



THE LIGHT for St. Luke

Chick-fil-A Lunch on Field Day

The Athletic Department will be sponsoring a Chick-fil-A Lunch on Field Day, Friday, May 16, 2008. If your child wants to order lunch, please complete an order form and return with cash or check by Wednesday, May 14, 2008. Order forms were sent home today. Please fill out one order form for each child (payments can be combined in one check). Extra order forms are available in the School Office. Any questions-call Magda Nava @ 545-6253.



Tuition for the 2008-2009

Tuition coupons for the 2008-2009 school year were mailed on Friday, May 2. If you already have automatic tuition deductions from your bank account, you still need to fill out the form that was included, as the tuition amounts will change for the new school year. If you have not yet received your tuition coupons, contact the school office immediately.

Any changes to your tuition payment plan must be made by Thurs., 15 May.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

Talent Show Thanks!

On Tuesday afternoon, 20 different acts — from drama to dance to music — entertained the school community with their skills. Many thanks to all those who auditioned and performed, and to Ms. Lagle and her committee for their work in setting up the show.



Don't miss the PTC/School Council General Meeting tomorrow, Thursday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



There will be lots of information given by the school, the School Council, and PTC. After the presentations, there will be many tables set up with groups answering questions and providing samples.

Those in attendance will receive:
Free T-shirt for your student for the 08-09 school year!
Class with the highest percentage of parent attendance wins a Pizza Party! *Civvies Day pass for your students!*
Refreshments!

QUICK NOTES

1. Thursday, 8 May, PTC/School Council Parent Meeting and Information Fair, 6:30 p.m., PH.
2. Friday, 9 May, Sports Banquet for Middle School Athletes
3. Friday, 16 May FIELD DAY—order Chick-fil-A or pack a sack lunch. Dismissal will be at 2:00 p.m.
4. Last Day of School for PK and Kinder Friday, 23 May

FIELD DAY DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY, 16 May will be 2:00 p.m.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

		7	8	9	10	
			PTC/School Council Parent Mtg., and Info Fair, 6:30 p.m., PH	AS Mass led by PK Classes Sports Banquet, PH, 6 p.m.	7th Grade Class Day, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (gym and café)	
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Half Price Book Sale, all week—Library</div>				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Pentecost Mother's Day		Geography Bee, 8:15 a.m., PH	Middle School Service Hours due PTC Board Meeting, TL, 6:30 p.m.		AS Mass led by Cheerleaders FIELD DAY	

Note start time!!!!



Field Day 2008 Approaches

Field Day, Friday, 16 May is one of those special end-of-the-year events that is held for the children of the school. It is a fun day for all, students, teachers, and parents. **We are again in need of many, many parent volunteers** to help with the games, and lead the third class grouping in grades 1-8, and to help the PE Department with set-up and clean-up. Volunteers are needed from 8:45-12:15. Please sign-up on the sheet that Coach Fuentes has posted outside the Coaches' office door in the gym. Parents can also call the gym office @ 434.2011, ext. 120 or email to arlene.fuentes@stlukecatholic.org. Each volunteer will be given specific instructions on how to run that particular event. Last year's Field Day was very successful, so we are trying to build on this. Chick-fil-A lunch will be served—please submit your order by *May 14*, or send a sack lunch for your child if they do not wish to order Chick-fil-A. The first deadline for the Field Day T-Shirt was May 2. If you still want a shirt, your order **MUST** be submitted by Friday, May 9—cost of the shirt is \$10.00. Thanks for your support!
—Coach Fuentes

Items Needed for Field Day
Please bring to the gym

- **2 Tricycles**
- **2 Skateboards**
- **Signs to post at each field event**
- **Waterballoons.** For this we need volunteers to fill the balloons with water Friday morning from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. outside the gym near the batting cage. There will be approximately 400 balloons.

Volunteers!!!—Remember you must have a current background check on file. Background checks take about two weeks to process.

FROM THE PARISH

Fr. Jim's Anniversary: Next Sunday, May 18th, we will celebrate Fr. Jim Barlow's 35th Anniversary of Ordination. We invite everyone to join us at the 11am Mass and a reception to follow immediately afterwards in honor of his accomplishment.

VBS: VBS registration ends May 23rd! The fee is \$25/per child and \$20/per additional sibling. Space is filling up fast, so make sure to pick up a registration form in the Parish or Faith Formation offices! We are also in great need of **ADULT VOLUNTEERS** for our VBS Program. Any adult who is willing to donate their time and talents is encouraged to do so. For more details call the Faith Formation office at 433-2777 ext 118.

