



# THE LIGHT for St. Luke

## Congratulations, Rebels!

Congratulations to the soccer team for back-to-back AIAL Championships! They beat St. Pius 3-0 last Wednesday evening to cap the perfect season. No opponent was able to score a goal against the Rebels this season! The soccer team scored 100 goals this season, and finished with 15 wins, 0 losses, and 1 tie. Great job, team!

Photos: The team receives the trophy, and celebrates!



Photos by Mr. Martinez & Mrs. Browning



**Our team:** Christian, Josh, Brandon, Theo, Drew, Justin, Jace, Jonathan, Jonathan, John, Peter, Theresa, Coach Garcia, Anthony, Hector, Coach Loza, Luke, Marco Antonio, Coach Young, Matthew, and Morgan.

## QUICK NOTES

- COOKIE DOUGH SALES—TURN IN DAYS.** Reminder that Monday is the first turn-in day for orders and monies. Those families that return the order form with four or more items ordered, all students in that family will have a civvies day on Thursday, 8 Nov.
- 8th grade Lock-in News:** Parents are still needed to chaperone the event on 16-17 Nov. Please do not delay in returning the form, so we know how many plan to help out. Recruit your pals, parents!
- Toil for the Parish Day.** Father Jim has instituted a parish work day on Sat., 10 Nov., asking that parish members set aside a half or full day to come to campus to complete small projects to better our space. Frank Cosme and Joe Sanchez of the Parish Building and Grounds Committee are coordinating a variety of projects throughout the grounds that day. The school is hoping to participate and has a few projects planned. The playground committee will be working on the playground that morning. The school needs help with two other projects. First, Coach Loza is organizing a group of parents to work on the wooden signs/fence on the baseball field, remove and paint them, clear brush behind them, and replace them. In the near future, those signs will be "sold" again as advertising. Contact Coach to help. Second, we are hoping to power wash the concrete sidewalks and lower brick areas, and need persons with power washers to help. We need up to four persons to help. Contact Eddie Estrada at 385.8515 to help

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

		31	All school Green and Gold Day in recognition of honor roll and ribbon recipients	1	<b>FEAST OF ALL SAINTS</b> AS Mass led by 1A & 1B, 8:15 a.m.  <b>LAST DAY: Book Fair, PH 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.</b>	2	FEAST OF ALL SOULS  Middle School Dance rescheduled for 14 Dec.	3	Golf, 8-10 a.m., Alamo
		4	5 PTC Cookie Dough Turn-in Day #1  First day of Basketball try-outs	6	7 <b>Congratulations to Kelsey Seidel (1A) for winning the cover contest for the directory!</b>	8	9	10	

8 Civvies Day, 4 or more items in Cookie Dough Sale  
*Windy City Players, Cinderella, 8:20 a.m., PH*

9 AS Mass led by 7A, Veterans' Day Mass

10 Parish Work Day  
*Fall St. Luke Shoot-out Golf Tournament, 1:30 p.m., Brack*

**Flag Football**

Congratulations to the flag football team for their 4th place finish for the season. The team was 6-4 in district play.

Thanks to all athletes on the soccer, volleyball and flag football teams who spent hours practicing, playing and giving their all for their St. Luke Rebel teams! It was a great season for all!

**Attention!**

**All Soccer, Volleyball & Flag Football Players**

Turn in your jerseys by Friday, November 2. We need your jersey by Monday, November 5.

**NO JERSEY, NO TRYOUTS!**

-Coach Loza

**Basketball News**

On Thursday during lunch recess, Coach Loza will meet briefly with all athletes trying out for basketball. At the meeting, he will hand out information on tryouts. Parents, make sure that you get that information from your child. We will also post the pages on the web site, in case it does not make it home

**Go Rebels!**

**Blanket Drive a Warm and Loving Success**

A big thank you to all who were so generous with their blanket donations to the Catholic Worker House. The Catholic Worker House volunteers were thrilled with the hundreds of blankets that arrived at their door!! The blankets were much appreciated by the patrons and were just in time for the cooler weather!! Another big thank you to the Beta Club Members for all their hard work and organization!! The spirit of love and service here at St Luke truly reaches out into the community making a difference for our brothers and sisters in need! Thank you for being the hands of our Heavenly Father here on earth.

