



# Tiger Talk It's About Them. . .



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### **Athletics at St. Luke's-Basketball Teams Victorious:**

Basketball - A team girls beat Trinity Christian 43-2, Boys beat Trinity 50-23.  
Sixth grade girls played a great game and the sixth grade boys won.  
Way to start the season!  
Go Tigers! Go!

### **Help Your Child Succeed in School-Limit Extracurricular Activities:**

You know how you feel when it seems that there aren't enough hours in the day to do all things that must be done-let alone the things you'd like to do. Your child can feel the same way. You'll be doing him/her a favor if you assist in setting priorities and limits. You'll also help to avoid (or at least alleviate) conflicts over how to best spend time. Begin by working together to make a chart showing the time available outside of school hours. Next, put onto the chart everything that must be done. Begin with daily homework time and include meals, chores, and other family responsibilities. When the "musts" are in place, your child will be able to see what free time is available. Have him/her list all activities that she/he would like to pursue. Then have your child decide which activity he/she most wants to do and how that activity can fit into the schedule. Continue in decreasing priority until the time is filled. If your child finds that she/she can't fit the activities into the time available (which is most likely), help work out compromises, such as rescheduling for the next semester or season. Remind your child that he/she has included the activities that he/she most want to do.

### **Seventh/Eighth Grade Celebration Chapel:**

This Friday is 7/8th grade Celebration Chapel. Parents and friends are invited to sit with their favorite 7th and 8th graders. Eighth grade will join their 1st grade chapel buddies at the front of the chapel. Seventh grade will sit with their class behind the 1st and 8th grades.

### **Scientist Make Huge discoveries:**

That would be our SLES 5th - 8th grade scientist. Fifth graders have been busy inventing contraptions with simple machines that could possibly make life easier. Sixth through eighth grade students have been researching various scientific topics of interest. They have inquisitive minds. Come visit the St. Luke's Science Fair. Many of

our students have performed wonderful experiments and would like you to see their projects. Projects will be displayed in the St. Luke's Gymnasium for all see! Students may begin setting up projects Thursday morning at 7:30 am. All students must have projects setup by 8am and projects will be available for viewing from 1:00-5:00 pm on Thursday, Nov. 19th and again from 7:30am - 12:00pm on Friday. We ask that students be accompanied by parents when viewing projects before and after school.

### **Middle School Fundraisers:**

Ready to decorate for the Christmas holidays?! Let the 7th grade class get you started with beautiful **poinsettias!** The Class of 2011 will be offering poinsettias for sale at \$15. These varieties are bigger than your average variety, large blooms and gorgeous red! The class also has available limited quantities of white, deep pink and the Monet (cream with specks of red) varieties. Order forms will be available in the offices and through the 7th grade. We also will be at carpool on Thursday and Friday. Stop by the office for a chance to see one in person. Please return orders and payment by 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2. Pick-up will be Dec. 3 and 4. The monies will help to fund the Class of 2011's gift to SLES next year. Merry Christmas!!

### **Hot Tamale!**

Our current 8th grade class will be taking orders the week after Thanksgiving for tamales by the dozen. Delivery of Tamales will be the week of Dec. 14th. Both fundraisers are done to off set the cost of graduation activities at the end of the year.

### **SLES Middle School Service Project - Kids walk to cure diabetes!**

The SLES Middle School students raised \$5,800 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Middle school students enjoyed their 15 minute early dismissal to walk for the cause. They were treated to ice cream after their walk and anyone who raised \$100 or more also received a t-shirt. THANK YOU to all who supported the cause. Come check out the paper tennis shoes in the Middle School Lobby of all the JDRF supporters. St. Luke's takes the title of collecting the most donations from a single school. MANY THANKS!

### **Dance Footnotes:**

Ms. Gorman, our Dance Director, is planning a dance program field trip in December to attend the North East School of the Arts (NESA) Stepping into the Holidays . Please turn in your \$10.00 fee for the admission and bus transportation to Ms. Paula Gorman on or before Thursday, November 19, 2009. The checks are to be made out to Paula Gorman. Ms. Gorman will then secure a block of reserved seats for the performance. Students who are attending the field trip will meet in the south parking lot on Sunday, December 6 at 1:00 p.m. We will board the bus at 1:15 p.m. All students are to be promptly picked up in the south parking lot at 5:15 p.m. Please be on time.

