



MRS. LOPEZ'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Dear St. Luke Families,

We are gearing up for a busy night this Thursday! Our hope and expectation is that all Spartan students and parents will be joining us. Here's a quick overview of the plan for Thursday:



5:30pm – Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in the cafeteria

6:00pm – Move Up a Grade Night in classrooms. Parents should report to next year's class. For example if your child is in 2nd grade, you should report to the 3rd grade class (details below).

6:30pm – Invention Convention in the Parish Hall (details below)

You are also encouraged to bring friends, relatives, neighbors that may be interested in sending children to St. Luke next school year. We will have information available to them about enrollment!

We are looking forward to hosting this special event for you on Thursday. See you then!

Blessings,

Mrs. Lopez

Invention Convention Update

We are only days from the 2nd annual St. Luke Invention Convention. The students have been working through the engineering design cycle to create a project that solves a real world problem. Students will present their designs. Additionally, there will be a judging to determine the best product by age groups: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8.

Here's a sneak peek at our projects that will be displayed on Thursday night!

Pre-K: investigated wind resistance and weight of mass. They developed additions to a car to slow it down.

Kinder: then use their mechanical engineering skills to design windmills that catch the wind

1st grade: understand the needs of a plant; students design a package to transport a plant during shipping.

2nd grade: Drawing on their knowledge of the properties of earth materials, students will plan, build, test, and improve walls to protect a garden

3rd: After studying weather students will design a weather station to predict the best times to plant and water plants

4th grade: Students design and built a prosthetics arm or adaptive device that allows a person without a hand to pick up a cup of water

5th: Students design and built a portable egg incubator to rescue reptile eggs and bring them back to a conservatory for hatching.

6th and 7th grade students designed and built products that solve problems that they determined.

8th students designed tsunami survival pods

Move Up a Day/Night at SLCS

Transition from one grade to the next is a big deal! Whether it is switching classes, new teachers, using lockers, or moving from Kindergarten to the "big" school, it can be extremely overwhelming! In order to alleviate some of the stressful feelings associated with moving up a grade, we are offering Move Up a Grade Day/Night here at SLCS. Move Up a Grade Day is a great way for students to get motivated about the future grade level.

We are very excited about our Move Up a Grade Day which will take place on Thursday, April 20th. Your son/daughter in grades PreK - 7 will move up a grade for part of their school day. During their time in the next grade level, students will be previewing what is in store for next year.

That same evening is our annual Invention Convention. Just before the start of the Invention Convention, we are asking you, our parents, to participate in Move Up a Grade Night where you will participate in the parent version of what your children experienced earlier in the day. This is not an informational session, but an opportunity for you to get a taste of what your child will experience next school year.

Green Schools Recognition Program

Congratulations to St. Luke Catholic School! The judges' scores are in, and based on their evaluations, our school has received recognition as a *2017 Green School of Quality!*

Thank you to our Green Team: Mrs. Sargent, Mrs. Bacchus, Ms. Quiles, and Mrs. Lopez and to all of our staff that helped to contribute to our application. We take great

pride in our efforts to develop a culture of environmental stewardship and sustainability at our school. To learn more about this program, please visit:

www.ourgreenschools.com

National Take Your Child to Work Day

This is a special day that gives school-aged children a unique educational opportunity to learn first-hand how the "real world" works and to make valuable connections between theory and practice, the classroom and the world. For St. Luke students to have an "excused absence" from school on April 27th, a letter similar to the attached sample must be provided to the school by April 26th. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Palm Springs Public Library Contest Winners

Students that won the Palm Springs Library bookmark contest will be recognized this evening at the awards ceremony. The awards ceremony, which will be held at the library tonight at 6pm. Winners are encouraged to attend with family and friends, refreshments will be provided. Congratulations again to our winners:

<i>Student Name</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Place</i>
Gabriela Chavez	Kindergarten	1st
Rosella Abanto	Kindergarten	2nd
Melanie Jimenez	1 st	1st
Gabriella Hernandez	1 st	2nd
Isabell Moscoso	2 nd	1st
Roselyn Pastorini	3 rd	1st
Kayla Presendieu	5 th	1st
Miranda Madrigal	6 th	1st
Ryan Fortune	8 th	2nd

Tuition Contracts

Tuition contracts will be sent home with your child this week. Please be sure to complete the entire form and return to the school no later than Monday, April 24th.