**Thanks for a Great Halloween Carnival**

*A heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make our Carnival a success. It would not have been possible without all of your help.*

**Top Booths**

PK-1st Grade Division

1st Place-KB, Mrs. Rodriguez

2nd Place-KA, Mrs. Elizondo

3rd Place-PKB, Mrs. Kopecki

2nd-8th Grade Division

1st Place-2B, Mrs. Garcia

2nd Place-4A/4B, Mrs. Noriega &

Mrs. Sparks

3rd Place-3B, Mrs. Thompson

Winners in the 8th grade cake decorating contest were: Scariest-Wiatt Pfeiffer, Most Original: Sarah Taylor (8B), Prettiest-Roman Espitia (4A).

**News from the Nurse**

Hearing screenings will be held Monday, Nov. 5 in the Parish Hall for all students in Pre-K, K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, as well as any new students. Parents, please note that 5th and 8th graders will be screened for scoliosis and the students will need to have appropriate apparel. Girls are asked to wear a sports bra or bathing suit top. These screenings will be done privately in the clinic. Any 6th grade students new to St. Luke this year will also be screened for scoliosis. Re-screenings for vision will also be finished up on this date, so please remember to bring your glasses/contact lenses. Thanks!

**Cafeteria Notes**

Parents who are interested in the Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program are asked to pick up an application in the school office or the cafeteria. If you have any questions about the National School Lunch Program, please contact Patsy Baumann at ext. 130.

**REPORT CARD TIME...**This is a wonderful opportunity to reinforce good communication with your children and build their self concept. Here are some tips to help you deal with the good news, or the bad.

- Support good grades with positive reinforcement. Tell your child how proud you are of him.
- Talk with your children about what they are learning on a regular basis, and strive to resolve problems as they arise.
- Know what your child's interests are and support them. Spend quality time together to reinforce these interests.
- Set up achievable improvement goals with your child if you see areas that need improvement. Consult with teachers to discuss helpful strategies.
- Talk with your children about the importance of good grades. Help them to see how grades fit into the "big picture"
- Be sensitive to the fact that children achieve at different levels and have different abilities. Avoid comparison of your child's grades with siblings or other children.

**Girl Scout Coat Drive-5th Grade**

Every winter many kids go without coats to keep warm. The 5th Grade Girl Scouts will be hosting a week-long "Coat Drive" Nov. 5-9. Gently used or new coats, jackets and sweaters of all sizes can be donated. Drop them off to any Girl Scout in the morning or afternoon at drop-off and dismissal locations. All items will be donated to the Battered Women's Shelter and the Salvation Army Shelter. We thank you for your generosity and helping us to make the world a better place!

**8th Gr. Girl Scouts Dance Clinic**

*Deadline to register is Fri., Nov 4., for the Dance Clinic on Sat., Nov. 10. Don't miss it!*



PRINCIPAL  
ANDREW ILIFF

31 October 2007

Dear St. Luke Families:

When we look out on our 570 students, we have many hopes and dreams for all of them and the lives they will lead. We hope and pray that we are looking upon future City Council Members who will build our community, doctors who will better our lives, fire fighters and police officers who will protect the most vulnerable, teachers who will inspire the next generation, priests and nuns who will shepherd our church.

We also know that, based on statistics, 7.4%, or 42 students, might develop a problem with alcohol. And that 2.1%, or 12 students, might develop a problem with illicit drugs. We are working hard to fight those statistics at the school, and we know that our parents as well are working in the same fight. Our events last week during Red Ribbon Week are a part of that ongoing campaign to fight the abuse of alcohol and drugs in our society. We say a very special thank you to Lisa Holguin, along with Laurie Hinojosa, for coordinating the many events run for our students last week.

I would encourage parents to do all that they can to send the right message to the children of our community. When you host a party or gathering at which children will be present, we encourage you to not serve alcohol at all, or, at the very least, we would encourage all to use those items responsibly. We at the school can say and do many things, but it is the examples of adults in the community that sends the most significant message. And from what we know about addiction, it is very difficult to tell which young person will be absorbing the wrong message when a fellow parent indulges a bit too much.

Our society and its commercial storylines send so many wrong messages to our young people about so many issues, and the alcohol is one of the worst. However, don't be fooled into thinking that this is the cause of youth alcoholism. Most often, it is what a young person sees in his or her community that communicates the most powerfully.

We keep our students and families in prayer and pray that we will continue to live our lives closer to the examples given to us in Mary our Mother, in Joseph, and in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessings,  
Andrew Iliff

*educate. inspire.*

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