



The Light

St. Luke Catholic School

November 30, 2016



"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths!"

Matthew 3:3

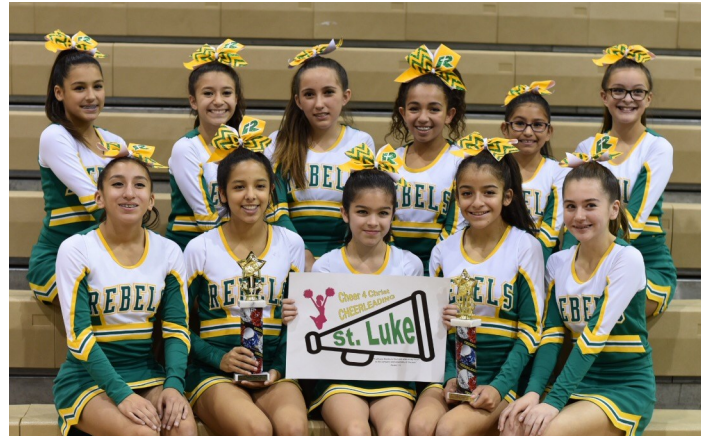
Dear Parents,

This year the school theme from Micah 6:8, has been put into practice wholeheartedly! Our students and parents have stepped up like never before to recognize Christ among us, in all forms. The "Civvies" day donations have been outstanding, the food drive was the largest it has ever been, each grade level has focused on a charity to contribute to during the Advent season. Surely, the Lord's love, kindness, and humility have permeated the halls of St. Luke Catholic School.

As we enter the first week of Advent we are reminded life is a constant Advent season. We are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfill. Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfillment are all part of our Advent experience. The coming of Christ gives us reason to live in hope. Liberated from darkness and fears we are never alone or abandoned.

Just as each of you have reached out and touched others during the first half of the school year, my prayer is for the Lord to touch each of you with extra portions of His grace and blessings during this Advent, and the remainder of the year.

Peace and Prayers,
Rita Graves



At the archdiocesan *Cheer for Christ* competition on November 19th at Holy Cross, the Rebel cheerleaders placed second in Performance Routine, second in Time-Out Dance and first in Time-Out Cheer! Congratulations!

Basketball Season is Here

Basketball season has arrived. All three teams that played won their first games of the season on Monday.

While we encourage everyone to support our Rebels, students are not permitted to attend basketball games unless they are accompanied by and under the supervision of THEIR OWN PARENT. Any unsupervised children will be sent to After-school Care; drop-in rates will apply.



Our thanks to Mr. Antonio Puente who spoke to middle school students about internet and social media safety on Monday, November 28. The children had several questions after Mr. Puente's educational presentation.



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Basketball vs. St. Pius
Chess Club
Beginner Strings
LAST Mad Science

1 Mass led by Beta Club, 8:15am
Advanced Strings
PlayWell Tech Class after school

2 **NOON DISMISSAL**
After-school Care available until 6pm

3 Innovate & Discover Competition

St. Luke Basketball Tournament, A-teams

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2nd Sunday of Advent

5 Advent prayer service led by 4th gr., 8:15, PH
PTC Fall Fundraiser Pick Up, 3-6pm, Gym
Intermediate Strings

6 Choir
Basketball vs. St. Matthew

7 Reconciliation 4th-8th Gr, 9-11am, Church
LAST Chess Club
Beginner Strings
Basketball @ Sts. Peter & Paul

8 Mass led by MS Spanish, 8:15am
Advanced Strings
LAST PlayWell Tech Class after school
Basketball vs. Holy Spirit

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High School Placement Test at area Catholic High Schools

Counselor's Corner...**PREP PROGRAM 2017**

Applications are now available to middle school students for the summer PREP program. PREP is a mathematics-based, academic enrichment program, emphasizing the development of abstract reasoning and problem solving skills. The program helps students prepare for careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The program includes course work, team projects, class presentations, examinations, career awareness speakers, field trips, and special events. PREP classes will be held Monday through Thursday, beginning June 12 and ending July 27, 2017, on local college campuses. A maximum of three excused absences is allowed.

Interested Year 1 students may pick up an application packet from their science or math teacher, or the counseling office. The Year 1 application is also available to be downloaded or completed online at www.prep-usa.org. All applicants must submit the required teacher nomination forms, a copy of the most recent report card, and a 100-200 word essay on "Why I want to attend PREP". If submitting online, a confirmation page must be printed and signed. Application deadline is January 31, 2017. See flyer for more details.

Information to come soon on a PREP presentation for middle school students and parents.

Thank you for Participating in "Civvies" Day

Many thanks to all who participated in this month's "Civvies" Day. The proceeds that were raised (\$2,236) will be split between our PTC and the San Antonio Food Bank. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Virtue of the Month for November: Kindness

Virtue of the Month recognitions for November will take place after Mass tomorrow, December 1.



Students from second grade classes and the Beta Club coordinated the school's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. St. Luke St. Vincent de Paul was most grateful for the donations that they received. Food items were used to make Thanksgiving baskets for families.

Calling All Pictures

Please take a picture of your child while reading on your holiday travels. Then send a copy of the photo with name, homeroom, and title of the book that they are reading on the back. Please send the picture (one per student) in to the library by Thursday, January 5. The photos will be placed on a bulletin board outside the library.



St. Luke Catholic School Brownie Troop 280 (2nd and 3rd gr.) volunteered Wed., Nov 23, at The Annual Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner.

The event is in its 37th year and provides Senior Citizens and the less fortunate a place to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. The attendees also enjoy live music.

The troop had a great time decorating and look forward to volunteering again next year.

PTC Fall Fundraiser Pick Up Otis Spunkmeyer/Believe

**Mon., Dec. 5
3:00 to 6:00pm, Gym**

Please make arrangements to pick up your order. This is the only time for pick up. These items are perishable and we do not have freezer space to store them. Please contact Jessica Lomas, PTC Board Member, at: jlomas426@gmail.com or 210-849-4391 with any questions.

ATTENTION PARENTS!

PTC is holding a Used Uniform Drive Dec. 1st through Dec 21st. The class that has the most points for donating their used uniforms will win a Pizza Party!

Points are as follows:

- Jackets - 5 points
- Sweaters/Cardigans - 4 points
- Pants/Sweatshirts - 3 points
- Shirts/Shorts/Skirts/Smocks - 2 points
- Ties/Bloomers - 1 point

Containers are available in each homeroom for deposit. Please contact Robera Bernal at 210-364-0903 with any questions.

*Mark your calendar for PTC's Santa's Candy Land Christmas Shop
Dec. 12—15*