



# Tiger Talk It's About Them. . .



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## **A Newsletter from the Office of the Associate Heads of School**

SLES ladies' volleyball team won one game against Trinity 25-22. Way to go girls!  
SLES men's cross country team took 2nd place at the TMI meet  
Macky Lopez came in 2nd place overall with a 12:25 in a 2 mile run.

**GO TIGERS GO!**

### **Help Your Child Succeed in School**

#### **Visit the Library Regularly**

Establish a routine of visiting the library. Make it a regular occurrence. Resolving to go "soon" won't do, because soon is too likely to become "never". Instead, pick a day of the week and go to the library on that day every week - or at least every other week. Get your child a library card so that he/she can take books out on his/her own. When you and your child visit the library, borrow at least two books each. Make choosing books a pleasure, not a chore. Borrow books that interest you. Urge your child to do the same. Help choose books by browsing among new books and asking the librarian for suggestions.

*From Help Your Child Succeed in School-Simple Strategies for Parents*

### **St. Luke's Welcomes New Family**

St. Luke's wants to extend a g-r-e-a-t big Tiger welcome to the Padilla family. Benjamin Padilla is in Mrs. Kathy Trujillo's first grade class. Priscilla Padilla is in the PK4 class of Mrs. Trinka McGehee. The Padilla family comes to us from Monterrey, Mexico.

### **Third Grade Celebration Chapel**

This Friday we will be honoring our third grade students, teachers, and parents. All third grade families and friends are extended a special invitation for the Chapel service on Friday, October 16 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Look for reserved signs for seating for our special third grade guests and students. Third grade students will be performing.

### **Individual Picture Orders**

Individual pictures of all students were taken today, Wednesday, October 14. If you have not placed your order for your students' pictures, please do so by the deadline, Friday, October 16.

### **The Square 1 Art Program is having a rewards program:**

100% class participation will earn your class a "free" dress day! The class with the top dollar sales will win a pizza party with "Madison"!! (Dr. Reford's sweet dog.)

Want to see how your class is doing? Look for updates on the Square 1 Score Board. (Located in hallway 1st floor). Orders are due on October 21st. So get them turned in soon. Thanks - Christina Gutierrez (co-chair for Square One Art Program)

### **New Chess Team Big Winner**

Congratulations to our St. Luke's chess team members on their first outing this season! A trio of third graders won the First Primary Team trophy at the Guadalupe Community Center's October scholastic tournament. Brothers Giovanni and Nathaniel Euresti led the way with 3.5 out of 5, earning individual trophies for their 3rd result. Damien Luna contributed a 2.5 out of 5 result. Two fourth graders, Lauren Marshall and Zayd Shamieh, played in the K-5 Elementary section. "I enjoyed coaching them between games, and I'm sure they learned a lot from the strong competition." Selby Anderson. Congratulations to all who competed!

### **Grandparents' and Special Friends' Celebrations**

St. Luke's Episcopal School will be celebrating Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day on Thursday evening, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chris Jones Middle School. Valet parking will begin at 6:00 p.m. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a special Chapel service in St. Luke's Episcopal Church followed by classroom visits and a reception in the Middle School. Students are asked to arrive at the Church no later than 6:15 p.m. in their appropriate dress-up attire. On Friday, October 23, the preschool and elementary classes will be celebrating Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day. Festivities will begin in the McNab gymnasium at 8:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast followed by student performances beginning at 9:00 a.m. Classroom visits will be held from 10:15-11:15 a.m.. At 11:30 a.m. all students will be dismissed. There will be no after school care available on this day. Students are to wear dress uniforms.

### **After School Care Reminder**

After School Care is provided Monday through Friday from student dismissal times until 5:45 p.m. PK3/PK4 care is provided in rooms 109/110. Kinder/1st grade care is provided in room 107. 2nd-4th care is provided in room 219 (Saks' art room). 4th-8th care is provided in the Middle School room 222. \*Fourth grade students leave room 219 and move over to room 222 at 3:30 p.m. It is a requirement of Family and

Protective Services that each parent or guardian must sign his/her child out from after school care when the child is picked up. The sign out form will require parental signature and time of sign out. Students in After School Care will be on the playground and/or Pavilion (weather permitting) from 4:30-5:15 p.m. From 5:20 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. all grade levels will be combined in room 110. It is imperative that all students are picked up by 5:45 p.m.



### **H2O Project**

National Junior Honor Society is pleased to introduce you to the H2O Project. Through this project, you will be helping our chosen recipient, "charity: water" to provide drinking water to a school in a developing country. The goal is to raise \$2500 to be used in drilling a new water well. For 2 weeks we

encourage you to teach your children about the impact a simple water well can have on a community where water shortages have brought poverty disease and death.

