



The Light

St. Luke Catholic School



DURING THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT:

Let me fast from emphasis on differences and feast on the unity of life.

Standardized Testing

Standardized testing for grades 1-8 will begin when students return from spring break. Our students will prepare for the tests with a practice test. Beginning on March 25 tests will be administered every morning through April 8.

A letter from the Department of Catholic Schools at the Archdiocese announcing the change from the Stanford Achievement Test to the Iowa Test of Basic Skills is being sent home to families today.

In order for our students to perform their best on these tests, we ask that all parents follow these guidelines:

- Students should get plenty of sleep the night before.
- Children should have a good breakfast.
- Testing will begin first thing in the morning when children are fresh and alert.
- Students must arrive to school on time. If a student is late, he/she will not be permitted in the classroom until testing has concluded.
- If at all possible, absences should be avoided.
- Make up tests will only be given as schedules of students and proctors permit.
- Stress the importance of these tests with your children but do not overstate it as too much stress is counter-productive.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts. We are confident that our children will perform well.



Great Job Veronica!

Congratulations to Veronica Knisley (8B) for her 5th place finish at the San Antonio Express-News 57th Annual Regional Spelling Bee which was held at Trinity University on Saturday, March 6. One hundred eighty students representing schools in and around the San Antonio area started the day with a written test. The remaining 42 students advanced to oral portion of the Spelling Bee. Veronica will receive an engraved plaque from the San Antonio Express-News.

			10 PTC Board Mtg., TL, 6:30 p.m. Softball @ St. Pius, 4:30 p.m. Mad Science Tennis vs. Holy Cross	11 Mass, led by Student Leaders	12 Stations of the Cross, led by 5th Gr. END of 3rd QUARTER Mar. 12-14, Baseball @ MSH Tourney	13			
			14 4th Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	Spring Break—No School		16	17	18
21 5th Sunday of Lent	22	23 Softball/baseball @ OLPH Catholic Student Club Mtg.-rescheduled from March 9, ends at 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation, Gr. 4-8	24 Homeroom Group Photos, PK-7th Gr., morning Tennis vs. St. Gregory	25 Mass, led by Music Ministry <i>Testing begins for grades 1-5.</i>	26 Stations of the Cross led by Beta Club Living Stations of the Cross for Parish, 7:30 p.m. Church Report cards go home	Testing begins for Middle School on Mon., March 29			



St. Luke Tournament a Success

St. Luke's baseball team took 1st place. Jonathan Ramirez was named MVP; Justin Rodriguez, Eric Austin, Drew Fields and Gabriel Fragozo were named all-tournament. The softball team came in third place. Karley Rosales and Mia Gonzales were named all-tournament. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make our tournament a success.

Golf News

The Rebel golfers did a great job at the golf tournament on March 5. Pia Serrano placed first in the Masters Flight and Troy Gonzalez placed first in the Champions Flight. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped run the golf tournament.

The AIAL golf tournament is scheduled for April 26. Good luck!

Tennis News

The tennis team has defeated both St. Matthew and St. Anthony. The team's next match is Mar. 10 vs. Holy Cross.

Track Practice

Track practice is scheduled for March 22, 24 and 25 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. The AIAL track meet is scheduled for March 26 and 27.

Fiesta Finale Raffle Tickets

School families will be receiving Fiesta Finale raffle tickets this week through their oldest child. Please support the parish by either buying or selling the raffle tickets. The grand prize is a \$5000 gift card. Please return any unsold tickets to the school office. Additional tickets are available in the church office. All proceeds will benefit the church.

REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTION

Tuition accounts, after school care, and tardy fines must be up to date in order for report cards to be distributed on Friday, March 26. Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding your accounts.

PTC

**Homeroom Group Photos
PK-7th Gr.**

Homeroom group pictures for grades PK through 7th are scheduled for Wednesday, March 24. Please note that these photos must be **prepaid**, and that photos will only be made for students who have submitted their order form by picture day. Order forms are being sent home today.

Students are asked to come to school in "full uniform" on class picture day; no scout uniforms please.

**Caution At
Dismissal**

It cannot be emphasized enough how very cautious ALL of us must be during the school dismissal procedure. We had a close call on Monday, March 8. A parent was almost hit by a vehicle. Parents and all carpool drivers, PLEASE:

- drive no faster than 5 miles per hour;
- look in all directions;
- do NOT use cell phones while in the parking lots;
- do not park along the red curbs;
- collect your children and keep them with you; children should NOT be playing during the dismissal procedure;
- cross only at the crosswalks;
- once your children have been collected, please do not hang around; escort your children to the car and move with caution.

All of us must be aware of the potential of an accident during the dismissal procedure. Accidents can be avoided if all persons are aware of their surroundings and focused. Please, there is nothing more precious than the safety and health of our children. Thank You.

Counselor's Corner...

**OVASE TRAINING FOR
PARENTS/VOLUNTEERS**

OVASE (abuse prevention) training will be offered for parents and/or volunteers of St. Luke School and parish on March 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Room 212. This session will cover information on keeping children safe from abuse. For additional information, contact Mrs. Hinojosa at 434-2011, x 128.

Talent Show 2010

Get your act together for this year's Talent Show. The 2010 Talent Show will take place on Thursday, May 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Talent Show audition applications were sent home last week and are due back to the school office no later than **12:00 p.m., Thursday, April 1.**

**Hope for the Future
Tuition Assistance**

For more information on tuition assistance through the Archdiocese of San Antonio's Hope for the Future Program, visit their website at www.hopeforfuture.org or call their office at 734.1963. Please note that the deadline to apply is **Wednesday, April 7.** You must apply on line through the Hope for the Future website; mailed applications will not be accepted.

The remaining balance of the registration fee is due by 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 31, 2010.

