



# The Light

St. Luke Catholic School



*Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.*

EPH 4:32

## Letter from the Principal...

Oct. 29, 2008

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful opportunity it was to meet with you during our parent-teacher conferences. Communication between home and school often results in a measurable difference in a child's behavior and/or academic success. Now that we are well into the second grading period, our students know what they need to do. Congratulations to all our students who earned Academic Honors, Citizenship and Effort awards. For those working toward this end, continue to persevere. With determination and effort, our students can accomplish whatever they aspire to achieve. And, parents, you are commended for the values, direction and guidance you have lovingly provided for your children.






With the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas on the horizon, our children may need some redirection as time goes on. Continue to work with us. Faith development and academic success nurtured in a healthy school environment is our mission. Let us stay focused on our reason for choosing St. Luke Catholic School. Our **mission** is to **educate** our students to excel in high school and in life, and to **inspire** our students to live as faith-filled Catholics (Parent-Student Handbook, page 4).

Let us all focus our energy toward fulfilling this mission. It is what St. Luke School has been acknowledged for over many years and it is why our students have excelled. Let us remain steadfast to this mission and not lose sight of the vision we have for our children. Each one is truly unique and a gift. Let us, as each one graduates, be able to say that we nurtured the best in our children, spiritually, intellectually, socially, physically, and morally. God bless our efforts as parents and teachers.

Blessings,

(Mrs.) Marcella Salazar  
Principal

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

		29	 CYO Final Basketball Registration, 7-8 p.m., CYO Rm.	30	AS Mass led by Beta Club  <i>Catholic Student Club Mtg, 3:30-4:30, Rm. 325.</i>	31	<b>Noon Dismissal</b> Teacher professional development, 12:45-3:45 p.m.  <b>PTC Halloween Carnival, 6 p.m.</b>	1 Nov.					
				<b>Red Ribbon Week</b>									
2	<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>  	3	First turn-in date for <i>Holiday Wishes Sale</i>  <i>Basketball Try-outs begin</i>	4		5		6	AS Mass led by 1A & 1B. <b>FEAST of ALL SAINTS</b>  <i>Windy City Players, 10 a.m., PH</i>	7	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Teacher In-service, Archdiocesan conference	8	



**Soccer News**

Congratulations to the Soccer Team. This year the Rebels won 8 games and lost 1 in district play. The soccer team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in district and runner-up Champions in the A.I.A.L League. The all tournament players for the game were Peter Gonzalez, Anthony Gallardo, and Justin Rodriguez. Congratulations to all the players and coaches for a great year.

**Football News**

The football team played a great game against St. Matt. The win against St. Matt was a history-making accomplishment. We appreciate all the support of the parents, students, friends and family that came out to watch the Rebels team. Special thanks go out to the Rebel Cheerleaders, Booster club and coaches. Thanks for coming out and supporting the Rebels as they played their last game against Holy Spirit. The team scored 3 touchdowns and the defense stopped Holy Spirit in the second half from scoring. Final score was 37 - 20.

**Volleyball News**

Congratulations to the Lady Rebels Volleyball Team who ended their season 10 - 1 in district. They fought hard and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in district and runner up in the A.I.A.L. league Championship game. All Tournament players were Elizabeth Torres and Krystal Puente. Congratulations to players and coaches for a great season.

**Basketball News**

**Try-outs:** 3-6 November 2008, Girls 3:30-5:00, Boys 5:00-6:30 in the gym. Boys will have a study hall from 3:30-4:45 p.m. **ALL ATHLETES TRYING OUT MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL FORM ON FILE, AND HAVE RETURNED FALL SPORT UNIFORMS.** For more info look up the basketball booklet on the school athletics web page, or get a copy from the coach's door.

**From the Nurse...**

*I am reviewing the students' medical charts in order to submit our immunization report to the state by the end of November. I encourage parents of students in Kinder and 7th grades to update any recommended vaccines and submit a revised immunization report to me. The state is stressing the need for booster Tdap and meningitis vaccines for 7th graders as well as yearly flu vaccines for all ages.*

*Thank you,  
Diane Jaén, School Nurse*

**PTC**

**Come Join the Fun  
at Our Annual Carnival  
Friday, Oct. 31, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

There will be lots of games, food, and entertainment for the whole family. Come to the Carnival dressed in your favorite Halloween costume. All classes will be hosting a booth and will have special treats for all participants. Plan your evening meal with us—there will be food items to purchase. *Please note that all children must be accompanied by a parent; no drop-offs.*

**8th Grade Cake Booth:** The 8th grade is looking for cake donations for their booth. There will be a cake decorating contest. Donations may be dropped off in the cafeteria on Friday morning or in the gym on Friday after school. Thank you!

