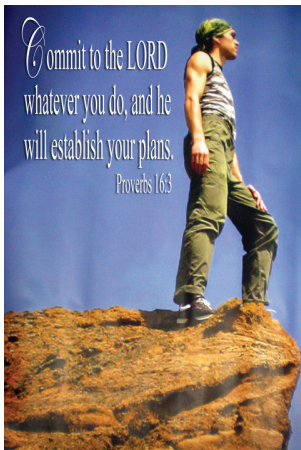


PARENT CONNECTION



A monthly newsletter for parents of Luther High School students



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The Big Knight 2012

Can you believe that The Big Knight is less than four months away? The planning team is so excited about what there is to offer this year! Get ready for a **Knight On A Safari!** The jungle decor and safari theme will transport you from The Radisson in La Crosse to an African safari! New this year! We are offering advertising space for your business! If you would like to take advantage of this please go to Luther's website to print off a form (www.luther.k12.wi.us). Items are pouring in for the auction. Save your pennies so you can bid on the **His & Hers Redfeather Snowshoes** donated by Brenda Johnson or the **Two Nights In A Royal African Suite** donated by The

Kalahari. Maybe you would like to have a **Years Supply Of Gas** donated by Kwik Trip. Are you a Badger fan? You can bid on the **Suite Tickets For 4 Including Parking, Food & Drink.** This is just a taste of the MANY amazing things that will be available at The Big Knight 2012 on April 20 at The Radisson Ballroom in La Crosse. Reservation information is available on Luther's website. If you have any questions or a donation for the event please print out a donation form from Luther's website or contact Mary Bilitz at 608-783-5435 x103 or bilimary@luther.k12.wi.us. All proceeds from The Big Knight go towards tuition assistance at Luther High.

Free Christian Counseling Available

Luther High Students can now get help right at school from trained Christian counselors through the new Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service (WLCFS) assistance program. The professionals that work for WLCFS Christian Family Counseling are licensed by the State of Wisconsin and have advanced training, certification and experience

in various areas of specialty. This counseling service will be available via distance modalities (telephone or video-assisted). The WLCFS counselors are Distanced Counseling Credentialed. Please speak to Pastor Bilitz 608-783-5435 x310 or Mr. Wichmann 608-783-5435 x100 if you would like to take advantage of this helpful service.

Coulee Classic

The 13th annual Coulee Classic takes place on Saturday, January 28 at the La Crosse Center. All Coulee Conference basketball team (both boys and girls) participate in the all-day basketball extravaganza. The first game of the Classic tips off at 9:00 a.m. with the final game's tip-off at 8:00 p.m. Admission for the entire day (8-games) is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Luther passes are not accepted for the Classic. Please purchase

your ticket in advance at Luther High School. Revenue from tickets purchased at Luther is retained by Luther. Revenue from all tickets sold at the La Crosse Center on the day of the event support the Coulee Conference. Tickets may be purchased at any home game in January or in the athletic office. The Luther boys and girls will play West Salem with the boys game scheduled for a 12:00 noon tip-off. Girls follow at 1:30 p.m.

Reminders...

1/9: NO SCHOOL

1/13: Class of 2016 Day

1/28: Coulee Classic

2/10: Mini Homecoming/Winter Formal

2/8: Kindergarten Fun-n-Fitness Day

Winter Formal

National Honor Society will sponsor a Winter Formal Dance on Friday, February 10 from 9:00 – 11:30 p.m. “Formal attire” for guys includes shirt, tie, dress pants, etc. and the girls can get decked out in their prettiest dresses. Cost is \$3 for singles and \$5 for couples.

Good Steward Store

The Good Steward Shop (GSS) was formed in 2002 and in its 10 year existence has given \$1,494,654 to Luther High, \$126,750 to families in need in the greater La Crosse area and has given a large quantity of clothing and housewares to people in need. What a blessing! You can help to continue these blessings by volunteering your time at the GSS and by donating your gently used clothing & housewares items. Volunteers are able to designate their hours from June 1-May 31 to any Luther High Student or 8th grade student attending LHS the following year. The GSS will then give a gift towards that student’s tuition the following year. Information and forms are available for this purpose at the shop. If you are able to help, please contact Janet or Darlene at 608-779-9763 or stop in the shop at 2552 Rose St. in La Crosse.

WELS Band Fest

Members from the Luther High School band will be traveling to Northland Lutheran High School in Mosinee, WI in March for the 52nd WELS Band Festival. Members will be selected in December. They will rehearse on March 9 and 10 for a concert that will be performed at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 11.

Financial Aid

You may apply for financial aid for the 2012-2013 school year through the Grant and Aid Assessment division of FACTS. FACTS provides an aid determination process that will enable us to be good stewards of our tuition assistance funds. In addition, since all information will be submitted directly to FACTS, families will not have to feel uncomfortable submitting their financial information to Luther. There is a \$25 application fee required to process your application. However, any family who receives an aid award will receive an additional \$25 to compensate for that fee. Applications are due by April 1, 2012. To begin an application, go to www.factstuitionaid.com.

Bullying Program

Gundersen Lutheran and Kohl’s Cares is offering a free educational program for parents, educators & child care staff on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at Western Technical College, Lunda Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Gundersen Lutheran child and family therapist, Jeff Reiland, MS, will present on the impact of bullying and what students, parents families and teachers can do to reduce its prevalence in schools. You can register for this program online at gundluth.org/kohls. Look for “classes & events” on the sidebar. If you have any questions please call 608-775-3079.

Drivers Ed

Driver’s Education is again being offered to Luther students. Students can sign up in the office for the second semester course. Classes begin on Saturday, January 14, 2012 and conclude on Saturday, March 24 2012.

Class of 2016

Applications for the Class of 2016 have started to arrive. As of this writing 6 eighth-graders have applied. It is truly encouraging to see parents and students choosing to take advantage of Christian Education at the secondary level. To God be the glory!