#### **Here is the challenge:**

1. After school on **October 14-16** you may purchase a wrist band for \$1.00 to wear throughout the project as a reminder. Additional wrist bands may be purchased for other family members and/or friends who would like to participate.
2. For two weeks, you will make water your only beverage **beginning on October 19, ending October 30.**
3. You will use the scorecard provided to keep track of the beverages replaced with water.
4. You will place money that would have gone toward other beverages in a cup-bank. (Checks may be made payable to "charity:water".)
5. Money in the banks will be collected on **Collection Day, October 30**, during Chapel.
6. Pray for the H2O Project , "charity:water", and the many communities waiting for water wells.
7. Visit the websites [www.theh2oproject.org](http://www.theh2oproject.org) and [www.charitywater.org](http://www.charitywater.org) to learn more.

### **Calling all Veterans**

Student Voice would like to celebrate and give thanks to all veterans in our community. If you know an active or retired military person whom you would like to honor, please pass their name on to Mrs. Margay Stillings or send her an e-mail [mstillings@sles-sa.org](mailto:mstillings@sles-sa.org). Student Voice would like to personally invite them to a celebration on Nov. 11. Any pictures you would like to share with the student body can also be dropped off with Ms. Margay. Please write on the back of the photo the name of the person and to whom we should return the photo. Our National Honor Society would like to display the pictures in our hallways.

### **Mrs. Milligan's Poetry Projects**

On Saturday, Viva Bookstore hosted a book signing for *Sustaining Abundant Life: Women's Prayer and Poetry* a project co-sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas Christian Education Dept. and The Woman at the Well House Ministries. The book is a compilation of more than 40 poems and prayers written by women in Texas. Mrs. Milligan was one of the judges for this year's anthology. Also all the judges were asked to submit a poem for publication so one of her poems is included in the volume.

In addition, Mrs. Milligan is the current poetry editor for the Sunday *San Antonio Express-News*. For this coming Sunday, Oct. 18, she has selected a poem by former St. Luke's teacher, Mary Margaret Rode. Be sure to look for it on the Book Page of the S.A. Life section of the newspaper.

### **More Poetry News from Mrs. Milligan**

The new "*Fritzi Abbott, How to Write*" author series, will focus on the craft of writing. Our first guest will be the poet Naomi Shihab Nye. She will be speaking to the middle school on Oct. 30 in the library. Her topic will be how to craft a poem.

The author series is named for Dorothy "Fritzi" Abbott, who left the school three quarters of a million dollars in her will two years ago. A former second grade teacher and librarian, Mrs. Abbott believed in the transformative power of literature.

The next guest in the series will be author, Claire Dunkle, on writing a novel.

### **Book-O-Rama Tunes Up**

*The St. Luke's School Choristers*, under the direction of Ms. Ritchey, will be performing at the St. Luke's Book-O-Rama @ San Pedro Barnes & Noble on Thursday evening, Oct. 29. The group, made up of 4th, 5th and 6th graders, will be singing songs that reflect the Autumn season. In addition during Library class, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students are preparing a choral reading of Halloween poems and stories.

### **Food Drive**

Girl Scout Troop #543 (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) will soon be earning the "Eat Right, Stay Healthy" patch. In conjunction with this project the Troop is inviting the St. Luke's community to support a food drive. **Between October 20 and November 9, please bring food staples (canned fruits, canned vegetables, tuna, peanut butter, cereal, etc.)** to collection bins in the crossing. On November 9, the Brownies will earn their patches and then deliver all of the collected food to SAMM's Transitional Living and Learning Center (TLLC) on Blanco Road. The TLLC is a residential facility for up to 40 homeless families with minor children who show a commitment to gaining self-sufficiency.

Thank you for support as the Girl Scouts reach out to the community and live out the St. Luke's mission of "service to others". Questions? Contact Sharon Noble (826-1847) or Jill Vassar (804-2380).

### **The Lady Cardinals on campus:**

The University of the Incarnate Word Volleyball team came to visit the St. Luke's volleyball team yesterday. Head Coach, Jennifer Montoya, and two of her girls gave tips to the SLES volleyball girls about setting, hitting, and serving.

The St. Luke's volleyball girls enjoyed the one on one time with the UIW team and hope they will return in the near future. Our next game is Thursday, Oct. 15 against Castle Hills. Come out and support our Lady Tigers.

### **Progress Posted on TigerNet**

Today's progress reports for core subjects in grades 2-8, will be the beginning of weekly summative reports posted for the parents under the "Progress Reports" section of TigerNET. The reason for these weekly reports is to provide parents with an easy way to see all of their children's grades in one place without having to look in each course's gradebook. The progress report function will do just this for our parents. Check TigerNet today for these postings.

### **Spalding Information Session**

Mrs. Regina Marshall, kindergarten teacher and certified Spalding presenter, will be conducting an information session on Spalding Integrated Language Arts on October 26 in room 201 from 9:00-10:30a.m. The session will be appropriate for parents of students in grades PK4-first grade.

### **PK3 and Pets on Parade**

The children in PK3 were excited to see so many pets at Blessing of the Pets last Monday. They used Beanie Baby pets to classify, count and interact with during learning choice time. Children discover each pet's name and created names of their own. Students made their own snacks called "kitty cat crunchies." It involved the children counting 5 pretzels, 5 cheese nips and 5 goldfish. We ended the week with graphing our favorite pet. The choices were fish, bird, dog, cat or hamster. Can you guess which animal received the most votes? It was the dog.