**PTC LUNCH**

Order forms for the Chick-fil-A lunch scheduled for Friday, November 14, are being sent home today and are available on the school website (under current news). If your child wants to order lunch, please complete an order form for each child and return with cash or check. Payment for multiple orders may be combined in one check. The deadline to submit orders is Wednesday, November 12, 3:30 p.m.

**Cookie Dough Sale Update**

Please read the letter included in your child's Wednesday envelope for some very important information regarding the PTC's cookie dough fundraiser. New catalogs and order forms for the cookie dough portion of the fundraiser will be sent home on Mon., Nov. 1, along with information on the new turn-in days. Turn-in days for the *Holiday Wishes* items remain the same.

**Announcement Regarding Spanish**

Mrs. Sylvia Gonzalez, Spanish teacher, will not be returning to St. Luke School. There will be a substitute teacher in the classes until the position is filled. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**COUNSELOR**

**PARENT PRESENTATION  
SAFE ENVIRONMENT/CHILD  
ABUSE PREVENTION  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5,  
6:30-7:30 P.M.  
ROOM 212 (ABOVE NURSE'S OFFICE)**

All parents are invited to attend a presentation on ways to protect children from abuse, signs and symptoms of abuse, and how to respond if a child is victimized. Information about the personal safety education being provided to students throughout the Archdiocese of San Antonio will also be shared. Come and find out what safety skills your children are being taught through the *Yellow Dyno* and *Child Lures* programs. *This presentation is intended for adults only.*

**TALKING TO YOUR  
CHILD ABOUT DRUGS**

Parents will find an article from Kids Health in today's Wednesday envelope on how to talk to your children about drugs. In research from the Mendez Foundation, an organization devoted to prevention and wellness education, students say that parents are the single greatest influence in their decision to say no to smoking, drinking alcohol, and using other

**Girls Scouts Coat Drive**



St. Luke 6th grade Girl Scout Troop # 973 will be collecting gently used or new sweaters, coats and jackets of all sizes which will be donated to the Battered Women's Shelter. Items can be dropped off to any Girl Scout in the morning or afternoon at drop-off and dismissal locations November 4-6. Thank you for your generosity and helping us to make the world a better place.

**Catholic Student Club**

All middle school students are invited.  
Thursday, October 30th, Rm. 325  
3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Contact Mrs. Chavez  
434.2011, ext. 181



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Dear Parents:

I wish to thank you in advance for your support of each of our PTC Fundraisers. It is only through your support that we are able to purchase items and provide programs for the children and teachers of St. Luke.

I feel an ethical obligation to explain to you a situation we have come across in dealing with the ongoing Cookie Dough Sale. We were promised and signed a contract to sell Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough from the Sally Foster fundraising company. It is only after the catalogues and incentive letters were delivered that we were made aware that the dough was not Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough. The Chippery brand is marketed as Otis Spunkmeyer because Otis Spunkmeyer had purchased the Chippery Company. The cookie dough being sold in the catalogue distributed on Monday, October 27th is not Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough as we had advertised. It is cookie dough made by the Chippery Company that Otis Spunkmeyer owns. Therefore we have agreed to discontinue our dealings with Chippery and correct the situation as follows:

A new Otis Spunkmeyer catalogue and order forms will be sent out on Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will include details of the new turn in dates and delivery date. This catalog does include all of our favorite Otis flavors as well as Strawberry Shortcake and the new "Pink Cookie" which supports Breast Cancer Awareness. This will be 100% Otis Cookie Dough as we all know and love!

Also please continue your support of our Happy Holiday/Design Collection fundraiser as this has not changed and will keep the original turn-in dates of November 3 and November 10.

I feel terrible about this situation as it has always been our intent to only sell the highest quality products with brand recognition such as Otis Spunkmeyer. I apologize for the confusion that this may have caused. Please help our fall fundraisers as we use these funds to purchase items for classrooms at each grade level. We appreciate your continued support of the St. Luke PTC.

If you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to call me directly.

Thank you,

Veronica Vidal

PTC President

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*educate. inspire.*



# **Come one and all to the St. Luke Spooktacular 2008 Halloween Carnival!**

Halloween Carnival: 6:00pm-9:30pm

Booth Judging: 5:30 pm  
Cake Judging: 6:00 pm  
Costume Judging: 7:00 pm

8th grade cake booth needs cake donations.