



# The Light

St. Luke Catholic School

January 26, 2011



*Announce his salvation day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all his peoples his wondrous deeds.*

Ps 96:23

## Catholic Schools Week January 30-February 4

This Sunday, 10:00 Mass, marks the beginning of the nationwide celebration of Catholic Schools. The Catholic Schools' Week theme this year is: **Catholic Schools – A+ for America**. This theme is created by the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA). We invite all our students and families to join us for the mass on Sunday and our alumni to join us for a reception immediately following mass in the cafeteria. We ask that our students wear their school uniform as the community loves to see them and we are proud of our students.

Remember, our Open House is Wednesday, February 2, 8:30 – 10:30. There will be a reception for parents and other guests in the hallway outside the school office. Since the purpose of the Open House is to observe the classroom in as natural a setting as possible, we ask the following of our guests:

- Please do **not** take children to the classroom to observe.
- Enter the classroom quietly; there will be chairs for guests in the back of the room.
- Please do not hold conversations with other guests or students during instructional time.
- Eighth grade Beta Club members will be in the main hallway to guide guests to the classrooms and to give tours of the school if requested. They, PTC Executive Board members, and other staff members will be available to answer questions.
- Any questions regarding curriculum, instruction, personnel, or registration, see the office staff, Mrs. Calderon or Mrs. Rodriguez. The school principal, Mrs. Salazar, will also be available to answer questions.

We hope to see you on February 2. Enjoy your visit.

## St. Luke Catholic School 17th Annual Casino Royale February 19, 2011

Please read the flyer included in today's Wednesday information regarding Casino Royale. This year's Casino Royale will be held at the Main Street Ballroom. Prizes and auction items include hotels, summer camps, restaurant gift cards, Spurs tickets and many other exciting items.

## Spelling Bee



Please join us for the annual Spelling Bee which will be held on Tuesday, February 1 at 8:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Our 5th-8th grade students have studied, prepared, and are ready to share and have fun with their knowledge.



**Virtue of the month for January: Kindness**

			26	27 Mass led by Athletic Dept. Scrabble Club Basketball vs. St. Paul @SGM Room Parent Mtg., 6:30pm, GCL	28	29
30 Parish Mass Catholic Schools Week, 10:00 a.m.	31 Musical entertainment with Mr. Ed Doran, 8:15 a.m. Basketball vs. Holy Cross @ SGM	1 February Spelling Bee (5th-8th), 8:15 Magik Theatre, 1:30p.m., (pk -5th), PH	2 Open House 8:30-10:30 a.m. Board Games with buddies, 2:15-3:00 <b>Midpoint 3rd Q.</b>	3 Mass led by PTC Faculty Appreciation Day Service Project with buddies for Center for Miracles, 2:15-3:00p.m.	4 <b>NOON DISMISSAL</b> Red, White & Blue Civvies Day for \$1 to benefit Habitat for Humanity Memory Float Parade, 8th Gr., 10:45 Progress reports go home	5



**Attention Golfers  
6th-8th Gr.**

The golf team will begin the season with sign-ups and weekly practice clinics on Sat., Jan. 29, 10:00 a.m. at San Pedro Driving Range, 6102 San Pedro Avenue. Golfers should sign-up with Coach Loza in the coach's office. (Current athletic physicals are required.) This year, the team will have as many as six 9-hole matches versus other school teams throughout the months of February, March and April. The team will end the season with the A.I.A.L tournament scheduled for Friday, May 6 at Northcliff Country Club (I-35 in Selma). See you on Jan. 29.  
Cliff Austin  
210.862.2543

**Basketball News**

Congratulations to the boys' and girls' B-teams for their 2nd place finish at the Mount Sacred Heart B-team tournament. Congratulations also goes to the girls' B-team for their first place finish in district. The B-girls went undefeated this season. Good luck to the boys' and girls' A teams as they go to the playoffs next week.

**BOX TOPS TURN-IN!!**



Our next Box Tops turn-in will be on **Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. For a complete list of participating products, visit the Box Tops website at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). Thank you for your participation in the Box Tops program!! Mary Knisley, Box Tops Coordinator



**Catholic Schools Week  
Service Project**

Families are being asked to donate items which will benefit the *Center for Miracles* which is staffed by the UT Health Science Center and treats abused children.

Donations of the following items are needed from students:  
**PKA, PKB, 1A, 1B**: A 3-pack of hair accessories for girls (pony tail holders, barrettes, headbands) OR a 3-pack of combs or brushes for boys; **KA, KB, KC**: A 6-pack of individually wrapped snacks (animal crackers, cookies, pretzels, etc.); **2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B**: small bottle of body wash or shampoo; **Middle School**: A 3-pack of fun pens or pencils (mechanical pencils are OK)

Please bring your items in by Monday, January 31. Thanks for your help!

**Sibling Registration**

Sibling registration will be held on Mon., Feb. 7, following morning prayer in the school office. The following documents must be presented when registering your child: birth certificate (certified record), baptismal certificate, shot record [report cards and standardized test scores if applying for 1st-7th grades]. All school accounts must be up to date in order for a sibling's registration to be accepted.

**Beta Club Tutoring Opportunity  
Grades 1 – 5**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Beta Club members will be available to tutor students, grades 1-5, one day a week from 3:30-4:00. This is a wonderful opportunity for our younger students who need extra assistance and one-on-one attention. This is an opportunity also for our Beta Club members to fulfill their mission of Service and Leadership to St. Luke School. See the enclosed flyer for more information and the Registration Form. The form must be submitted by Monday, January 31.

**Counselor's Corner...**

**MOTIVATING YOUR CHILD  
TO LEARN**

Martin Seligman writes in his book *The Optimistic Child*, "In order for your child to experience mastery, it is necessary for him to fail, to feel bad, and to try again repeatedly until success occurs."

Studies indicate that while young children see the value of effort to their success in school, by the time they reach the age of twelve or thirteen they frequently attribute academic success to their innate ability, or lack of it. When they struggle academically, or fail, they tend to give up, saying, "I'm just not smart enough!"

To offset this developmental change, parents can teach their child to value effort rather than just outcome. Praise your child for his effort, rather than for being smart. A child's belief that effort pays off will help him to be persistent and stay motivated to learn.

**Re-registration 2011-2012  
Due Fri., Feb. 11 by 3:30p.m.**

All re-registration forms:  

- green student re-registration forms
- fundraising agreement
- SMART tuition form
- gold St. Luke tuition agreement
- registration fee **in full**

 are due back to the school office by Fri., Feb. 11, 3:30 p.m. Please do not return the re-registration forms without the registration fee. If you did not receive re-registration materials for your family, please contact the school office immediately.

Open spaces in classes that have not been reserved with a family's registration payment in full will be offered to families new to St. Luke School starting on Mon., Feb. 14 (registration for St. Luke Parishioners of more than one year).