### **R.E.A.D. All About It**

In Pre-K 4 all of the Spalding manuscript letters that begin at 2 on the clock position have been introduced. These are: a,c,d,f,g,o,s,qu. These sounds and letters are reviewed daily. Line letters k and l will be taught next week. The corresponding books for these letters are: The Lamb Who Loved to Laugh and Kangaroo Kazoo. Vocabulary development will be reinforced by discussing homonym puzzles. Students will look at two pictures and the word. For example: Bowl- you eat from, bowl- the game, nails- on fingers, nails- for nailing wood.

Kindergartners continue to read level appropriate books and work on sight words, Spalding phonograms, and book handling skills. They will also work on vocabulary development by discussing homonym puzzles.

### **Flat Stanley on Tour**

In our St. Luke's kindergarten classes, students have read a book about a boy who gets smashed by a bulletin board. His name is Flat Stanley. Flat wanted to go on a trip, so his family folded him up, put him into an envelope and mailed him to California. Copies of Flat Stanley were sent home to each kindergarten household, and families were asked to write about an adventure Flat might have experienced with family members. Families were asked to send pictures and/or postcards to illustrate the adventures Flat experienced. Narratives and illustrations of Flat Stanley's global adventures were returned this week. Students and teachers are now in the process of sharing and displaying the adventures of Flat Stanley whose exploits have included a trip to the emergency room and a visit with an Elvis impersonator in Las Vegas. Tour the preschool hallway and check in with a kindergartner about other adventures and travels of Flat Stanley.

### **The Fact of the Matter in First**

First Grade is currently working on matter. No, not like in "what's the matter", but rather that all things are made up of matter. So far students have learned about atoms and molecules. They even made an edible water molecule. Now they will begin a study of the 3 states of matter. So the next time you sit on a chair, ask yourself does matter matter? First Graders think so.

### **Second Graders Have Passport, Will Travel**

Second grade is studying Greece, China, and India. Each teacher is presenting a specific country. Students will rotate the 3 classes over the next 6 weeks so that they are able to visit each country four times. Each student has a passport that will get stamped as each country is visited. Students will participate in various activities and projects characteristic of the country being visited. Latin teacher, Michael Flexsenhar, will teach a session on Greece to each group over the course of study,

### **SELBY ANDERSON, CHESS TEACHER, SINGS FOR THE CURE**

Sing for the Cure is an original piece-a song cycle devoted specifically to breast cancer survivors, their families and friends. Commissioned by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer, this memorable song cycle includes the words of those most deeply affected by breast cancer. A portion of the proceeds will benefit breast cancer research and care efforts. St. Luke's chess teacher, Selby Anderson, will be performing with the San Antonio Mastersingers. Mr. Anderson has a solo part in the concert, which will be presented on Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 515 McCullough, San Antonio, Texas 78215. For more information you can go to [Mastersingers.com](http://Mastersingers.com) or contact Mr. Anderson at [sanderson@sles-sa.org](mailto:sanderson@sles-sa.org).

### **Wish Lists for Books**

As in years past, the generous parents at St. Luke's are once again honoring the faculty by asking teachers to make a Wish List of books for the Book Fair. This year teachers can make a list of individual books for the classroom and a list of books for the Book room. These books would be requested as six packs to be used with groups of students. Visit Barnes and Noble to see the books you would like the teacher to use in the class, and if you see interesting titles for the Book room, jot those down, too.

Another way to order books for the Book room is to use the catalogs that are on the counter in the Book room. Write the title, page number, and the name of the catalog on the form provided. There are many wonderful fiction, nonfiction, science, social studies, and math titles at all levels including middle school. If you do not have time to make a Wish List for the Book room, please let Donna Hester know by Monday, October 12, and she will make one for you

### **Admission Events**

The Office of Admission, under the direction of Ms. Margaret Ann Casseb, is hosting a number of events for "getting the word" out about what a special place St. Luke's Episcopal School is for children. Events include the following:

Nix Realty Company Visit	October 13
Preschool Director's Visit	October 14
Private School Preview	October 18
Rubiola Realty Visit	October 20
Preschool Director's Visit	October 20
St. Thomas Episcopal School Visit	October 20
SLES Admission Open House	November 27

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Change in location:** St. Luke's Fall Book Fair

Oct. 29, 2009 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. @ Barnes & Noble (San Pedro Crossing) 321 NW Loop 410 #104. Costume party, games, student presentations & BOOKS! Dad's night evolves into Book-O-RAMA this year & will be at Barnes & Noble.

Friday, Oct. 16 - Celebration Chapel for Grade 3

Thur., Oct. 22 - Grandparents' & Special Friends Evening 5th-8th grades @ 6:30pm St. Luke's Church

Friday, Oct. 23 - Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day PK3 - 4th grades @ 8:00 am refreshments & 9:00 performance in the McNab Gym

Early Dismissal @ 11:30 am

Friday, Oct. 23 - HS Shadow Day for 8th graders

**REMINDERS:** Friday, October 23, 2009 is an early dismissal day at 11:30 am

*Learning the Art of Life*