



# Wildcat News

"Get the word out. Teach all these things. And don't let anyone put you down because you are young."

1 Timothy 4:11-12

July 22, 2016

## Greetings from St. Luke's



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the St. Luke's family from your new Superintendent!

It is with great humility and excitement that I assume the position of Superintendent at your wonderful school. St. Luke's is a dynamic, vibrant and positive place full of outstanding servants of Christ dedicated to creating an exceptional educational experience for all of our students and their families. I am a lifelong product of Lutheran schools like St. Luke's; I attended one through

the 8th grade and previously served as the Principal of a Lutheran school in Jacksonville for many years.

I believe that every child at St. Luke's is a unique "unrepeatable miracle of God" and I am fiercely passionate about making sure our school does everything possible to meet their individual needs and help them maximize the potential God has graced them with. A key part of that process is helping them build strong relationships with their teachers, administrators, and peers. The fact that I was the "most dunked" staff member in the Spring Fling dunking booth at my previous school perhaps tells you everything you need to know about my relationship with students.

I'm looking forward to the chance to get to know every member of the St. Luke's community and develop a relationship with each of you that allows us together to grow and further

the school's ministry. I've adopted a personal motto for the beginning of my tenure at St. Luke's: "Listen, Learn, Lead". I want to take the time to listen to you and learn from you and make that the foundation of my school leadership.

I know that the educational and spiritual ministry of St. Luke's is a powerful one that is having an impact on countless lives. I pray that my servant leadership will make an important contribution to St. Luke's future. Our theme for this new school year encourages us to "Get the Word Out!" I'm excited about that opportunity and in doing so together we will continue to "tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done." (Psalm 78:4)

Yours in Christ,

Rod Jackson  
Superintendent



# HUGS & TISSUES



August 10th 8:30 - 9:45am

- St. Luke's Lutheran Main School Cafeteria

Coffee, juice and danishes will be served.

*As a new parent at St. Luke's come join us for a time to encourage, support, connect and celebrate with one another. Welcome to our St. Luke's family!*

## Who do you need to talk to:

Finance: Janet Brock billings,  
McKay Step Up  
Admissions: Rachel Freeman tours,  
re-enrollment, marketing  
Records, etc Cheryl Meis  
Office Manager: Sherry Abell  
Wildcat: Susan Kirk

## Important Information for the First Week of School

Hot lunches, etc. will be available the first day of school. Please place your order online through RenWeb by 10pm on August 9. For more information, please [click here](#) to read "RenWeb Getting Where You Need to Go" and also available on RenWeb.

ESC will be available beginning the first day of school.

## Wildcat Welcome (Open House)

Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 7, 2016 from 3:00 – 5:00pm. Wildcat Welcome for the 2016-2017 school year will begin in the Sanctuary at 3pm with an opening service. The school doors will be open following the service, so that you can:

- Get acquainted and bring supplies to classrooms. If you pre-purchased supplies in May, they will be on your child's desk.
- Pick up a Wildcat Welcome folder for your child in their homeroom. This folder will contain important information for the school year.

In Founders' Hall/Gym you can:

- Purchase Bibles; make payments; purchase uniforms; and visit tables from school organizations.

## Attention 6th Graders!

Mark your calendars for the "The 6TH Grade Social" on August 4th, from 3-5pm in the school cafeteria.

## Algebra I - End of Course (EOC) Scores Are In!!

The 8th grade Algebra I EOC scores are in and guess what? SLLS has a 100% Pass Rate this year!

What a great testimony to all of the teachers that started math way back when and then to the middle school teachers for getting them ready for the test. The state average for first time test takers is about 50% and this is TRULY an incredible feat for our school and students.

## Arrival Procedures

The faculty and staff arrive by 7:55am and assemble for daily devotions at 8am. The front entrance doors – the only way to enter the school - will not be opened until 8:15am unless the student is coming for ESC prior to 8am. K-8 grades arriving before 8am must be signed in by their parent at the front desk in the school lobby. Please do not allow your child to wait unattended outside the entrance.

At 8:15am the teachers will be in their classrooms and the students can enter. You may walk your child to class. Remember the day begins at 8:30am and your child's teacher needs to focus his/her attention on the needs of the entire class. You may schedule an appointment if you need time to conference with the teacher. Once the 8:30am bell rings, please vacate the hallways quickly and quietly.

Late arrivals (after 8:30am) must be signed in by a parent at the lobby desk. Students may not enter class without an office pass.

## Medications/Sick Children

Mrs. Nunkovich, our school nurse, will dispense all medications for students in grades K-8. Information forms are on RenWeb or in the front office. Proper forms must be on file before dispensing any medications.