The Recital Costume Parent Letter and Costume/Recital Fee Notice will be on line beginning November 20th. All costume/recital fees are due to Paula Gorman before December 18th. You may leave your costume notice and payment at the front desk or give them to Paula Gorman. Look for it on the SLES Home Page and/or the Dance web page under Academics.

### **Checking in From Chess:**

Seven SLES students competed at the Guadalupe Community Center chess tournament last Saturday: Daveen Campos, Giovanni Euresti, Nathaniel Euresti, Garrett Greiner, Damien Luna, Lauren Marshal, and Jonathan Reyes. Top scorer Giovanni scored 3.5 out of 5 and won a place ribbon for 5th Division A in the Primary K-3 section.

American Sunrise Presents the 2009 Chess Tournament on Saturday, December 5th from 8:30-4:00. The tournament will take place at the San Juan Community Center, 2307 S. Calaveras. Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 2nd.

Contact Mr. Anderson at [sanderson@sles-sa.org](mailto:sanderson@sles-sa.org) or for more information, e-mail your questions to [yfabela@americansunrise.org](mailto:yfabela@americansunrise.org). You may also call 212-2227.

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

Students in Pre-K 4 learned the letters x and y this week. We had lots of fun playing a game called "No Zoo for You!" Students were shown 3 animal pictures. Two had the same beginning sound, the third was different. They said the animal names and for the animal with the different sound they would chant, "No Zoo for You -----." Example: (cow, cat, Fish) "No Zoo for You Fish!"

Kindergarten classes are excited about reading. We are reading stories from the Bookroom and doing many fun phonemic awareness activities. As we practice our Spalding phonograms, we look for these phonograms in the books and poetry that we are reading.

Wishing all the families at St. Luke's a Happy Thanksgiving! Kim Hinojosa, SLES Reading Specialist

### **PK3 Expresses Gratitude:**

As Thanksgiving approaches, children in the PreK3 class were asked "What are you thankful for?" Here are their answers:

Stella: Mommy, Daddy, brother and babies

Joshua: food, turkeys and pies

Nancy Nell: Daddy, Grandmother, Stella, Mary-Katherine, Scarlett (her puppy), Trace and Mommy

James: doggies, Mommy, Daddy, Jonathan, James and Thomas the Train

Mackenzie: Mommy, Daddy, baby sister (expecting to be born soon) and her uniform dress

Mary-Katherine: real puppy, stuffed animals, peanut butter and jelly

Jack C.: the sun, the roads and my trains

Jack S.: Mommy, Daddy, my doggie, Lexie, my bear and Carolina

Gracie: Mommy, Daddy, my sister--Whitney, my dogs--Riley and Zac

George: peanut butter and jelly, cheese and turkeys

Chase: Thomas the Train, train tracks and James the Train

Charlotte: playground, foods and drinks

Cecelia: party, Mommy, Daddy and a picture of me

Emory: snow, Christmas, Mommy and Daddy

As you can see, even young children are able to express gratitude for all the wonderful people and items that have blessed their short lives. May each of you always have a feeling of abundance in your life.

### **First Graders - Future Doctors from St. Luke's?**

This past Saturday 32 first graders and 2 of their teachers went to Methodist Children's Hospital at the invitation of Dr. Rose Gennuso. In case you don't recognize that name, Dr. Gennuso is the mommy of Joseph, Amanda, and Ryan Kyle. At the hospital we got to observe how germs stay on our hands unless we work hard to get rid of them. We got to talk with an orthopedic doctor who helped us make pinky casts. We tried our hand at using an endoscope. (I think Mr. Trujillo won the bet on who could pick up the Cheerio crumbs.) We screwed little plates onto a skull to see how Dr. Gennuso helps patients, and we were able to go into an operating room. The anesthesiologist even hooked Mrs. Pennypacker up to one of the monitors. The doctor showed us on the monitors that Mrs. Pennypacker was just a little stressed out. Hmmm, can you guess why?

What a wonderful and fantastic way to end our Core Knowledge body unit! A big thank-you goes out to Rose Kyle for all the time and effort she put into this unique opportunity for our first graders.