Pre-K 3 Year Olds

We are currently accepting applications for little Spartans in our new PK3 and our VPK/PK4 programs. St. Luke pre-K is the place to be! Our program is based on hands-on active learning, where we promote the skills of independence, curiosity, decision making, persistence, creativity, and problem solving. Our young learners explore God's creations, gifts, and participate in school Mass with older buddies. If you are interested in the program or know someone that may be interested, please contact the school at 965-8190.

Home and School Association Reminders

Want to be a part of the planning of our biggest fundraising event of the school year? Then join us for the Fall Festival Meeting on Thursday, April 27th at 6:30pm.

Volunteers are needed! Please sign up in the office to help for Walk-a-thon and Teacher Appreciation Week. Be sure to check out attached flyer for information about our Walk-A-Thon!

Volunteer Forms

Just a friendly reminder, all families are expected to volunteer 20 hours this school year or a fee of \$250 will be assessed. All forms are due to the school by April 30th. However, if you are planning to volunteer at one of the events during the month of May, please notify us in writing so that we make a note to your account.

Sunday Service Ministry Cards

Students in grades 4-8 should be participating in one of the following Sunday Ministries: usher, altar server, choir, or lector. Please remember that these cards are due by May 31st.

STEM Summer Camp

Join us for our STEM Summer Camp in June! Spend two weeks with us engaged in hands-on activities for only \$200. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bacchus at diann.bacchus@stlukeparish.com.

Upcoming Dates

- **April 20** – 5:30pm Spaghetti Dinner Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, 6pm Move Up a Grade Night in Classrooms and 6:30pm Invention Convention in Parish Hall
- **April 21** – 8:15am Mass, students should wear church uniforms
- **April 22** – 8th Grade Car Wash Fundraiser 8am – 11am
- **April 27** – National Take Your Child to Work Day; 6:30pm Fall Festival Meeting
- **April 28** – 8:15am Mass, students should wear church uniforms. Middle School Dance 6pm-9pm
- **April 29** – 8th Grade Car Wash Fundraiser 8am – 11am
- **Week of May 1** – Teacher Appreciation Week (TAW)
- **May 1** – Lego Field Trip for 1st through 5th grade; First Communion Rehearsal at 5:30pm
- **May 5** – 8:15am Mass, students should wear church uniforms. Noon dismissal for students.
- **May 7** – 9am First Holy Communion
- **May 10** – Title I Parent Meeting
- **May 11** – Mother's Day Cake Decorating
- **May 12** – Walk-a-thon; 6pm Spring Fine Arts/Talent Show Night



MENSAJE SEMANAL DE LA SRA. LOPEZ

Queridas Familias de St. Luke,

¡Nos estamos preparando para una noche ocupada este jueves! Nuestra esperanza y expectativa es que todos los estudiantes espartanos y los padres se unan a nosotros. Aquí está una descripción rápida del plan para el jueves:



5:30pm – Cena de spaghetti patrocinada por los Caballeros de Colón en la cafetería.
6:00pm – Move-Up a Night en los salones. Los padres deben reportarse a la clase del próximo año. Por ejemplo, si su hijo está en 2do grado, usted debe reportarse a la clase de 3er grado (detalles abajo).

6:30pm – “Invention Convention” en el Parish Hall (Detalles abajo)

También se recomienda traer amigos, parientes y vecinos que puedan estar interesados en enviar a los niños a St Luke el próximo año escolar. ¡Tendremos información sobre la inscripción a su disposición! Estamos mirando adelante para acoger este evento tan especial para ustedes el jueves. ¡Nos vemos allí!

Bendiciones,

Sra. Lopez

Actualización del “Invention Convention”

Estamos a sólo días del 2do “Invention Convention” anual de St. Luke. Los estudiantes han estado trabajando en el ciclo de ingeniería de diseño para crear un proyecto que soluciona un problema del mundo real. Los estudiantes presentarán sus diseños. Además, habrá un juicio para determinar el mejor producto por grupos de edad: K-2, 3-5 y 6-8. ¡Aquí está un vistazo de los proyectos que se mostrarán el jueves por la noche!

Pre-K: resistencia al viento investigado y peso de la masa. Desarrollaron adiciones a un coche para ralentizarlo.