Absences due to illness should be reported to the school's Absence Hotline by 9am daily. Call 407-365-3228, then Option #6 or ext. 3112. This will assist us in assessing the health climate of our school population.

## Emergency Forms

**EVERY student** is required to have one emergency form completed and on file in the school office **BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**. Please [click here](#) and complete the form(s) (using blue or black ink) and return them to the school office by the first day of school. The emergency form must be filled out completely.

NOTE: Changes to your emergency form during the school year must be in writing.

## School Pictures

Fall pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 1. All students are expected to wear their school uniform. These are the pictures used in the school yearbook. Picture packet ordering information will be sent home prior to this date.

## Uniform Schedule

[Click here](#) for the complete Swap Shoppe/Uniform Sales Schedule.

Summer Dates:

**Swap Shoppe:** July 27 from 10:30am to Noon in the school lobby

**Sir Walter Uniforms:** July 28 from 1-6pm and at Wildcat Welcome in the gym on August 7 following the Welcome in the Sanctuary.

Contact information for Sir Walter's: 1-800-621-8263 or [sirwalteruniforms.com](http://sirwalteruniforms.com).

## Mini-School Night for Parents

These events give parents an opportunity to learn about their child's classroom schedule, activities and curriculum. We will outline the class expectations and procedures by presenting a "mini" version of a typical classroom day.

The mini-school nights are just for parents, no childcare available.

You will report to your child's classroom or homeroom for the evening's activities. All Mini-School Night events begin at 7pm.

- Wednesday, August 17 Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
- Thursday, August 18 Grades Preschool, K, 1, 2, 3

## Parent/Student Handbook

The Parent/Student Handbook can be found on RenWeb. Paper copies are available upon request at the front desk.

## Traffic Safety Reminders

- Please do not use cell phones while driving on campus.
- Follow the direction of our staff through the carline.
- Watch your speed not only during carline, but every time you are on the church and school campus.
- Use crosswalks when parking and walking to and from the school.
- Do not park in the reserved parking spaces or handicap designated parking areas.
- Do not park in fire lanes. Please use the designated parking areas when visiting the school, even if it is to just run in for a minute.
- Please lock your vehicle doors when leaving it unattended.
- Do not attempt to drive around the cones or gates to park in undesignated areas.
- There are signs indicating one-way traffic. Please follow them.
- All students arriving after 8:35am must be signed in by an adult.
- Do not cut through the Haven property to get to the preschool or K-8 school.
- These rules are for the safety of our students, staff and Haven residents. They will be enforced.
- AND most importantly, when dropping off your child remember to leave each other with kind words. It makes all the difference in your day and theirs.



## Carline

The traffic map for drop-off and pick-up will be available at Wildcat Welcome in your child's folder. Please be sure to review it. Also included in the folder will be a piece of card stock. In bold large lettering, write your family name and child's grade. Display this sign in your windshield area during pick-up.

<b>SMITH</b>	<b>ERIN (KB)</b>
	<b>TOM (6A)</b>

### ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

**Pastor W. M. Arp, Rod Jackson,  
Greg Register, Ileana Barbari,  
John Kramer, Beth Delauter,  
Dr. Janet Smith, William LaGrange,  
Mary Johnson, Steve Cecchetti**

## From the Finance Department

### Statements

School balances are due the 1st of the month for which tuition is billed. Statements will be emailed to each family between the 23rd and 25th of the preceding month. Each family's account balance can also be viewed any time in RenWeb.

### Method of Payment

St. Luke's accepts the following method of payments:

RenWeb via Bank Account– Parents can pay their account balance through RenWeb using their bank account. RenWeb charges parents a \$.85 fee per payment to use this feature.

RenWeb via Credit Card (**NEW OPTION anticipated availability August 1st**) – RenWeb is now offering parents the option of paying their balance **through RenWeb** using a Mastercard, Discover or American Express Card (PLEASE NOTE THAT VISA IS NOT ACCEPTED). Parents using this payment method will be charged a 3.75% fee by RenWeb. We cannot accept credit card payment at school or over the phone; only through RenWeb.

Mail – Parents are welcome to mail in a check for their account balance.

Drop Box – A locked drop box is located at both the Preschool and K - 8 campuses. Parents can use this to drop a cash or check payment off. Please note if bringing in cash you must let the Receptionist know so you can receive a receipt before putting the funds in the drop box.

