

St. Luke Catholic School Newsletter

August 30, 2011

Welcome Back to School!

Mon., 8/29 Pasta Salad Breadstick	Tues., 8/30 French Toast Hash Browns Fresh Fruit	Wed., 8/31 Pepp. Pizza Salad Apple	Thurs., 9/1 Hamburger/Cheese Calif. Vegetables Pears	Fri., 9/2 Bosco sticks Corn Fruit
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Very Important Notice!!!

We will start sending our weekly newsletter via **One Call Now** beginning **October 3rd**. We are continually trying to keep our costs low. Paper, ink and printing costs are one of our highest expenditures, and one of the most difficult to control. The One Call Now system is very helpful in conveying information and can be sent to a single or several emails or phone numbers. If you choose not to sign up for One Call Now, you must check our website to read the newsletter. If you do not have internet access or are having computer issues, send a note and we will send home a hard copy. Please note: the majority of our communication is now sent through the One Call System. We cannot guarantee that you will be able to access the information on our website as quickly as you will receive our messages through the system. Allowing us to have access to one phone number and one email address will ensure you will be well informed of our activities, news, as well as school delays and closings.

Fundraising Activities

Last week we sent home a 2010-2011 Entertainment Book with the youngest/only in your family. Please consider selling these books for our school. If each family sells 2 books, we will raise \$10,000 for our school!

Lunchroom Volunteers

Volunteer slips went home with 1st grade students on the 24th. We depend on our volunteers to help us in the lunchroom and on the playground. If you are interested in volunteering in September, please return your slip and/or call Judy Rose at 426-1733, ext. 402 or rosej@stluke.cnd.pvt.k12.oh.us.

New Year, New Opportunities!

We are very excited about starting our new school year! We have more new students this year than we have had in years past. Please join us in welcoming them to our school family. Along with new students, we have new faces among our staff. Please welcome Mrs. Bridget Tom, our morning kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Abby Deep, our new 5th grade teacher, and Mrs. Karen Blair, our new 8th grade Math and Religion teacher, and Mrs. Marichu Draper, our new Spanish teacher! Our school family is the very best and will only get better with our new additions! Please be sure to complete your paperwork and return it to school as soon as possible. You might consider becoming active in as many areas as your schedule allows. We always have a need for volunteers on the playground/cafeteria. There are opportunities in the classroom, Celebrate St. Luke Auction, Scrip sales, Fun Day, Walkathon, field trip chaperon, birthday lunches, and many, many more. We always appreciate new ideas and suggestions from our parents! Volunteer forms will be coming home this week.

Handbook Letter/Changes

Please be on the look out for our Handbook Letter and Form. Our handbook will be on our website: www.saintlukeparish.org/school soon. You can print your own copy, read it and return the handbook agreement page. You will also have the option of requesting the handbook in hard copy. We require the signed handbook agreement page returned as well.

Important Forms

We are in the process of organizing the many forms that parents have completed and returned to school. If you have not returned the Directory Permission Form, Release of Students, Emergency Medical Authorization, Clinic Health Card, Internet Permission Form, and the Emergency Dismissal Form, please go to our website at www.saintlukeparish.org/school. You can retrieve the forms (except Clinic Card, which is available in the school office) and type them online. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school in writing and we will send the appropriate forms to you.

St. Francis of Assisi Collection

St. Luke School will be collecting items for SICSA the week of October 5th through 9th. SICSA is a no kill shelter for unwanted, abandoned, and/or stray animals. They are in need of many things, please watch for more information.

GoodSearch.com

How much money could this generate for my charity or school?

Fifty percent of the revenue generated from the sponsored search advertisers on GoodSearch is shared with the charity, school or nonprofit organization of your choosing. We estimate that each Web search will generate approximately \$0.01 (image, video, Yellow Pages, and site-specific searches are not included). In fiscal 2006, 2007 and 2008 (October through September), each search actually earned 1.3 cents (however, with the soft economy and falling advertising rates in 2009, we expect this number to be lower). It quickly adds up! Here's an example of how much your organization can earn:

Charity or School Size	Number of Supporters	Average Searches Per Day	Estimated Revenue/Year
Small	100	2	\$730
Medium	1,000	2	\$7,300
Large	10,000	2	\$73,000

The sky is the limit. The more people use GoodSearch, the more money will be directed towards causes. There is no cap on how much money we will direct to charities.

Summer Reading Pledges

Please turn any Summer Reading Pledge sheets into the office, to the attention of Dianne Sanders, c/o Madeleine, 4C, or Becky O'Connor, c/o Sarah, 4B. If you are new to St. Luke School and your child(ren) read at least eight books during his or her summer break, the summer reading pledge can be found on the school website, <http://www.saintlukeparish.org/school/>. Choose "From the Office" on the left, and then click on "Summer Reading Form". Simply print and have your child complete the list of books that was read, follow the directions on the sheet and send in to school. Any questions or if you would like to help with the special event later this fall, please call Dianne Sanders at 754-9022, DSndrsGoPSULions@gmail.com, or Becky O'Connor at 431-9951, becky_oconnor@yahoo.com.

Office Depot Program

When you are purchasing your back to school supplies or office supplies and equipment at Office Depot, please remember to mention St. Luke School. Our ID # is 70076634. Our school will receive 5% of all purchases. This program runs all year long.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR SCHOOL!!!!!!