Kinder: utilizaron sus habilidades de ingeniería mecánica de diseño de molinos de viento que atrapa el viento

1er grado: entender las necesidades de una planta; estudiantes de diseño de un paquete para el transporte de una planta durante el transporte.

2do grado: Basándose en su conocimiento de las propiedades de los materiales de la tierra, los estudiantes planifican, construyen, prueban y mejoran las paredes para proteger un jardín

3er grado: Después de estudiar el tiempo, los estudiantes deben diseñar una estación meteorológica para predecir el mejor momento para plantas y plantas de agua

4to grado: Estudiantes diseñan y construyen un brazo de prótesis o dispositivo adaptable que permite a una persona sin una mano coger una taza de agua

5to grado: Los estudiantes diseñan y construyen una incubadora de huevo portátil para rescatar los huevos de reptil y traer de vuelta a un conservatorio para incubar.

6to y 7mo grado- Los estudiantes diseñaron y fabricaron productos que solucionan problemas que ellos determinaron.

8vo grado- Diseñaron "pods" de sobrevivencia de tsunami.

"Move Up a Day/Night" en SLCS

¡La transición de un grado al siguiente es un gran problema! Cambio de clases, nuevos profesores, uso de "lockers" o mover desde el Kindergarten a la escuela "grande", puede ser sumamente abrumador! Con el fin de aliviar algunos de los sentimientos estresantes asociados a subir un grado, estamos ofreciendo "Move Up a Day/Night" aquí en SLCS. "Move up a Day" es una gran manera para que los estudiantes se motiven para el próximo grado. Estamos muy entusiasmados con nuestro "Move Up a Day" día que tendrá lugar el jueves, 20 de abril. Su hijo/hija en los grados PreK - 7 se moverá un grado hacia arriba por parte de su día escolar. Durante su tiempo en el siguiente nivel, los estudiantes podrán visualizar lo que le espera para el próximo año. Esa misma noche es nuestro "Invention Convention". Justo antes del inicio del "Invention Convention", le pedimos, nuestros padres, a participar en "Move Up a Night" donde participarán en la versión de los padres de lo que sus hijos experimentaron durante el día.

Programa de Reconocimiento de "Green Schools"

¡Felicitaciones a St. Luke Catholic School! Las puntuaciones de los jueces ya están, y con base en sus evaluaciones, nuestra escuela ha recibido el reconocimiento como una escuela de calidad verde de 2017 verde!

Gracias a nuestro equipo verde: Sra. Sargent, Sra. Bacchus, Sra. Quiles y la Sra. López y a todo nuestro personal que ha ayudado a contribuir con nuestra solicitud. Nos sentimos muy orgullosos de nuestros esfuerzos por desarrollar una cultura de cuidado del medio ambiente y sostenibilidad en nuestra escuela. Para obtener más información sobre este programa, visite: www.ourgreenschools.com

Día Nacional de Llevar a su Hijo al Trabajo

Este es un día especial que da a los niños en edad escolar una oportunidad educativa única para conocer de primera mano cómo funciona el "mundo real" y hacer valiosas

conexiones entre teoría y práctica, el salón y el mundo. Para que los estudiantes de St Luke tengan una "ausencia excusada" de la escuela el 27 de abril, una carta similar a la adjunta debe proporcionarse a la escuela para el 26 de abril. Póngase en contacto con la oficina si usted tiene alguna pregunta.

Ganadores de la competencia de la Biblioteca Pública de Palm Springs

A finales de marzo, nuestros estudiantes de K-8vo participaron en una competencia de marcadores de libros para la Biblioteca Pública de Palm Springs. Los estudiantes debían diseñar un marcador de libro que mostrara como la biblioteca sirve a la comunidad. Los estudiantes que participaron de la competencia durante la clase de arte la semana del 27 al 31 de marzo. Tenemos varios ganadores que fueron seleccionados de nuestra escuela. Cada ganador se ganó un libro de su preferencia. Habrá una ceremonia de reconocimiento en la biblioteca el martes, 18 de abril a las 6pm.

