



THE LIGHT *for St. Luke*

SPIRIT WEEK

Next week, the school celebrates Spirit Week, a chance to gather together, have some fun, and enjoy some time as a community. As a part of the week, we have some special dress days and special events for our kids. They are as follows:

Monday—Advent Prayer Service, followed by a special production of “A Christmas Carol,” adapted for Spirit Week by our 7th graders.

Tuesday—*Green and Gold Day* with jeans and tennis shoes please — Be sure that the jeans are not torn or tight-fitting. Hair, make-up, and jewelry policies still apply.

Wednesday—*Crazy Hat and Crazy Sock Day* (regular dress otherwise). That morning, we will host “Bah Humbug,” a one-man performance of “A Christmas Carol.”

Thursday—*Team Spirit*. Wear your CYO jersey, high school, college, or sports team shirt. Time to break out those Green Bay Packer jerseys! Students can wear jeans and tennis shoes. (See Tuesday).

Friday—*Spirit Night*. 5:30 p.m. — 8 p.m. (See below.) No special dress during the day due to Mass. Food order forms are attached to the Light this week.

Advent Angels

Once again this year in cooperation with the Faith Formation Advent Angel Tree, each grade level has adopted a family from the program. We are asking students to participate in whatever way they can and choose to do so. Know that each family has a real need and is active in our parish.

The options include giving an age-appropriate gift (unwrapped) for one of the children, non-perishable food for the Holidays, Christmas decorations, Wal-mart gift cards (\$20 or less). The goal of the drive is to include another family in our thoughts and plans for the Christmas season. Ideally, students are the ones who choose how to participate. ***It is all about sharing our blessings.***

St. Luke School Council proudly presents

THE REBEL REVUE

A Night of Community Entertainment

Join us on Friday, December 7, 2007 for an enjoyable evening filled with food, music, and dance. Dinner will be served in the cafeteria from 5:30—6:45 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00pm! “The Rebel Revue” will feature exciting acts and performances by the St. Luke Cheerleaders, the Antonian Silver Dancers, San Antonio’s Ballet Folklorico, and some of our very own St. Luke parents and teachers! Prepared to be entertained as The Supremes, the Village People, stars from High School Musical, and others make their debut appearance. You won’t want to miss “The Rebel Revue: A Night of Community Entertainment!” Come show your school spirit and join in the fun!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

		28	29 AS Mass led by 8A & 8B Room Parent Mtg., Christmas Party, 6:30 p.m., GCL <i>Bball @ home vs. St. Pius</i>	30 <i>Parent Coffee, 8:00 a.m.</i> Noon Dismissal Teacher Professional Development, 12:45-3:45 p.m. Bles.Sac. Bball Tourn., B teams	1 High School Placement Test, 8 a.m., held at high schools	
		2	3 Advent Prayer Service led by 1A & 1B <i>Bball @ home vs. St. Matt</i>	4 GREEN & GOLD DAY	5 Crazy Hat/ Sock Day PTC Board Meeting, TL, 6:30 p.m. <i>BBall away @ St. Mary's Fredericksburg</i>	6 TEAM SPIRIT DAY
Spirit Week						

Drawing Contest for Parish Christmas Announcement

Father Jim is having a contest to have students in grades 3 through 8 design a drawing that will be used in the Parish Christmas announcement.

In order for your drawing to be considered, the following directions must be followed:

- Draw an illustration of Christmas on plain white (unlined) 8.5 x 11 paper.
- Drawing must be done with a black felt tip pen; no colors.
- Name and grade must be on the back of the illustration.
- Submit to the school office by Noon, Fri., Nov. 30.

