



THE LIGHT for St. Luke

Standardized Testing Starts Next Week (1st—8th Grades)

Stanford Achievement testing will begin next Monday, 31 March and will continue through 16 April (though most testing is scheduled for the first seven days of testing). Please plan ahead to avoid absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals during testing times. **We will not be able to admit students to classrooms once testing has begun, and we will not be able to call into classrooms for early dismissals. Please try to help your child get a good night's rest and a breakfast.** If you have any questions regarding your child's testing schedule, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.



An Easter Octave Prayer (Luke 24:13-35)

+ Risen Lord - Like those disciples on the road to Emmaus, we hope to recognize you in the everyday journey of our lives. We seek your wisdom in the midst of the world in which we find ourselves.

Open our eyes to your work of transformation in and around us. As we walk with you day-by-day, may we sing out "Alleluia — He is risen" from our hearts. AMEN. +

Coffee with the Council & Club



Don't miss coffee and donuts with the School Council and PTC this Friday, 28 March, from 7:55-8:30. Stop by on your way to work or before going on to your 'Friday rounds.' This week, Dr. Arturo Chavez will be there to talk about the Cesar Chavez March, before presenting to our middle school students from 8:30-Noon.

On-line Parent Survey

Beginning Wednesday, 2 April, St. Luke's will be conducting an on-line, school-wide parent survey. This will be an opportunity to share your thoughts and opinions on various topics, policies, and procedures. Your participation is invaluable — each and every response is important and significant. The survey will be administered by an independent survey company and will be available for two weeks, ending Thursday, 17 April. Each family will receive an e-mail containing a link to the survey (using the e-mail address provided on Edline); this will allow each family one and only one chance to participate. (If your family is not registered with Edline, we will communicate with your family separately.) The survey contains 15 questions and should not take more than 15-20 minutes to complete. The survey is anonymous, and results will be published in the St. Luke Light. It is our goal to provide parents a forum in which to voice their opinions and communicate their ideas so that together, we can make St. Luke an exceptional place to educate and inspire our children.

QUICK NOTES

1. **Wednesday, 26 March:** Report cards go home.
2. **Thursday, 27 March:** Middle School Honors Ceremony—following Mass in the Church.
3. **Friday, 28 March, NOON DISMISSAL:** cafeteria closed; after school care is available.
4. **Monday, 31 March:** **REGISTRATION FEE BALANCE DUE.**
5. **See updated instructions on the web site for the St. Luke group at the Cesar Chavez March this Saturday, 11 a.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Church**

UPCOMING CALENDAR

		26	Report Cards Go Home <i>Class Group Photos, PH</i> Cheerleading Try-outs Clinic, 3:30-5 p.m.	27	AS Mass, led by 6B, MS Honors Assembly following Mass <i>Used Uniform Sale, 3:30-6 p.m., GSR</i> Cheerleading Try-outs, 3:30, gym BB/SB @ home vs. St. Pius	28	Noon Dismissal Teacher Professional Development, 12:45-3:45 p.m. St. Luke Baseball/Softball Tourney	29	12th Annual César E. Chávez March for Justice, 11a.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, downtown				
		30	2nd Sunday of Easter	31	REGISTRATION FEE BALANCE DUE	1	BB/SB @ home vs. St. Peter	2		3		4	AS Mass led by Faculty Group
SAT-10 (Standardized Testing) begins 31 March 2008.													

Thanks For a Great Scholarship Dance!

On behalf of our 8th grade families who will be the beneficiaries of the monies generated, we would like to say a special thank you to Mrs. Nava and the PTC for taking on this event again this year. It is a true fulfillment of their mission — to serve families — to raise scholarship money for 8th graders going on to Catholic High Schools. Thanks!