Se le exhorta a los ganadores a asistir con su familia y amigos. Se proveerán bebidas. Muchas felicidades a nuestros ganadores.:

<i>Nombre</i>	<i>Grado</i>	<i>Lugar</i>
Gabriela Chavez	Kindergarten	1ero
Rosella Abanto	Kindergarten	2do
Melanie Jimenez	1ero	1ero
Gabriella Hernandez	1ero	2do
Isabell Moscoso	2do	1ero
Roselyn Pastorini	3ero	1ero
Kayla Presendieu	5to	1ero
Miranda Madrigal	6to	1ero
Ryan Fortune	8vo	2do

Contratos de Matricula

Las familias que se han registrado para el año escolar 2017-2018 estarán recibiendo el contrato de matrícula para firmar y devolver a la escuela después de las vacaciones de Cuaresma.

Pre-K 3 Años

Estamos aceptando solicitudes para el programa nuevo de PK3 y para nuestro programa de VPK/PK4. El Pre-K de St. Luke es el lugar donde estar. Nuestro programa está basado en enseñanza activa, mientras promovemos destrezas de independencia, curiosidad, toma de decisiones, persistencia, creatividad y resolución de problemas. Nuestros estudiantes explorarán las creaciones de Dios y participarán en la Misa escolar con los estudiantes mayores. Si usted está interesado en el programa o conoce de alguien que pueda estar interesado, por favor comuníquese con la oficina escolar al 561-965-8190.

Recordatorios de la Asociación de Escuela y Padres

Quiere ser parte de la planificación del evento más grande recaudación de fondos?
Acompáñenos Then join us for the Fall Festival Meeting on Thursday, April 27th at 6:30pm.

Se necesitan voluntarios. Por favor anótese en la oficina para ayudar con el Walk-a-thon y con la Semana de Apreciación de Maestras. Por favor vea el "flyer" que se adjunta sobre el Walk-a-Thon.

Hojas de Voluntario

Como recordatorio, todas las familias deben brindar 20 horas de voluntario para este año escolar, o se le hará un cargo de \$250. Todas las hojas deben entregarse en la oficina de la escuela para el 30 de abril. Sin embargo, si piensa ser voluntario en uno de los eventos del mes de mayo, por favor notifíquelo para poder hacer una nota en su cuenta.

Tarjeta de Servicio de domingo

Los estudiantes en los grados 4to-8vo deben estar participando en uno de los siguientes: ujier, monaguillo, coro o lector. Por favor recuerde que las tarjetas deben entregarse para el 31 de mayo.

Campamento de Verano de STEM

Tendremos nuestro campamento de verano de STEM en junio. Pase dos semanas con actividades que lo mantendrán ocupado por sólo \$200. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Bacchus a diann.bacchus@stlukeparish.com.

Fechas Importantes

- **20 de abril** – 5:30pm Cena de Espagueti auspiciado por los Caballeros de Colón; 6pm "Move Up a Grade Night" en los salones y 6:30pm "Invention Convention" en el Parish Hall.
- **21 de abril** – 8:15am Misa, los estudiantes deben usar el uniforme de la iglesia.
- **22 de abril** – "Car Wash" a beneficio de 8vo grado de 8am-11am
- **27 de abril** – Día Nacional de llevar a su hijo al Trabajo; 6:30pm Reunión del Festival de Otoño
- **28 de abril** – 8:15am Misa, los estudiantes deben usar el uniforme de la iglesia. Baile de la Escuela Intermedia 6pm-9pm.
- **29 de abril** – "Car Wash" a beneficio de 8vo grado de 8am-11am
- **Semana del 1ero de mayo** – Semana de Apreciación de Maestras
- **1 de mayo** – "Lego Field Trip" para los grados 1ero a 5to; Ensayo de Primera Comunión 5:30pm
- **5 de mayo** – 8:15am Misa, los estudiantes deben usar el uniforme de la iglesia. Salida al mediodía para los estudiantes.
- **7 de mayo** – 9am Primera Comunión
- **10 de mayo** – Reunión de Padres de Título 1.
- **11 de mayo** – Decoración de Bizcochos del Día de las Madres
- **12 de mayo** – Walk-a-thon; 6pm "Spring Fine Arts/Talent Show Night"



SAMPLE EXCUSED ABSENCE FORM FROM WORKPLACES
(LETTERHEAD)

On April 27, 2017, _____ (Company Name) and its employees will participate in the annual **Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work® Day** sponsored by the Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Foundation. _____ (Company Name) and its employees invite their daughters, sons, relatives, friends, and other sponsored girls and boys between the ages of 8 and 18 to attend. The girls and boys will be participating in interactive learning activities, which will guide and develop them toward a future where they can participate fully in work, family, and community.

