



Entertainment Book Sale Ends

The sales contest is over! The competition was really tight this year. Thank you to all of our sellers for putting forth their competitive School Spirit behind this very important School Fundraiser, that will benefit the school playground, computers, and operational costs. Also, thank you to all of the Parent Volunteers, Faculty, and Staff who helped make this fundraiser a success for our St. Luke Catholic School!

Here are a few important reminders:

- All Sales that will count towards the prizes ended on Monday, September 18th.
- Please turn in your child's packet to ensure that your child is rewarded their prizes. We need to collect all packets, even if there were no sales made.
- If you have not purchased or sold your DEMO, you must return your DEMO so that the School can get credit for their inventory. **Please note: The School has to pay for all unaccounted books! The cut-off is this Friday, 22 September. Bills will go out for all missing DEMO books soon after.**
- If you sold a total of 7 or more books, your DEMO is FREE - please indicate on your child's packet if you kept your FREE DEMO.
- If you chose the "Buy-Out" option, you must still return your DEMO (unless you have sold or purchased your DEMO).
- The SPURS tickets, ENTERTAINMENT BOOK PRIZES and SCHOOL PRIZES will be distributed after all of the St. Luke's Entertainment books have been accounted for.




NOTE: A few books remain, and we will still get credit for those sales. Please contact Angela Alonzo at 523-5197 Entertainment Book Fundraiser Chairperson.

Thanks to our Teachers, Staff, and Parents

This week we welcomed 8 visitors from area schools to share our school community. It was a good three days for us, as we received input from them over the whole school operation. They visited with parents, students, and every faculty, staff member, and school official. The team was very well organized and led by Dr. Patricia Craig-Stegall, Ph.D., Principal of St. Patrick School in Corpus Christi. On Wednesday afternoon, they will deliver an exit report verbally to the faculty and then mail it off to Austin. In December, we will get that report and other papers from TCCED.

The visit this week is a part of a larger process that the school has been undergoing the last few years. The next step for all of us is to envision, articulate, and plan out the next five-year plan of the school. The School Council is leading this effort, and in the coming months, the Strategic Planning Committee will be sharing the steps we will follow to be involved in this process. It will likely ask for parents to give some time on a school night or weekend morning, but it will be well worth it, as we look toward where our school is headed, and what it needs to get there. **May God continue to bless St. Luke and all of our families!**

Quick view of school events Week of 20 September and 24 September 2006

		20 Soccer vs. St. James @ St. Matt, 6:15 p.m. Volleyball @ home vs. St. Gregory 4:30, 5:30 TCCED Accreditation Visit Ends		21 Class Leaders Mtg., 7:15 a.m.	22 2:05: dismissal 2:45: fac. mtg. Flag Football vs. Little Flower, 4:30 p.m. (Home)	23 Knights of Columbus Fund-raiser Golf Tournament, Silverhorn, 1 p.m.
		24	25 Soccer vs. St. Gregory @ St. Matt 5:00 Volleyball vs. Ed White @ home, 5:15, 6:15	26 School Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., TL	27 Class Leaders Mtg., 7:15 a.m. Soccer vs. St. Matthew @ St. Matt 6:15 Volleyball vs. St. John Bosco @ SJB, 4:30, 5:30	28

REBEL YELL

St. Luke Athletics

Volleyball News

Congratulations to the A and B teams for wins on Monday over Nimitz Middle School. Next up is home games today vs. St. Gregory's and the Holy Spirit Tournament this weekend. The A team plays Thursday at 7 p.m. vs. OLPH, and the B team plays Thursday at 8 p.m. Good luck teams!

Cross Country News

Congratulations to the A boys team, which finished in second place. Brandon Hernandez '08 finished 4th overall and Caleb Young '08 finished 5th. The A girls team finished in 3rd overall, led by Hannah Fields '08 who placed 2nd and Bianca Garcia '07 who placed 5th. Great running teams!

Soccer News

The soccer team played a tough match against St. Pius X, drawing a 1-1 tie. On Monday, the game was cancelled due to field conditions. We want to apologize that this was not communicated to parents and athletes in a timely manner. The school office received a voice mail message at 4:15 p.m. that the game had been cancelled, but, of course, after the office had closed. We have reported this to AIAL. Again, we apologize. We hope that parents recognize that the athletic program is making every effort to communicate with parents, and that the fault for Monday's cancellation rests outside the school.

Flag Football News

The flag football team dropped their first non-district game last weekend to St. John the Evangelist, 21-14. Next up for the team is a district game vs. Little Flower at home, Friday, 4:30 p.m.

For the latest information on the St. Luke Parish CYO program follow the link from the school website (www.stlukecatholic.org) to the CYO webpage. You can also access the site directly at www.StLukeCYO.com.



Health Screenings Scheduled

Students in grades PreK, Kinder, 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th, as well as any student new to Texas, will be screened this year.

Vision Screenings will be conducted on Wed., Sept. 27th and Thurs. Sept. 28th and Hearing Screenings will be done on Wed., Oct. 4th.

Students will also have their heights and weights measured. Students in 5th & 8th grade will be screened for scoliosis.

Parents will be notified in writing of any student requiring further medical evaluation.

A few parent volunteers are needed on these 3 days to help escort students to and from the screenings. If you have a criminal background check on file and are available to help, please call Jeanne Carey, RN at ext. 123.

Yearbook Orders



One yearbook per family is included with tuition and fees each year. However, some families desire yearbooks for each child. If you are interested in purchasing additional yearbooks this year, they must be pre-ordered and pre-paid. The cost is \$35.00 per yearbook, and the deadline is **Friday, October 13**. **The form is available in the school office and on the school web site.** Also, we still have yearbooks from previous years. If you wish to purchase one of these, the cost is \$25.00. Checks can be made payable to St. Luke Catholic School.

School Council Column

Remember the next School Council Meeting is next week Tuesday, 26 September at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge. Learn more about the committees' work and progress by attending. Thanks to all parents who attended the Meet'n'Greet last Sunday. We have been impressed by the number of parents this school year who have offered assistance and volunteered their expertise. *Thanks as well to Angie and Henry Alonzo for their leadership of the Entertainment Book Sale!!*

Counselor's Corner...

Every year, during monthly guidance visits, students are taught valuable life skills to enhance their personal, spiritual, social, educational and career development. These guidance lessons are presented as a separate subject by the guidance counselor, while additional guidance lessons are integrated into subject areas, such as religion, reading, and social studies, by classroom teachers.

This month, guidance visits are focusing on conflict management/bullying in grades 1-8. Through the use of stories, activities, and games, students learn/review peaceful choices for handling small problems with their peers. They are also reminded that if a problem is not resolved after trying at least two choices, they need to tell an adult.

It is normal for childhood conflicts to arise from time to time. When they do, parents can be supportive by helping their child explore choices. Role-playing with the child at home will help build confidence.

Bullying, on the other hand, should not be tolerated. When a child is subjected to ongoing physical or verbal mistreatment, causing the child to have uncomfortable feelings, an adult must intervene. (*Bullying is when a stronger, more powerful person hurts or frightens a smaller or weaker person deliberately and repeatedly.* The Bully Free Classroom, Allan L. Beane, PhD)