



# Tiger Talk

## "It's About Them. .



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

Macky Lopez placed 2nd overall @ Lutheran High School  
Cross Country Meet with a time of 12:09/2 miles.

The Volleyball A team lost to Geneva, but won one game in the series  
with a score of 25-22. B team lost but played a great game.

**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK TIGERS!**

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

#### Use the Magic Words

**"I don't know"**-Don't give your child the answers. Finding the answer means learning to do research.

**"Look it up"**-Sending her/him to dictionary, or almanac encourages the use of reference materials.

**"Let's find out"**-Joining your child in the search for information allows you to show her/him how it's done.

**"What do you think?"**-Show your child that you're interested in her/his thinking. Your child will have to decide what she does think and will have to state it clearly.

**"Nice try"**-Nobody is perfect. Your child is not going to get everything right, but when she/he makes an honest effort, let her/him know that you recognize it and admire the effort.



#### Dear Parents & Students,

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", provide safe drinking water to a school in a developing country. Our goal is to raise \$2,500 to be used for the drilling of a new water well.

For 2 weeks, your student will be hearing about the impact a simple water well can have on a community where water shortages have brought poverty, disease, and death. They will be presented with this challenge:

- After school on **October 14 - 16**, purchase a wrist band for \$1.00 for the student to wear throughout the project as a reminder. Additional wrist bands can be purchased for other family members and/or friends that want to participate.
- Make water your only beverage for **2 weeks, beginning on October 19 and ending on October 30**.
- Use the scorecard provided to help you keep track of beverages replaced
- Place the money which would have gone toward other beverages into your cup bank.
- Return your bank on Collection Day during chapel time. Collection Day will be during chapel on **October 30**.

As parents, you can be of tremendous help if you will:

- Encourage your sons and daughters as they deny themselves for the sake of others.
- Add any savings you see in your grocery bill to their cup banks before Collection Day. *Better still, join them in this time of sacrifice, and add your own savings to theirs.* (Checks can be made payable to “charity: water”)
  - Pray for THE H2O PROJECT, charity: water, and for the many communities waiting for water wells. Please visit the websites  
[www.theh2oproject.org](http://www.theh2oproject.org)  
[www.charitywater.org](http://www.charitywater.org) ) where you can see videos and learn much more!

Sincerely,

Chris Perez  
President, National Junior Honor Society

Mark Reford, PhD  
Head of School

### **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. 11th. 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.

### **Warning . . . AH City Council Approves Cell Phone Free Zones**

The City Council has supported a ban on using hand-held communication devices in school crossing zones on Broadway. Police Chief Rick Pruitt reported that heavy commuter traffic on Broadway creates a need to prohibit use of the devices in the 5600-5900 blocks of Broadway adjacent to Cambridge Elementary School and the 6800-7100 blocks of Broadway adjacent to Alamo Heights High School. Pruitt will work with school administrators to determine if additional prohibitions are needed on neighborhood streets around Alamo Heights schools. Texas law that became effective Sept. 1 amended the Texas transportation Code to prohibit the use of communication devices in a school crossing zone unless the motor vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. Signage meeting standards prescribed by the Texas Department of Transportation will be placed at school crossing zones to warn motorists of the prohibition. Violators could receive a fine up to \$200. The legislature also amended the Texas Transportation Code to prohibit motor vehicle operators under age 18, who receive their driver's license after September 2009, from using a handheld communication device while driving, except in case of an emergency.

### **Progress Reports**

Check Tiger Net after Oct. 13th to view progress reports for students in grades 2nd - 8th. The report will provide a snapshot of how your child is performing in each of their core subjects.

### **FIRE PREVENTION PRESENTATION BIG HIT AT SLES**

Members of the Alamo Heights Fire Department put on a great show for SLES students in grades PK3-4. The firemen put students through their paces in a fire safety obstacle course that included fire hose roll-up, smoke detector relays, smoke tent crawl, and a visit to the fire truck. Firemen then put on a wonderful puppet show about fire prevention and life-saving tips in the event of a fire.

### **"Fritzi Abbott, How to Write" author series**

Naomi Shihab Nye will visit St. Luke's on Oct. 30 in the Newman Library as part of the "Fritzi Abbott, How to Write" author series.

The topic will be how to craft a poem.