Freshman/Youth ACTS: Registration for the Freshman (incoming Freshman) ACTS begins this weekend, registration for the Youth (Incoming sophomore, junior, and senior grades) begins the weekend of May 17 & 18. The fee for both of these retreats is \$150.00, both also requiring a \$50.00 deposit at time of registration. For more info, contact Youth Minister Miguel Ochoa @ 433-2777 ext 119.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

All parents who are asking for a refund on their lunch card balance at the end of the school year must send a written request to Mrs. Baumann in the cafeteria. All balances remaining on student lunch cards at the end of this school year will be carried over to the 2008-2009 school year.

Please remember, that as the school year comes to a close, students **will not be allowed to charge lunches.** Please make sure that your child has enough money on their cafeteria account through the end of the school year.

If you have any questions regarding your child's lunch card account, please call Patsy Baumann @ 434.2011, ext. 130.

Summer Sports Clinics

Coach Loza is still accepting applications for the summer sports clinics. Contact Coach Loza at 638.8853 for more information. Applications are also available in the school office.

Congratulations to Incoming and Outgoing St. Thomas Aquinas Junior Beta Club Members

As this school year comes to a close, there was a special evening to recognize outgoing St. Thomas Aquinas Junior Beta Club Members for their outstanding service to St. Luke School and our community. These members who are graduating this year include:

Audrey Albach	Jenna-Marie Cosme	Matthew Ramon
Jacquelyn Baerga	Hannah Fields	Lorena Rodriguez
Graciela Baez-Chavez	A. J. Laborde	Darren Sanchez
Teresa Browning	Jonathan Martinez	Diandra Sanchez
Diana Calderon	Caitlin O'Brien	Donnie Servais
		Sarah Taylor

Our evening continued as we recognized incoming St. Thomas Junior Beta Club members for their outstanding service and achievement. We look forward to a new year working together as servant leaders. Inducted into membership for the 2008-2009 St. Thomas Aquinas Junior Beta Club were:

Alexis Balderas	Victoria Hernandez	Regan O'Brien
Christopher Bourbois	Madison Johnson	Jonah Quintero
Brandy Collier	Matthew Keller	Erica Ramos
Anthony Gallardo	Matthew Longoria	Bella Resendez
Andrew Gonzalez	Victoria Lopez	Ariel Reyes
Peter Gonzalez	Karen Maldonado	Luke Schulz
Sydney Gonzalez	Phillip Martinez	Bobby Trevino
Brianna Gutierrez	Thomas Nese	Christopher Zeitz



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Dear students and parents:

Each year, we gather anecdotal information from our graduates (and from the high schools they attend) about how they are faring in high school. The news is almost always very positive. Our graduates have the study skills, the academic foundations, and the general discipline to excel in high school from the very first day of their freshman year. This year's high school graduating class (the St. Luke Class of 2004) has two valedictorians, among many other great stories of success and growth.

One comment we have received over the last number of years from our graduates is in an area that leaves them a bit behind their counterparts from most of the other Catholic grade schools: semester exams. Most of our peer schools have them in the middle school, starting even in 6th grade, and of course, all high school courses feature semester-end exams that count for 20% of the semester grade.

We are working to cover that deficiency in the preparation of our students, but will move carefully into this activity. First, we will not give semester-end exams to our 6th graders.

- In 2008-2009, 7th and 8th grade students will be given cumulative end-of-the-semester tests in English, Math, Social Studies, Literature, Spanish, Religion, and Science.
- In 2008-2009, for 7th graders, the cumulative test experience will take place only at the end of the 4th quarter, and will cover material from the 2nd semester. The test will be weighted as a regular test in each class.
- In 2008-2009, for 8th graders, the cumulative test experience will take place the last week of school in December and the last week of school for them in May. These exams will be weighted as 10% of their overall final grade in each class.
- Since this is only for 7th and 8th graders, we will work with the administration to schedule and proctor the tests, so that tests are spread out over three days. There will still be normal class schedules going on concurrently.
- While cumulative, the testing can include, for example, questions from previous tests given in the class. English finals will include a writing piece.

As one would expect, the teachers and students will spend a good deal of time preparing for these exams, pulling together materials and preparing sample responses. Ultimately, this is about fulfilling our mission. In this current semester, we will give students shorter 'exams' so that they will know what will be expected of them next year (whether here at St. Luke or in high school). Though these will not count as a percent of their semester grade, teachers will count them as tests in the fourth quarter. Know that teachers will spend several days preparing and working with our students to be sure that they are successful in these culminating activities.

Peace,
Andrew Iliff

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