### Payment Due Dates

- Payments are due on the first of the month for which they are billed.
- Payments are considered late if not received in full by the 15th of the month.
- A late fee of \$25 will be charged if the account is not paid in full by the 15th and another late fee of \$25 will be charged if the account has not been made current by the 25th of the month.
- If payments are not received by the end of the month, or a payment plan is not worked out with the Finance Department, then your child is in jeopardy of not being able to return to school.
- A \$35 returned check fee is assessed when a check is not paid on the bank that it is drawn.

### Special Field Trips

There are several special field trips that require a deposit to be billed to and paid by parents in August. The details are below. Please note that these deposits are non-refundable. The 4th grade trip is a one-time fee, while the 5th and 8th grade field trips will be billed over four months.

4th Grade (St. Augustine) - \$85 billed in August

5th Grade (Marine Lab) - \$150 deposit billed in August (Billed in 4 payments for a total of \$600)

8th Grade (Washington DC) - \$225 deposit billed in August (Billed in 4 payments for a total of \$825)

Any changes in the cost will be available after the start of school.

## Grandparents' Day Friday, October 21

Be sure to let your grandparents and grand friends know as soon as possible so that they can make plans to attend. This day will conclude with a 12pm early dismissal.

### Grandparent Information

Please visit RenWeb to enter grandparent address information. This information will be used to mail invitations to Grandparents' Day and other communications through-out the school year. Deadline is September 30 for Grandparents' Day invitations.

## Extended School Care (ESC)

The Extended School Care (ESC) program is for the K-8 grade students enrolled at SLLS. It will open the first day of school at 7am until 8am, and again after school until 6pm. An annual registration fee of \$25 will be charged the first time a child uses before or after school services. The hourly rate is \$5.25. Enrollment form and more information will be in your Wildcat Welcome folder.

Morning ESC begins each day in the Media Center. After school, ESC is based in the school cafeteria. Please refer to the ESC brochure in your Wildcat Welcome folder for details and fee schedule.

## WELCOME OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT - MR. ROD JACKSON!

St. Luke's is pleased to welcome Rod Jackson as our new Superintendent! Rod comes to us from Jacksonville where he served as the Principal at Grace Lutheran School for the past 13 years. Rod is a graduate of the University of Florida where he received both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Early in his career he taught middle and high school social studies in Gainesville and St. Augustine; he also has experience as computer software applications and networking trainer in the business world.



Rod has been married for 24 years to his wife Karen. She has 20 years of experience as a professor at Jacksonville University teaching biology, immunology and other sciences. She will teach at Rollins College in Winter Park this fall. Both Rod and Karen enjoy being active members of their church including serving on the board of elders, leading Vacation Bible School, singing in the choir and praise team, and teaching Bible classes for youths and adults.

The Jacksons have two children – Rachel, 14, will be a freshman at Hagerty High School and Aaron, 6, will be a 1st grader at St. Luke's.

Rod is excited to join the ministry team at St. Luke's. He believes ours is a great school with an even greater future and he's looking forward to being a part of it. Rod believes the foundation of his leadership will be strong, vibrant, and Christ-centered relationships with all members of the St. Luke's family. He can't wait to meet everyone and become a part of our community of faith.

## Welcome New Staff!

St. Luke's is pleased to welcome our new staff for the 2016-17 School Year:

Mrs. Casey - Preschool Aide  
 Mrs. Corrao - 3B Teacher  
 Mrs. De Vuyst - Preschool Teacher  
 Ms. Egitto - 8C Teacher  
 Mrs. McGee - Preschool Teacher  
 Mrs. Murphy - Preschool Aide (NEW\*STEAM)  
 Mrs. Rice - Preschool Aide  
 Mrs. Rich - Preschool Teacher  
 Miss Tatro - Preschool Outdoor Classroom Support  
 Mrs. Walker - Preschool Teacher (NEW\*STEAM)  
 Mrs. Urichko - Gifted Teacher  
 Miss White - Preschool Teacher  
 Mr. Michael Hansen - Vicar

In addition, we are pleased to have a few current staff assume new roles:

Mrs. Amill - KB Teacher  
 Mrs. Bailey - 6A Teacher  
 Mrs. Bogert - P54B  
 Mrs. Chittenden - P22A/P33A  
 Mr. Durand - Extended Care Director/PE Teacher  
 Mrs. Glanzer - Media Specialist  
 Mrs. Hakimipour - 2A Teacher  
 Mrs. Henning - P44A  
 Mrs. Matson - 1C Teacher  
 Miss (Jennifer) Rishell - Art Teacher  
 Miss (Morgan) Smith - Preschool Aide  
 Mrs. Tenney - 5A Teacher

We are excited about the gifts and talents that all of our staff bring to St. Luke's. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their ministry work.