A Reminder to Dance Clinic Participants

All girls who participated in the 8th grade Girl Scouts Dance Clinic on Sat., Nov. 10 are reminded that they will be performing at the basketball game on Thursday, Nov. 29. The girls should be at the gym by 5:15 p.m., and they will perform at 6:00 p.m. Don't forget to wear your dance clinic T-shirt. Any questions, contact Sandra Mendoza @ 684.9529 or 355.1486.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please Join Us In Congratulating Pasty Baumann

In late October, our Cafeteria Manager and Facilities Manager celebrated 30 years here at St. Luke. Patsy Baumann started here in October 1977, hired by the Brigidine Sisters and Sister Cabrini. We want to celebrate this accomplishment by honoring Mrs. Baumann at the school Mass on Thursday, 29 November, which starts at 8:15 a.m. All guests are invited to the cafeteria following Mass for a reception, featuring the famous St. Luke Cafeteria made-from-scratch cinnamon rolls.

Parent Coffee — Friday, Nov. 30

We invite all parents to join us for coffee and donuts on Friday, Nov. 30 from 8:00-8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. We encourage parents to stay after they drop off their children and talk with the Principal, School Council and PTC. Learn more about the projects and events going on in the school and find ways to get involved.

An Important Note from the Nurse

A reminder: If you would like your child to have cough drops, ointments, eye drops, or any other medication at school—whether over-the-counter or prescription meds, it must be in the original container and a physician's and parent's authorization form must be signed and on file. While this may present an inconvenience, policy requires that this procedure be followed in all cases. Students have been bringing in cough drops in baggies; however, they cannot be allowed to have them unless proper authorization is on file. This policy has been stressed at Health Coordinators meetings at the Chancery. Thank you for your understanding and help.

Diane Jaen, RN

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

We are asking families not to congregate in the Parish Hall Foyer Area before school. Lately more families have been waiting for the start of school there, and more trash has been left behind. The cafeteria is open for students and parents should they want to have breakfast together, in order to beat the traffic the morning. THANKS!

FROM THE COUNSELOR

PREP 2008

Applications are now available for the San Antonio Prefreshman Engineering Program for the summer of 2008. Middle school students wishing to apply can pick up an application from Mrs. Eddy, Mrs. Huth, or the counseling office. Students may also apply online at www.prep-usa.org. Eligibility requirements, deadlines, and additional information on the PREP program can be found in today's Wednesday notes.

Casino Royale Gala

The committee would like to inform everyone that this year's event has changed its name from the Blackjack Gala mentioned in your school calendar to the Casino Royale Gala. It is the same event, just a different name. It will be held on Sat., Feb. 2, 2008. That said, we are two months away and need **HELP**. You can help by getting donations for the auctions or getting sponsors. Below are the dates of our scheduled meetings that are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge. Please consider getting involved. Any questions you may contact Joseph Espitia @ 771-1181, Mari Hernandez @ 843-2700 or Mark Resendez @ 669-2372. **Dec. 3rd, Dec. 17th, Jan. 7th, and Jan. 15th.**

Dear St. Luke Catholic School Families:

The school recognizes parents as the first and best teachers of their children, and we do our best to work in partnership with parents in the service of the children of the school. We recognize, too, that within mainstream media, parents must be vigilant of many things. We trust fully that our parents are judicious in their decision-making and conscious of the choices they are making for their children.

That said, we wanted to share with all families some information that the Archdiocese, the Catholic League, and other parents have shared with us about an upcoming movie (made from a recent fantasy novel trilogy). The movie "The Golden Compass" is a science fiction/fantasy story that is being marketed as a movie for younger children (elementary-aged). Set in modern times, the book (and presumably the movie) features a fictionalized "Church" that seems to be thinly veiled representation of the Catholic Church, and is the force of evil in the novel. For younger people, separating reality from fantasy can be difficult, and as a result, parents should be armed with the proper information on what their children may be viewing this season. Further, The Golden Compass is just the first in a series written by Philip Pullman, who has been described as "England's most outspoken atheist." The following two books are more controversial in their representations and attacks on Christianity and on God.

The Archdiocese and other Catholic groups have presented to Catholic schools this general warning about the upcoming movie aimed at children; we are passing along this information to parents at this time.