Each year a theme is chosen which reflects the options every youth and adult has to make the world a better place on a personal level, in the family, in the community, in the country, and in the whole world through better choices of action. We want to inspire our youth to look to tomorrow with excitement and vigor. We can all do this by sharing those moments of discovery that lead us to choose specific careers, motivated us to make positive life changes and moved us to be leaders in our communities. This will encourage our youth to dream big and work hard.

It is in the intent that the employees of _____ (Company Name) will serve as role models and will inspire the girls and boys to strive to attain their full potential. Moreover, girls and boys will discover how courses in STEM, English and Business can better prepare them for a wide variety of jobs and will become aware of the skills needed to be hired in specific professions.

Parent/Guardian/Sponsor, please fill out the bottom of this form and have the participating student take it to her/his teacher or principal to sign. You may keep the paper or it may remain at the school.

Parent/Guardian/Sponsor's Name _____

Teacher _____

School _____

Student's Name _____

I excuse _____ (Student's Name) to attend the **Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work® Day**. April 27, 2017. If necessary, the student should complete the following work to make up for the excused absence.

Signature _____ (Teacher or Principal) Date _____

Spartan Walk -A-Thon 2017



St. Luke's final fundraiser of the year!!!

Money raised will benefit: New Computers for NEW Computer Lab in the library that all students will use!

When: *May 12, 2017*

Time: *During school day* students will participate in the Walk-A- Thon with the option of a unique Color Run ending!!! (Consent needed for Color Run ending. More info to come)

Who will participate: *All Students Pre- K to 8th grade*

How it works: Students will be given a sponsorship for form. They can ask friends, family or your co-workers to help sponsor them in the event by giving them monetary pledges.

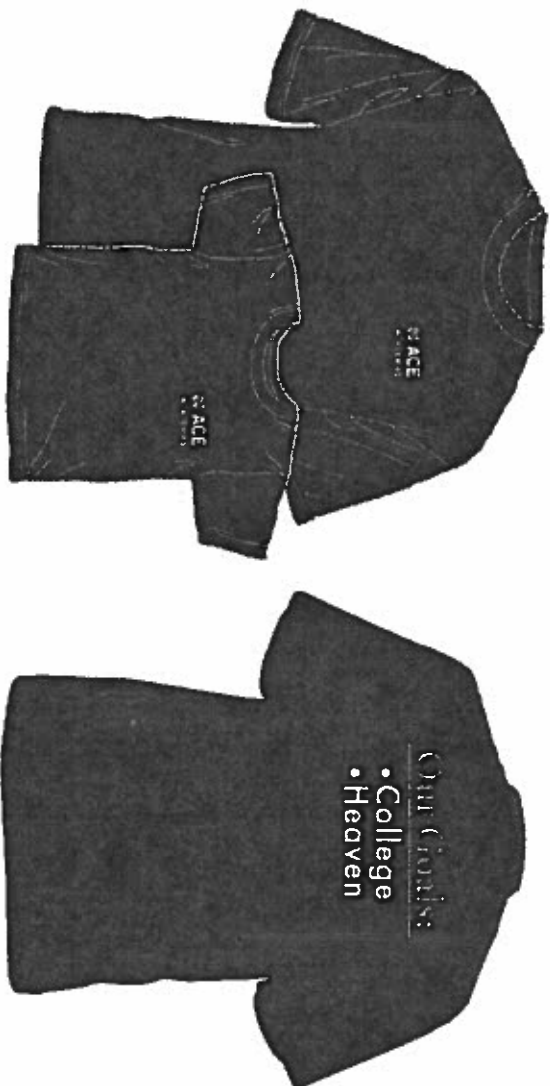
****Fundraising Goal: Each student to raise a minimum of \$50 per student. ****

****Individual Prizes – 1st place- Fitness Tracker Band, 2nd and 3rd place- gift cards**

If you have any questions regarding the event you may contact Jessica Pagán at 561-385-5398.

PLEASE RETURN ALL MONEY BY Friday, May 12th

St. Luke Spirit Shirts Order Form



Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Shirt Size (indicate quantity):

Youth: _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large

Adult: _____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL

\$10.00 per shirt

Cash or Checks (payable to St. Luke Catholic School)

*Shirts are expected to arrive in early September. All pre-ordered shirts will be delivered to your child's homeroom.