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A Newsletter from the Office of the Associate Heads of School

St. Luke's Soccer Team 11 - Trinity Christian Academy 0
Go Tigers!!!!

Middle School Parent Information Night- Thursday, **September 10th**. Parent Information Night gatherings are designed for parents as a time when they can meet the faculty members and learn about student responsibilities and curricula in each classroom. Parents will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms and listen to faculty presentations. The information night gatherings are designed for parents only and do not take the place of individual parent/teacher conferences. We encourage all of you to join us in making this one of the most important events of the school year. Dr. Reford will meet with **5th grade parents at 6:00 pm in room LL 108**. Mrs. Cabello will meet with **8th grade parents at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall**. All 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade parents will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm. Come prepared for a day in the life of a middle school student.

HOMEWORK HOW TO

Before leaving school students will:

- write down all assignments before they leave school
- check to see that they have all needed books and materials
- place all needed materials in backpack or book bag

When arriving home students will:

- place all materials in designated study area
- take a short break (30 minutes)-get a snack, relax, play
- go to special study area
- review assignment sheet/agenda
- check TigerNet for assignments
- do required assignments
- check over assignments
- ask parent to check over assignments
- gather up all materials and put into backpack or book bag
- leave backpack or book bag in study area until it is time to prepare for school the next morning

When students have a problem they will:

- reread assignments and highlight actions to take
- call a "Homework Buddy"

Name of Homework Buddy: _____ Phone #: _____

- ask parent or older sibling for help
- make notes to ask the teacher about on the following day

Did you know that . . .

- ✓ Graded homework or homework with feedback can raise achievement from the 50% to the 79%.
- ✓ Homework shows more positive effects on reading and social studies tests than tests in other subject areas.



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- ✓ Daily homework shows greater effects than homework required less often or given sporadically.
- ✓ National surveys indicate that students have considerable discretionary time currently wasted that could be utilized to complete homework.
- ✓ "Time on task" is an accurate predictor of how much is being learned and is closely associated with effective schools. Effective schools extend their school days by assigning homework.
- ✓ Homework facilitates student independence.

Source: *Educational Leadership*

SLES Celebrates Farewell to summer

After our first routine fire drill of the year, all students and faculty were surprised with a cool treat and music on the South Lawn. Students danced, sang, and even hula-hooped to enjoy the last day of summer.

PREPARATIONS FOR ELEMENTARY CLASSICAL STUDIES UNDERWAY

Latin teacher, Michael Flexsenhar, will be providing instruction in classical studies to our elementary students. The schedule below reflects what elementary students will be studying.

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| First Grade | Mesopotamia | January 18-22, 2010 |
| Second Grade | Ancient Greece | October 12 & 16, 2009 October 26-30, 2009 November 9-13, 2009 |
| Third Grade | Ancient Rome | October 27, 2009-February 27, 2010 |
| | Mythology | January 20-February 27, 2010 |
| Fourth Grade | Mythology | January 4-February 20, 2010 |

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS MAKING RAPID PROGRESS

Students in kindergarten, new to the lunchroom procedures, are getting the routine down quickly. Congratulations, Kinder Tigers on a job well done during lunch. For the past two weeks, students in our kindergarten classes have worked on how to form "clock letters" as part of their instruction in learning how to write in manuscript clearly and correctly. Students also constructed paper doll replicas of themselves as part of their self-awareness social studies focus. Take a look at these masterpieces in the preschool hallway.

SMOOTHIE SPECIAL

Jamba Juice, located in the Quarry Village shopping center, wants to say welcome to all St. Luke's Tigers by offering a free 16 oz. smoothie on Thursday, September 10, from 3-6pm.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

St. Luke's will be celebrating HAPPY NEW YEAR in an all school family celebration from 5:30-7:30 p.m. this Wednesday, September 9th. There will be lots of good pizza to eat and lots of fun activities for everyone. See list below for activities being offered. Come one, come all, it's absolutely FREE!



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| ACTIVITY | LOCATION |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Movie and Face Painting | Parish Hall |
| Art Activities | Parish Hall |
| Free Throw Shooting Contest | Sport Court |
| Board Games | Room LL108 |
| Field Day Events | Sport Court/Playground |
| Video Games | Room LL109 |
| Guitar Hero | Room LL110 |
| Dance Revolution | Room LL111 |
| Karaoke | Buzzini Garden |
| Line Dancing | Pavilion |
| Pizza | Gym |

DANCE FOOTNOTES

Dance instructor, Paula Gorman, reminds parents that she is still taking registrations for her dance classes. Registration forms are available online at www.sles-sa.org and in the School Office. Please call Ms. Gorman at 210-590-0818 with any questions.

PETER RABBIT HOPPING IN

Peter Rabbit will be visiting his kindergarten and first grade friends on Friday, September 11 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the library.

R.E.A.D. ALL ABOUT IT

Students in PK4 classes developed greater phonemic awareness through concentration on the /d/ and /f/ sounds. These sounds were reinforced as students and teacher read poems about **dogs**, **dinosaurs**, and **fish**. Detective Dog, Disappearing Doughnuts, and Fifi Ferret’s Flute from *Alpha Tales* were also used to reinforce the target sounds. Kindergarten students are identifying sounds that are alike and sounds that are different. Students are reinforcing phonemic awareness as they listen for sentences beginning with the same initial sound and then supplying words with these sounds to compile original sentences as in, “Lively, little lambs like to lick luscious lollipops.”

Patriot Day Dress Code – Sponsored by the SLES Student Voice.

Attention Students, in honor of what happened on September 11th, 2001, you will be allowed to wear your red St. Luke’s t-shirt, blue jeans, and an article of white clothing on Friday. An article of white clothing on Friday. An article of white clothing could be white tennis shoes, a white scarf, a white handkerchief. Please dress appropriately in order to honor all the people America lost 8 years ago.

The Terk Outdoor School at SLES: Seventh and Eighth grade students will be receiving important information via the back pack express today with regard to their outdoor school experience Sept. 30th – Oct 2nd. Seventh graders will travel to Rock Springs to go to Camp Eagle. Eighth graders will travel to Marble Falls to attend “The Outdoor School”. Parents, please return the **liability release and medical forms by Friday, Sept. 11th**.



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Middle School Dances - Attention all 6th – 8th grade parents & students - SLES Middle School students received their invitations today. Seventh and Eighth grade dance is Friday, September 18th, and the sixth grade dance is Saturday, September 19th. Students attending San Antonio Academy, Keystone, Saint Mary's Hall, and TMI will automatically be invited. If you are interested in chaperoning or helping the night of the dance, please contact parent council at parentcouncil@sles-sa.org.

Looking Ahead:

Change: Blessing of the Pets will be held on Monday, October 5, 2009 instead of October 2nd so that Middle School students can also attend.

TODAY - September 9th – New Year Celebration! Come Join us for the New School Year Celebration. Free food and activities for all.

September 10th – Fifth – eighth grade Parent Information Night in the Parish Hall. Fifth grade parents will meet at 6 pm in room LL 108. Eighth grade parents begin at 6:00 pm. 6th, & 7th begin at 6:30pm.

September 11th – Patriot Day Dress

September 18th – Fall Sports Pep Rally @ 2:45pm McNab Gym

7th&8th grade Dance at SLES McNab Gym 7pm-10 pm

September 19th - 6th grade Dance at SLES McNab Gym 7pm-10pm