Grades 5 & 6 11:25 - 12:15

Grades 7 & 8 12:15-1:05

### **BOOK-O-RAMA**

Mark your calendars for the **St. Luke's Book-O-Rama at the San Pedro Barnes and Noble**. It will be a fun family event in support of the school library. Students and parents are invited to come in their costumes. There will be student presentations, games, and a Dad's Costume Competition. A portion of all sales (when you mention St. Luke's) will go to purchase books for the school library. Teachers will have a wish list basket for their classrooms as well as having a wish list of books they want to go to the book room.

### **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 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, & 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

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

Pre-K 4 classes will be learning the Spalding sounds for the line letters i and j next week. Books that we will read for those letters are: Iguana on Ice and Jaguar's Jungleberry Jamboree. We continue to review all letters learned, which began with the "2:00" letters, by referring back to the Alpha Tales that we have read. This gives the students a comprehension check as well as a review of the Spalding phonograms. We are working on rhyming, letter sound identification, opposites, and compound words.

Kindergartners are reading leveled books from the Book room. We do word work to practice our sight words, and we have worked on skills that deal with compound words, initial sound identification, letter sound identification, and rhyming. Areas of major focus are using proper book handling skills, tracking, and one to one matching.

### **Things are Thrilling in Third**

Third grade has begun studying the human body. This week's lab is about the bones of the human skeleton. The students will be tested on the 18 major bones of the human body next week.

To culminate our study of Canada, the students each constructed a family totem pole. We are now working on informative paragraphs to describe the totem poles,

Upon completion of classification of animals and reading *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, each third grader was assigned a species of penguins to research. We measured and drew to half scale the penguins that have their habitats in the southern hemisphere. We also wrote informatives to describe each penguin species.

In Math, we are practicing addition and subtraction strategies. We are learning Partial-Sums Algorithms and Trade-First Subtraction Algorithms.

We have identified the location, source and major facts of 10 major World Rivers.

We are excitedly preparing our Core Knowledge poetry for Declamation.

### **What's Fabulous in Fourth**

Mrs. Urbanowski's students produced and starred in their own animated science videos. Students worked independently on their investigations and then in collaborative groups to create their products. The animated videos captured the spirit and fun of static electricity investigations. Watch out Bill Nye!

### **Musical Notes**

Celebration Chapel for Second Grade is this Friday, October 9 at 9:00a.m. Parents of Second Graders are especially invited to sit with their children and hear the class sing.

Celebration Chapel for Third Grade is **next** Friday, October 16 at 9:00a.m. Parents of Third Graders are especially invited to sit with their children and hear the class sing.

Grandparent's Day is coming soon!

The 5-8 grades Grandparent's Day Performance will be in the main Church from 6:30p.m.- 7:30p.m. on Thursday, October 22. Students in grades 5-8 are invited to wear their favorite church appropriate outfits. Students are asked to arrive no later than 6:15p.m. the evening of the performance.

PK3 through 4th grade Grandparent's Day Performance will be in the McNab gym from 8:30 - 9:30a.m. on Friday, October 23. Students will perform in their dress uniforms. This is also an early release day at 11:30a.m.

### **Direction Correction:**

Thanks to instruction from the third grade teachers, Mrs. Harwell has now learned her cardinal directions. Carpool is always on the **NORTH** side of the School and Church and not the south side. Next week the the teachers are helping Mrs. Harwell with other map skills.

### **October 12 Staff Development Day for Teachers/Holiday for Students**

This coming Monday, October 12, will be a holiday for all SLES students. St. Luke's teachers will be working together to analyze data from 2008-2009 Stanford 10 standardized testing and developing strategies for selected areas of focus.

### **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.

Wednesday, Oct. 7- 9 - Outdoor School for Grades 5/6

Wednesday, Oct. 7 - Dress Uniforms

Friday, Oct. 9 - Celebration Chapel for Grade 2

Monday, Oct. 12 - Student Holiday/Staff Workday

Mon., Oct. 12 - HS Shadow Day for 8th graders

Friday, Oct. 16 - Celebration Chapel for Grade 3

Wed., Oct. 21 - Student Picture PK3-8th grade

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 @ 8:30 am McNab Gym

Early Dismissal @ 11:30 am

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*Learning the Art of Life*