

Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Blast Off / School Orientation Night

August 25, 2008

6-7pm

Welcome and Introductions (Sanctuary) 6:05pm

- Welcomes all the parents and students (Gary)
 - Sing Hymn - **Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain** (Lutheran Worship # 477, Linda play on Piano or Organ)
 - Prayers (Pastor) see listing on following page, with however many want to do.
 - Optional Dismissal of students (activities) – may stay with parents if they wish.
 - Number of LCMS Schools in Nation. (Gary)
 - Early Childhood Centers 1406 Elementary Schools 976 High Schools 103
 - 121,424 students attend LCMS Elementary Schools
 - Introduce teachers (Gary)
 - Introduce School Board Members (Joe)
 - The specialness of attending a Lutheran school. (Tops in the nation".)
 - Enthusiasm for this academic year – great year ahead with exciting and unique opportunities (Joe)
 - Talks about general curriculum offered Christ Centered Worldview, Weekly Chapel, Religion throughout the day, Catechism Instruction, Science, Math, Social Studies, Art, Spanish, etc. (Gary)
 - School colors (blue and green) and mascot (Rams)
 - Student and Parent Expectations (School Board Member)
 - Mention to read through Student Handbook and policies
 - Behavior, Attendance
 - Volunteer Opportunities (sheet handout sheet – Mark can speak about this if he wants)
 - Extra Curricular programs that are being offered
 - Rocket Club (Mark)
- Fine Arts**
- Piano lessons, 2nd grade and up (Academic Year; during school hours)
 - Band 5th and up (Academic Year; during school hours); program for instruments available to qualifying families
 - Violin
 - Choir, all grades, (Academic Year; during school hours)
- Sports (in conjunction with Immanuel Lutheran, Courtland)**
- Soccer, 4th grade and up (Fall; beginning of school – Mid October)
 - Volleyball, 4th grade and up (Fall; beginning of school – Mid October)
 - Basketball, 4th grade and up (Winter; November – end of January)
 - Cheerleading, 4th grade and up (Winter; November – end of January).
- Dismissal to Forms and Registration (Gary)

Forms & Registration (Narthex or Fellowship Hall) 6:25pm

- Mailed Packet Forms (Station 1)
 - Registration Fee
 - Application Form
 - Immunization Form
 - Busing Form
- News / Photo Release Form (Station 2)
- Fine Arts Information and Forms (Station 3)
- Volunteer Information and Forms (Station 4)
- Financial Information and Forms (Station 5, Conference Room)
 - School Tuition/Fee Payment Plan Worksheet
 - Family Budget Worksheet
 - Simply Giving tuition payment program option

Snacks and Beverages (Fellowship Hall) 6:50pm

Rocket Launch on School Grounds (Mark)

Prayers written by Pastor Becker

Leaders in Education

Dear Master, you are the source of all wisdom. You give the church the gift of teachers and leaders. Please give them encouragement and strength for their difficult and essential duties. Fill them with love and understanding of both your word and your people so that they may be effective in sharing your truths for life. Help us always to communicate clearly the message of salvation through you alone. Fill our board members and administrators with zeal and with wisdom so that they may be discerning and effective as they seek to follow your plan for our educational ministry.

Recipients of Education

Gentle Shepherd, you know your own and call them by name; and your lambs hear your voice and follow you. Thank you for the many children, youth and adults who are growing in your truth in classes and study groups. Make spiritual training a powerful influence on their lives. Open the minds and hearts of the students so that they see you as Savior and Lord. May these classes be your hands to reach out to those who do not yet know you well, and to support the faith of all who desire to keep growing in your word. Give more and more of our members a hunger for your truth and wisdom, and lead them to share it with others..

Effectiveness in Education

Faithful master, your word is living and active, and powerful as a double edged sword. Open our hearts with your law and turn us to repentance. Heal us with your gospel and show us your love. Give us insight into the mysteries of salvation, give us understanding of your will and your ways, give us true wisdom, and help us to apply what we know to our daily lives. Help all teachers and students, young and old to remain true disciples, learning more each day from the bottomless well of your word.

Personal Education

Dear Lord of my life, you have shown me your truth so that I may be set free. I confess that I do not always walk in your light or do what I have learned is right. Give me the opportunities and the abilities to continue learning until I am with you where imperfect knowledge passes away. Give me your wisdom and insight as you speak to me through your word and through those with whom I study. Help me to learn from experience as I put what you have taught me to practice in my life. Then use me as your servant to teach others your ways and to support the ministry of education which you have entrusted to us in your church.