## Volunteering at St. Luke's

St. Luke's Lutheran Church & School strives to provide a nurturing and safe environment for all students, staff and volunteers. Anyone who will be volunteering his/her time at the school in any capacity must complete the Volunteer Personnel Form annually. This questionnaire is for the safety and security of the school and all information will be kept confidential. A copy will be available in your student's Wildcat Welcome folder. Please complete the form and return it to the office by August 19th. Note: Anyone that has been fingerprinted at St. Luke's within the last four years does not need to complete a form. Thank you for volunteering at St. Luke's!

*Jill Mudge, Chief Human Resources Officer*



## Sports/Athletics

Hope everyone is having a great summer! All students planning to participate on a St. Luke's athletic team must have a current Sports Physical form on file before attending try-outs or practices. Forms are available at the front desk. Physicals are good for one year from the date of the physical.

Be sure to stop by St. Luke's Athletics table at Wildcat Welcome on August 7th for more information on fall sports and the St. Luke's Booster Club.

### Fall Sports Update

Boys' Soccer Training Camp is Saturday August 13 from 9:00am – 1:00pm for St. Luke's 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Coach New will be running the camp preparing the St. Luke's students for the fall soccer season. There is a \$5.00 fee for the camp and registration will begin at 8:30am. Check RenWeb for updates on the camp.

#### **Boys' Soccer:**

Varsity 7/8 grades tryouts will be August 15 & 16 from 5:30 – 7:00pm on the soccer field.

Jr. Varsity 5/6 grade will have their first practice August 22 from 3:30 – 5:00pm.

#### **Girls' Volleyball:**

Varsity 7/8 grade try-outs will be August 11 and 12 from 3:30 – 5:00pm in the gym.

Jr. Varsity 5/6 grade first practice will be Monday August 22 at 3:30pm in the gym.

#### **Winter Sports:**

Girls' Basketball Varsity 7/8 grade and Jr. Varsity 5/6 grade

Boys' Basketball Varsity 7/8 grade and Jr. Varsity 6 grade

#### **Spring Sports:**

Track Boys and Girls 5/6/7/8 grades

Girls' Varsity Soccer 6/7/8 grades

Boys' Flag Football 6/7/8 grades

Golf Co-ed Varsity 6/7/8 grades

### Intramurals

The St. Luke's Intramural volleyball for 3rd and 4th grades will start after Labor Day. The players will be learning the fundamentals of the game. More information will be sent home after school starts. Volunteers are always welcome and can contact the Athletic Director ext. 3300 or Coach Cruz ext. 3320.



## PTL

### Welcome Back!!!

Here are just a few things to look out for in the next couple of weeks.

- Room Parent Meeting – Tuesday, August 30 at 8:30am in Suites A/B
- Skate Night - Sunday, September 11 from 5-7pm at the Semoran Skateway
- PTL Parent Enrichment Event – Thursday, September 15 at 7pm
- Boosterthon/FunRun Kick off – Tuesday, October 25
- Bookfair Monday, October 17-Friday, October 21

PTL needs YOU!! If you are interested in volunteering for any event, please fill out a volunteer form. There are plenty of opportunities for you to help SLLS. Here are just a few .....

- Ice Cream Mondays
- PTL Lunch (once a month)
- Boosterthon
- Thanksgiving Feast

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Blackburn at [ptlpresident@sllcs.org](mailto:ptlpresident@sllcs.org).

## Create & Enhance

St. Luke's strives to CREATE more opportunities for students to attend St. Luke's School and ENHANCE the experience of all our students through various fund raisers.

### Create:

#### St. Luke's Lutheran School Golf Tournament – SAVE THE DATE

This 19th annual event benefitting the Shawn Joseph Metcalf Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This year we will host the Golf Tournament at Eagle Creek Golf Club on FRIDAY, October 14. End your week enjoying a round of golf with good friends, knowing you are supporting your child's school. Please mark your calendars and plan to enjoy a beautiful course, time with friends, and open doors for more students to attend St. Luke's!

#### Adopt-a-Student

The Adopt-A-Student Fund enables parents, grandparents and church members to open the door for the St. Luke's experience for families in need in our community. Gifts of any size support our students so that money is not a deciding factor for a family that wants to send their child to St. Luke's. Over 100 children are able to attend St. Luke's through funds received from Adopt-a-Student. For more information contact Mrs. Lisa Prusak at [lpursak@sllcs.org](mailto:lpursak@sllcs.org).

### Enhance:

#### 13th Annual Gold and Green Auction and Gala

Mark your calendars for April 29th for the 2017 auction. Last year over \$80,000 was raised. Consider serving on the Auction Team and help make 2017 another huge success. Watch for opportunities to volunteer or e-mail [auction@sllcs.org](mailto:auction@sllcs.org).

