or inappropriate sayings allowed). If you have any questions, see Ms. Loughmiller. Money will be collected starting Monday during your 1st period class. Please pay by Wednesday!

UPDATED SOCCER SCHEDULE

Attached to this e-mail is an updated soccer schedule. Due to rain, we have rescheduled some games. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Marroccoli at (creolejoe14@yahoo.com).

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).

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. **The fundraiser will end February 13, 2015.**

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.

BASKETBALL

We had a good game Friday night against MLK Charter. We came ready to play and fought hard. We lost 54-83, but it was a good game for us. The cheerleaders and home crowd cheered us on all the way. Our scorers for the night were Malik Peters – 25 points, Tory Griffin – 20 points, Kevin Charles – 7 points, and Tariq Griffin – 2 points.

On Tuesday night, we had our first district game against Bishop McManus. We played tough to the very end, but fell short 47-55. Our scorers were Malik Peters – 15 points, Tory Griffin – 11 points, Tariq Griffin – 11 points, Kevin Charles – 8 points, and A. J. Roman – 2 points.

Our next district game is Friday night, January 23 at Mount Olive against First Baptist Christian at 6:00 pm. Please come out and help cheer us on to our first district win!

On Tuesday night, January 27, we play New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy at Mount Olive at 6:00 pm. And on Thursday night, January 29, we play Houma Christian School at Mount Olive at 6:00 pm. There will be concessions available, so please come out and enjoy the fun!!

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 last day to buy a card will be Monday, January 26, 2015.** So, 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. Thank you!!

SOCCER

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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.

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)