### **Second Graders "Fall" into Poetry Writing**

Second Graders have been busily writing poetry. In October, they chose a fall topic and wrote a diamante poem. A diamante poem is a seven line poem shaped like a diamond. It is a great way for students to apply the parts of speech they are learning.

The first line of the poem requires a one-word subject noun. Line two is made up of two adjectives describing the noun. In line three students write three action verbs that relate to the noun in line one. Line four is made up of four nouns- the first two nouns are related to the subject noun in line one; the last two nouns relate to the noun that will be in line seven. Line five requires three action verbs, all relating to the noun in line seven. In line six, there are two adjectives describing the noun in line seven. The final line of the poem is a subject noun in contrast to the noun in line one. The students also composed two poems about color in November. They chose two colors and two things from nature to describe. Some of the poems are on display in the classrooms.

**Third Graders Observe Dissection:**

In conjunction with their Core Knowledge study of the human body, third grade has been learning the parts of the human eye. This week's science lab was an overwhelming success because we dissected a sheep's eyeball! We are extremely grateful to have both Dr. Ben and Dr. Shannon Espy, famous SLES parents AND veterinarians, who were on hand to lead the dissection. The students were able to watch as the camera in the lab projected the image of Dr. Espy's hands as he dissected the eyeball in stages. Did you know most animals, except humans, have a "tapetum lucitem" which is the shiny part of the retina that helps animals see in the dark? Each student was able to remove the tapetum lucitem and all the other parts of the sheep's eyeball. Thank you, Drs. Espy!

**Middle School Students Serving the San Antonio Community:**

Students of St. Luke's serve the San Antonio throughout the year in a variety of ways. Recently, seventh grade students, worked as volunteers in assisting with the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament.

**Greeting from the Office of Admission: Siblings for 2010-11**

If you have a sibling interested in the 2010-11 academic year, an application and a \$50.00 application fee must be on file in the office of admission. The application begins the admission process. Priority consideration is given for the status of sibling, parishioner and legacy, as well as gender and diversity.

**Dress Code Optional Cold Weather Wear:**

The following options are appropriate cold weather wear for uniform dress.

**PK3-Grade:**

Embroidered cardigan sweater-navy with the SLES emblem for boys and girls  
Embroidered micro-fleece jacket-navy with SLES emblem for boys and girls

**Grades 5-8:**

Embroidered pullover sweater- navy with SLES emblem for boys only  
Embroidered cardigan sweater-red with SLES emblem for girls only  
Embroidered micro-fleece jacket-navy /red with SLES emblem for boys and girls  
Printed sweatshirts-red with SLES emblem for boys and girls

From *Student/Parent Handbook 200--2010* found on School website

**Check Out What's Happening in the Library:**

Miss Anastasia and her special friend, Corduroy, will visit the St. Luke's Newman Library on Thursday, November 19.

9:05 for Erfurth, Macha, & Marshall

9:40 for Haden & McGehee students.

**Erfurth, Trujillo, Bambace, Urbanowski, Grimes Homerooms Big Winners:**

The homeroom students of Ms. Erfurth-PK3, Mrs. Trujillo-1st, Mrs. Bambace-4th, and Mrs. Urbanowski-4th had 100% participation in the Square One Art project. Students in these classrooms have won a free dress day for their outstanding efforts.

Congratulations, also, to the fifth grade homeroom of Mrs. Diane Grimes for accomplishing the highest sales in the Square One Art project. Mrs. Grimes' class will be treated to a pizza party and special visitor for their hard work.

**Get Connected:**

All parents, students, and friends of St. Luke's in grades PK3-2nd are invited to a Get Connected opportunity on Friday, November 20, beginning at 3:45. The event will be held at the newly renovated, SLES parent-owned, Kiddie Park located on Broadway. Tickets for rides will be half-price.

**Looking Ahead**

Nov. 19th - Science Fair - Judging in the am - Public viewing Thursday afternoon and Friday morning

Nov. 20th - 4th Grade Outdoor School

**Christmas Pageant and Concert Practices/Performances Scheduled:**

Remember to mark you calendars for the PK3 - 4th grade Christmas Pageant, December 17 at 9:45a.m.

and the 5-8th grade Christmas Concert, December 17 at 2:00p.m. Both programs will be held in St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

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