



Tiger Talk



It's About Them...

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Round Up News

The Round Up Update will be coming home in student backpacks tomorrow. Look for this exciting update on live auction packages, teacher lunch packages and details on the new St. Luke's Corral!

Volunteer meeting will be held Monday, February 22 immediately after morning carpool in the Parlor. Grab your chaps and join us!

Basketball News

Congratulations to the Boys Basketball team. Out of 12 teams they played their way to the championship game and came in second for the ISAL League.

The girls played a hard game against Castle Hills in the first round of playoffs with a 17-19 defeat in overtime. We are proud of all our basketball teams.

Middle School Tennis TRY-OUTS

We will be having tennis try-outs again this Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010, at UIW. Try-outs will begin at 2:00 and finish at 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in trying out, please call Mrs. Davenport and let her know. We need eight kids to make a team. If you have questions, feel free to call Coach John Newman at 210-722-3696. See you on Sunday.

Parent Council General Session on 2/18 at 8:05am in the Parlor

COME ONE COME ALL!! Coffee and breakfast scones will be available. By virtue of being the parent of a St. Luke's student you are a member of the SLES Parent Council.

Join us to have your voice heard and learn about all of the exciting things going on here at SLES. Hear about what's new at this year's 2010 SLES Round-Up Celebration on Feb. 26 at the Pearl Stables! A special Head of School address will be provided by Dr. Reford to update us on some upcoming and future plans as well as address some recent changes around the school.

2009-2010 Parent Survey...Your “Report Card” for St. Luke’s!

It is time for our annual Parent Survey! Next week you will receive an email from Dr. Reford containing a link to the website of an independent marketing research firm and the questionnaire through which you may provide your “Report Card” for St. Luke’s. We want your candid opinions regarding the school’s strengths and areas for improvement.

If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the questionnaire and a preaddressed, postage-paid envelope to respond by mail, please contact Deborah Isabelle in the school office. The thoughts of every St. Luke’s family are important; please take the time to participate.

7th & 8th Grade perform well at Junior Academy

Congratulations to all five students who competed and placed. They competed against 13 local middle schools and over 100 students. Grand Awards were given in Physical Science (Academy I), Health Science (Academy II), and Biological Science (Academy III). Those are the top awards. Best in category prizes were also given in each subcategory.

Anjali Khatri (Health & Medicine)	3rd Place in Academy II (Health Sciences)
Jake Fox (Health & Medicine)	Highest in Category for Academy II
Chris Perez (Chemistry)	4th Grand Prize for Academy I (Physical Sciences)
Cole Davila (Microbiology)	2nd Place for Academy II (Health Sciences)
Elise Notzon (Behavioral Science)	3rd Grand Prize for Academy III (Biological Sciences)

Eighth Grade Studies World Energy Sources

The eighth grade students concluded their science unit on energy, electricity, and electrical induction by completing a class research product. Each group researched a separate energy source and created an essay about the energy. All essays are compiled on a class wiki. Each group has also included links to outside resources and a student made learning aid. Please visit the website to read their essays and view their videos, songs, diagrams, and presentations. <http://pages.sles-sa.org/groups/energysources/>

7th Grade Scientists are Microbiologists

The 7th grade students have been studying cell structure and heredity in science class. DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid, is the genetic material found in the cells of every living organism. It contains a code that controls the structure and function for cells and organism. Just this week, we have synthesized DNA from a strawberry. Using an extraction buffer and ethanol, each student was able to break down the cell membrane of the strawberry cells, extract the DNA from the nucleus, and consolidate the DNA from hundreds of white, fibrous strands that are visible with the human eye.

Mythology and Latin update

Preparation for the 2010 National Mythology Exam (March 5) is underway. Teachers in grades 3-8, along with Mr. Flexsenhar, are working together to help students delve into the stories and take hold of the details. This year's theme for grades 6-8 is the story of Heracles. Also, for the Literary section grades 6-8 will learn about the famous battle between the great Greek warrior Achilles and the honorable Trojan warrior Hector from book 22 of the Iliad.

Interested in Ancient Greek coins thousands of years old? Interested in an extra credit opportunity for Latin classes? Then Sunday, February 21 at the San Antonio Museum of Art from 3pm to 4pm come listen to "Designing the Beautiful: Economics and Politics in the Art of Ancient Greek Coins" by Peter van Alfen. For more information visit: <http://www.samuseum.org/calendar/event.php?uid=718>.

Latin students in 7th and 8th grade continue to prepare themselves for the TSJCL Area B Convention on February 20. At the convention each student will compete against other Latin students from the area in their particular academic contest. Topics range from Greek Derivatives, Ancient Geography, to Roman Life. Last year St. Luke's won 1st place. It's time for a repeat!

The St. Luke's Certamen Team is gearing up for their next tournament on February 19. Practices are everyday before school from 7:30am to 8:00am in Mr. Flexsenhar's room. Go Tigers!

Check Out Schedule for the Newman Library

Spring 2010

5th - 8th grades -- 5 Books for 2 Weeks

3rd - 4th grades -- 4 Books for 2 Weeks

Kindergarten - 2nd -- 3 Books for 2 Weeks

PreK4 -- 2 Books for 2 Weeks

PreK3 -- 1 Book for 1 Week

Parents -- 5 Books for 2 Weeks

Parents are encouraged to drop by the library and sign up for library privileges. The library is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The link for the library's online catalog can be found on the Library Resources page on TigerNet. In addition to getting information on the library's collection --- what's in and what's out -- students may renew books and put items on hold. Also there are approximately 9,000 web sites that are educationally appropriate for the St. Luke's curriculum and are available to our students.

Other links on the library resource page:

St. Luke's subscription databases & subscription encyclopedias with passwords; and

AR Home Connect, which gives parents up-to-the-minute information about their child's AR progress. Check all this out on the Library Resource page on TigerNet. Contact Mrs. Milligan in the library if you have any questions or concerns.

Chess Chatter

This Saturday Feb. 20th, the Guadalupe Community Center, is the designated chess tournament for the month. As a special attraction this month, girls play free! Boys can enter for \$5 on-site. Lawn chairs and coolers are a definite plus for parents! For additional information you may contact the center at 210-226-6178.

Uniform Exchange Hours

First and Third Wednesdays of each month from 8:00-9:00 and 2:00-3:00 and Feb. 17, March 3, April 7 and 21, May 5 and 19, or by appointment. Contact Rebecca Tanner at 421-3015 with any questions.

Chip Prehn Appointed Headmaster of Trinity Midland

The Rev'd Walter L. Prehn III, Ph.D, has accepted the call to be Head of School at Trinity School of Midland. He will take up his duties on July 1, 2010. Chip's last day at St. Luke's will be on Sunday, April 18th where the 4.30 p.m. Evensong will be offered in thanksgiving to God for Chip's ministry among us. A reception for the Prehns will follow so that we may send them forth to love and serve the Lord in Midland with our thanks and prayers.

Looking Ahead:

Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday - Dress Uniform

Feb. 19 - Re-enrollment Contracts due; Blue Bonnet Award Party @ 2:35 in PH for those who participated.

Feb. 20 - Area Latin Convention

Feb. 21 - MS Tennis Tryouts 2:00-3:30 pm at UIW

Feb. 26 - St. Luke's Round Up

Feb. 27 - ISEE Testing at SLES for current 4th graders wishing to be a SLES Middle School Merit scholar candidate