



The Light

St. Luke Catholic School

September 28, 2011



Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

Ps 122: 1

Dear Parents,

Our first grading is coming to a close in a little more than two weeks. It has been an exciting first quarter with measurable growth in our students, stimulating classroom experiences, and harmony within our school community. What a wonderful beginning! For this, we are all so grateful. The teachers and administration make a firm commitment to continue to implement best practices to ensure student success in the academics and, most of all, in the choices they make for themselves and others that, hopefully, reflect the teachings of our faith.

Let us continue to be partners in the *formation* and *education* of these children and young adults. Together, we make all the difference in their lives, now and in the choices they make in the years to come. Remember, any challenge or difficulty that a child experiences now is a temporary condition; there are qualitative changes that take place as a child matures and this can change the scenario significantly. I dare say, the challenges all of us experience are opportunities to learn; it is how we deal with them that makes all the difference. Let us facilitate our children's understanding of the world around them by being present, here and now, to support and guide them in the right direction. All our efforts as parents and teachers will come to fruition for our children.

Love them. . . . Enjoy them. They are a gift that we are responsible to prepare for all of life's experiences.

Blessings,

(Mrs.) Marcella Salazar
Principal

ICE CREAM SOCIAL THANK YOU

EVERYONE SEEMED TO HAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL TIME AT OUR ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON FRIDAY EVENING. THERE WAS GOOD FOOD, LOTS OF ICE CREAM TREATS, DELIGHTFUL DECORATIONS; EVEN THE WEATHER COOPERATED. BEST OF ALL, WAS THE FRIENDLY, WARM, AND LOVING FELLOWSHIP WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY THAT WAS SO EVIDENT. THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF IT.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PTC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS WHO ORGANIZED THE EVENT SO WELL UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MRS. MONICA GONZALEZ: ANGIE ALONZO, YVONNE GARCIA, SHANNON LOPEZ, KRISTI MAGARO, LISA PASTRANO, CRISELDA PEREZ AND AMBER TREVINO.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO HELPED. YOU ARE AN INVALUABLE ASSET TO ST. LUKE'S.

Virtue of the Month
September: *Self-control*
October: *Patience*

		28 Soccer @ Holy Spirit, 5pm		29 Mass led by 5th Gr. followed by Virtue of the Month Awards. Beta Club Induction Ceremony will follow. Scrabble Club Mtg. until 4:20pm, Library Entertainment Book Sale Ends	30 Deadline for payment of 2011-2012 Fundraising Buyout Catholic Life Insurance Sweepstakes Raffle Begins Deadline to order Spirit Items	October 1 Football vs. Holy Cross @ Central Catholic, 11 a.m.
		2	3 Friends of the Rosary, 3:30-4:30, Library Soccer @ St. Matthew, 4:30pm	4 8th Gr. girls visit IWHS, 9:30-11:30am Volleyball vs. Providence @ SGM	5 8th Gr. students visit Central & Providence, 12:30-2:30pm Soccer vs. Providence @ St. Matthew	6 Mass led by Athletic Dept. MS Service Hrs. Due for 1st Q. Volleyball @ Holy Cross



Deadline to order Spirit Items:

FRI., SEPT. 30, 3:30 P.M.

(order forms are available in the school office)

Cheer Clinic—Last Chance!

The Cheer Clinic will be held on Sat., Oct. 8, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the cafeteria. The cost is \$35.00. Participants will receive a T-shirt and a ribbon.

Participants will perform at half-time at the Homecoming football game on Fri., Oct. 14. Registration forms are available in the school office; walkers will also be welcome at the clinic.

2011 St. Luke Sports Program Ads

Please see the flyer included in today's Wednesday information regarding placing an ad in this year's St. Luke Booster Club Fall and Sports Program. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mrs. Rose Davila at 857-4945.

A look ahead...

Friday, October 7, Noon Dismissal, After-school care will be available

Friday, October 21, NO SCHOOL for students, Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 28, NO SCHOOL, Catholic Formation Leadership Conference



From the Health Coordinator...

I would like to thank Mrs. Yvonne Davila and the student nurses from UIW, Diane Jaén, Patricia Hayden, Susan Chavira, and staff members and volunteers from Prevent Blindness for helping out with the Vision/Hearing/Acanthosis Screenings on Tuesday, September 27. Our PTC generously provided lunch for all of the volunteers. Thank you all so much! A special thanks to Debbie and Dora in the school office and all of our teachers for helping out and making this day a success.

There is still time to sign up for flu shots. Flu shots will be available in the clinic for children and adults on Fri., Sept. 30, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 for the flu shot and \$35.00 for the nasal mist. Children receiving flu vaccines must be accompanied by their parent. There is a sign up sheet posted outside of the school clinic. Please sign up by Thurs., Sept. 29. Consent forms and additional information are available in the clinic.



Our first quarter Box Tops turn-in deadline is this Friday, September 30th. Please send your Box Tops to the Library. For a complete listing of participating products, go to www.boxtops4education.com. Please remember that St. Luke does not participate in the Campbell's Labels for Education Program. Thank you for clipping Box Tops!! Ms. Carolyn Chavez, Box Tops Coordinator

Reminder to 8th Grade Parents...

The deadline to submit 8th grade Graduation Ads for this year's yearbook is Friday, October 14. Please contact Ms. Chavez in the library at 434.2011, ext. 121, if you have any questions.

Last Week to Sell Entertainment Books!

We are in the last week of the Entertainment Book sale, so sell, sell, sell! We thank all of the students and families who have participated so far. There is still time to win one of the great prizes. This is our school's largest fundraiser, so let's finish *strong*.

An important reminder, Friday, Sept. 30, is the last day of Entertainment Book sales. DEMO books will not be accepted after this date and must be paid for (\$25). If your child sold seven or more Entertainment Books, you may keep your DEMO book (that is, 7 books per child, not 7 books per family). The free Entertainment book and prizes will be given in October. Thanks to all of our school families for their support of the sale.

Only students who have participated by selling a Book and/or have paid their Fundraising Buyout (\$250) by the Sept. 30 deadline will be able to participate in "Civvies" day on Friday, October 14. A list of eligible participants will be provided to teachers.

Our thanks to all of the parent volunteers who have worked hard filling orders, counting boxes, selling outside and with Entertainment Book sale bookkeeping. Your time and efforts are appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding the Entertainment Book sale, please contact Lisa Holguin at 286-2489.

Archdiocese of San Antonio Catholic School Sweepstakes

All families are receiving a flyer today containing information regarding this year's Catholic Life Insurance Sweepstakes. Take advantage of this opportunity to sell raffle tickets at \$5.00 each; 50% (\$2.50) of the ticket will be credited to your family's tuition account provided you have reached your \$250 fundraising fee; if you have not reached your \$250 fundraising fee then \$2.50 goes to your fee, the other 50% (\$2.50) will go to St. Luke School. To receive tickets, come by the school office or contact Lisa Holguin at 286-2489. Thank you for your participation in this raffle.