Congratulations to the winners of the Dancing with the Stars raffle:
\$2000 Shopping Spree
 Louis and Maxine Elizondo,
 Parents of Thomas Elizondo (KA)

\$500 gas card
 Amber Shelton "Friend of St. Luke"

\$250 gas card
 John Tucker,
 Parent of Jennifer Tucker (7A)

Dancing with the Stars Dance Contestant Winners
 John & Letty Gomez ~ Salsa
 Rick Riojas & Lori Mejia ~ Country & Western
 Bill & Nina Putty ~ Ballroom
 Mr. & Mrs. Villegas ~ 70's

Thank you to the Dancing with the Stars Sponsors:

PMA Architects,
 Mr. & Mrs. Chuy Mejia
Integrated Communications Technology, LP, Mr. Ed Pfeiffer
William Trehune, DMD
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Putty
Dr. and Mrs. John Nava

Thank you to the Dancing with the Stars planning committee:

Sandra Mendoza, Antoinette Browning, Vivian Cantu, Laura Melghem, Martha Flores, Brenda Yount, Jane Pfeiffer, Lisa Holguin, Carmen Laborde, Lorena Moncada, Sandi Badillo, Veronica Vidal, Suzy Rhodes

.....and numerous volunteers and St. Luke Teachers

Michelle Vargas, Angeli Hernandez, Marc Resendez, Joseph Espitia, Room Parents from every class, Ms. Gilmore, Mrs. Dannhardt, Father Jim, Ms. Lagle, Mrs. Baumann.

Thank you to all for helping to make this event a success!!

PTC

**Used Uniform Sale
 Thurs., 27 March
 3:30-6:00 p.m., Girl Scout Room**

Talent Show

Get your act together for this year's talent show. The talent show will be held on Tuesday, 6 May. Bring us your fully completed and best talent show acts for the auditions on April 21, 22, and 23 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

KEEP CLIPPING THOSE BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!!

Thanks once again to all those participating in the Box Tops for Education program. So far this year, we've earned over \$1,000 for the school! Our next (and last) turn-in date for this school year will be **Monday, May 5th**. It's especially important to go through your cabinets and pantries to search for those coupons that expire on **6/1/08**. It would be a shame to lose that extra money.



The Box Tops people will not accept expired coupons. Don't forget to ask family and friends to clip too!!

-Mary Knisley, Box Tops Coordinator

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Cesar Chavez March

A reminder that those interested in the march this Saturday morning will be gathering in front of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church between 11 and 11:30 a.m. The walk begins at 1 p.m. Via buses will run after the march at approximately 1:30, but those not wanting to wait should coordinate rides with another family. The web site had more complete instructions and directions.

The remaining balance of the registration fee is due by Monday, March 31

End Results of Food Drive Benefiting The S.A. Food Bank

Many thanks to all who participated in the Eagle Scout food drive service project led by Phillip Martinez (7A) to benefit the San Antonio Food Bank. The total number of cans donated was **1,416** with a net weight of **1,618 pounds of food**. This amount combined with collections from his troop and neighborhood food drive donations totaled **2,161 pounds of food** delivered to the San Antonio Food Bank on March 15. The total number of service hours worked by our volunteer students was **42.5 hours**. Thank you all for your donations—big and small—of cans, energy and effort! Many hungry were fed with the food you donated.

Later this month, these 2,161 pounds of food will be offered up to the National Catholic Education Association's Birthday Gift of Service for Pope Benedict XVI. Many thanks to those who participated in honoring our Holy Father.

Unusual Request

An elderly couple, members of our parish, Marie & John Kotzur, have recently been moved to a nursing home. They were two of the 'pioneer' families of our parish in 1959, helping to found the church and school. Mrs. Kotzur was the head sacristan until the current person took over for her — to think nearly 50 years and only two sacristans! Their children were educated in the school as well. Due to age and health concerns, they have to move to assisted living, and give up their beloved dogs. They are two large "mixed" breed dogs, about 10 years old. It would mean a lot to them to have them 'adopted' by a St. Luke family with kids. (The dogs can be separated if necessary.) If you are interested in helping, contact their daughter, Pauline Howard, at 415-2676 (c) or 523-2796 (h). Thanks!