How can I Help?

There are many ways to help St. Luke School during a fundraiser. We appreciate your support. There are also ways to help us earn funds and points so we can purchase supplies for our school. Please read the information below for ideas on how to help the school!

*Campbells Product Labels- earn points to purchase PE equipment
Please cut out the UPC symbol only.

*Box Tops for Education (St. Luke School students: please remember to put your name on the back of the coupon). We are paid \$.10 per coupon. Monthly drawings are held for a free lunch of choice for the lucky student!
PLEASE CUT AROUND THE DOTTED LINE.

* Black and color Laser Cartridges - we earn points to purchase computer supplies.

*Black AND Color Ink Jet Cartridges (empty)- we earn points to purchase computer supplies. We have received more than \$6000.00 in supplies using our points from this program

*Used cell phones and accessories
We are paid cash for each phone

*Pop-Top Tabs - given to Children's Medical Center

*Tyson Chicken Product Label Coupon - earn points to purchase equipment - please send the ENTIRE TOP of bag or box.

*Pennies for "Pennies for Pasta" Leukemia/Lymphoma Campaign
(to be collected in January) -

These items may be sent with any St. Luke Student or dropped off in the school office during business hours. Items may be dropped off in the designated basket in the Usher's Closet by the elevator at church. Thank you for your generosity!

Extra Set of Textbooks

Many of our families have purchased an extra set of textbooks for one school year through our annual auction. While this money generates a nice income for St. Luke School, we must remind the winners that we must have our books returned to us before or at the school year's end. It would cost hundreds of dollars to replace these books. One text book can cost as much as \$95.00! If you have the books from last year, please return them as soon as possible. If you have not received the textbooks you won from the last auction, they are in the office for you to pick up. We do need you to sign a form and then you can be on your way!

Gently Used/New Shoe Collection

We are collecting gently used and new shoes for Soles 4 Soles. The collection is being coordinated by Mary Claire Grecko, a parishioner who is working toward her Gold Award in Girl Scouts. We have a collection bin in the office lobby.

All School Masses

All of our students will attend Mass on Tuesday mornings at 8:30. Only the morning session of kindergarten will not attend regularly. You are always welcome to attend all Masses and prayer services. Our students will sit with their classes or, on occasion, their prayer partners. We respectfully request that you, grandparents, and/or neighbors do not seek out your children to sit with them, as this is a distraction for all our students. You may sit in a pew close to the class, but we would like all the school children sitting together as a community. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attention: Parents of Xenia and Sugarcreek Bus Riders:

Both Xenia and Sugarcreek are stopping at other schools before they come to St. Luke. Therefore, Sugarcreek will be picked up at St. Luke at approximately 3:10 and Xenia will be picked up at approximately 3:30. While we would like a more ideal situation for our students, we do not dictate the bus schedule. You may call Xenia at 562-9061 and Sugarcreek at 848-5081.

The St. Luke Scrip Certificate Fundraising Program

The St. Luke SCRIP program is a fundraiser which sells gift cards for a variety of stores. This program earns thousands of dollars for St. Luke which goes directly to the operating budget of the school. Because each dollar used to purchase certificates returns as a dollar to you to spend, we hope you take full advantage of this program for all of you grocery, gas, restaurant and department store purchases.

SCRIP AROUND TOWN

The SCRIP Around Town (SAT) program runs from September to May. Orders are due around the 15th of the month. There are two ways for you to order. First, you can fill out the order forms that are sent home with the students. Just return it to the school office by the date specified on the form and your SAT order will be mailed directly to your home or sent home with your child, whichever you prefer. Second you can go to ShopwithScrip.com, set up an account (our school enrollment code is FAE11ALC2352) and order online. This way is more efficient and accurate. You still need to print out your order and return it to school with your payment. However, your electronic order is already received and saves us much time. Not to mention, there are many more retailers available online. See the attached guidelines for online ordering.

KROGER NEIGHBORHOOD REWARDS GIFT CARD

The St. Luke Kroger gift card can be purchased for \$1 with a value of \$1. Your Kroger gift card is programmed with our organization code and is re-loadable. Your only responsibility is to remember to reload your card as needed. You can reload your card for any amount up to \$250 at a time. You can conveniently reload your card with the cashier at any register. Kroger asks that reloading your card be a separate transaction and done prior to your grocery purchase. You can reload your card any way you choose, using cash, **credit card** or check. The Kroger card also works at the Kroger gas station. That means you can load your Kroger card with your **credit card** and get your gas and groceries for the week! This is a win-win for everyone!

SCRIP SUNDAY

A variety of SCRIP Around Town gift cards are available for purchase after all Masses on the first weekend of each month. This is a perfect opportunity to get extra gift cards for special occasions and your shopping needs. SCRIP Sunday sales are held in Kramer Hall. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with this duty. If you are interested, please let us know.

Remember that many of the most popular SCRIPS are available in the office for your purchase at any time.

All this information is on the St. Luke website. If you still have questions, please feel free to contact Debbi Sutton at 426-1733, ext. .

Thank you to all of you who already participate in this program! We hope the rest of you give it a try.

Have a wonderful school year!

The St. Luke SCRIP Committee