## Take Note...of St. Luke's Music Opportunities!

Music Education Classes for Grades K-8

Grade Level Choirs K-5

String/Orchestra Program

Band – Grades 4-8

Middle School Choir – grades 6-8

Handbells – Grades 4 and 5, Advanced Bells Grades 6-8

Information and sign-up sheets about these programs will be made available in the School Gym at WILDCAT WELCOME (open house) on Sunday, August 7th.

- ALL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN STRINGS/ORCHESTRA OR BAND (Grades 4-8) (This includes current band students) are invited to come with parents to one of the following meetings in the Church Music Room on Wednesday, August 10th from 2:30-3:15pm or 7:00-7:30pm. Mrs. McLaughlin will be able to discuss the details of this year's program with you.
- FOR NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS TO THE SCHOOL WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR HANDBELL PROGRAM (Grades 4-8): Handbell sign-up sheets will be available at Wildcat Welcome and during the first week of school. The Fourth and Fifth Grade Bells will be meeting on Mondays after school from 3:20-4:00pm, starting on the 15th. The Advanced Bell Group (6th-8th grade students) will be practicing on Wednesday mornings from 7:30-8:15am, starting on the 17th. Students and Parents interested in the bell program should talk with Miss Wiedenmann in 4A.
- STUDENTS INTERESTED IN MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR should sign up on your elective sheet and visit with Mrs. Nugent at Open House.

### St. Luke's Lutheran School's Music Ensembles

*Each ensemble strives to develop students' abilities in music for life long enjoyment, worship and service to others. All of the groups regularly participate in community programs, concerts, school chapels and Sunday services.*



**Band** – Consists of traditional wind and percussion instruments. There are different groups offered for students of every level. These groups provide an opportunity for students to develop individual technique and learn fundamentals of ensemble playing. The

Combo Band participates in a Christmas Tour and the Lutheran Music Festival.

**Strings**– Violin and cello instruction for students in 4th-8th grades help them learn basic music theory and playing skills to prepare them for participation in the orchestra.

**Orchestra** - Students experience playing a variety of music, and have many opportunities to perform, especially during the Christmas season and at the Lutheran Music Festival.

**Choir** – All K-5th grade students



participate in choirs for their respective grades. Students develop singing skills, serve as musical leaders in worship, and take part in special services and events.

**Middle School Choir** – This is offered as an elective to students in grades 6-8. Students learn choral technique and develop skills and knowledge using a variety of standard choral repertoire. The choir leads chapel worship and performs in community events, holiday concerts, and the Lutheran Music Festival.

**Handbells** – We have two groups in handbells...4th and 5th grade bells and Grades 6-8 Advanced Handbells. Students gain experience using different bell technique and performing various styles of music in events and worship. The 4th and 5th bells perform at the Haven's Munch n' Music and the Advanced bells perform in the community during the Christmas season and in the Lutheran Music Festival.



## Personal Student Device use at SLLS

St. Luke's is excited to announce that the Chromebook program is being expanded! Middle School students have access to a Chromebook at every class period. Grades 3rd grade through 5th grade also have access to a Chromebook at every class period. Additionally, our Pre-School through Kindergarten classes now have generous access to Chromebooks. St Luke's has committed to the initiative of the use of Google Apps for Education along with the Google Apps suite of Gmail, Drive, etc. These are all cloud/web-based programs.

With this expansion, please read carefully the policies put in place for the use of personal student devices.

Students are allowed to bring and use a small selection of personal devices for educational use at school. These include only those devices that are used for reading books in accordance with our AR Program. An example of these may be Kindles, Nooks, iPads without private service, Android Tablets, etc. These devices will be monitored by the teacher of any given class. Each teacher has the discretion of the use of the personal device at any time. Students are responsible for the care of their equipment. St. Luke's Lutheran Church & School assumes no liability for the damage or loss of any student devices.



Registration of your personal device will no longer be required by the Tech Department.

The students will not have access to a wireless network during school hours on any personal student device. If they wish to read on campus with the appropriate devices described previously, students will be required to download their appropriate reading material off campus and outside of school hours. Because students will not be allowed access to a wireless network, ipods, personal laptops, Chromebooks, etc are asked to be used only at home.

The use of cell phones, as well as, any device that carries its own internet service will not be allowed during normal school hours.

More questions??: Send an email to the Tech Dept at [techhelp@sls.org](mailto:techhelp@sls.org)



### RenWeb Quick Points:

- St. Luke's **District Code is SL-FL.**
- App is available for purchase in the app store.  
The app does NOT do many functions that regular computer sign-on will

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