

THE WEEKLY RAY

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Important Dates

Thursday February 11th

Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Friday February 12th

Community Service Day

Monday February 15th

NO SCHOOL ~ President's Day

01/29 Soccer @ Westview 1:00 p.m.

02/01 Boys Basketball vs Westview 12:30 p.m.

02/04 Soccer vs Shalhavet 7:30 p.m.

02/04 Basketball vs LA Adventist Girls 6:00 Boys 7:30

02/05 Soccer vs New Millennium 6:00 p.m.

* Schedule subject to change *



We have handed out first semester grades and hopefully you have had a chance to look them over and discuss them with your child. Overall the results were a significant improvement over last year's first semester grades after the school's average was determined. The average student g.p.a. for Pacific Lutheran was between a B and a B-. I am very pleased with this result, and have challenged students (and will challenge faculty) to raise this even higher for the second semester. We recently honored the 30 or so students who received a 3.1 or higher g.p.a. with a special chapel ceremony. My hearty congratulations to those who earned Merit or Honor Roll for their academic achievements.

I wanted to take this time to remind you about some upcoming schedule items. We will be taking our annual end of the year trip from May 31st to June 4th to Yosemite, whitewater rafting on the Merced or American Rivers, and San Francisco. Items are still being finalized for the trip, but it will cost \$300.00 again as it has in years past. All students who desire to attend this trip should have their deposit of \$100.00 in the school office no later than next Friday, February 5th. Please contact me in the school office if you have any questions about this trip.

Students will have their next community service opportunity coming up in about two weeks. Students are required to find their own community service opportunity, and complete hours towards their yearly requirement of 20 hours. The form for students to complete (which parents need to verify/sign) is found on our website under "Student Resources." Please submit this to the office so we can account for all students on this day.

Any parents still in need of completing their 20 volunteer hours required of them for the year should contact the office if they are in need of opportunities. One such opportunity is to go to:

www.greatschools.org/california/torrance/10485-Pacific-Lutheran-High-School/

and write about their experiences (hopefully positive) with Pacific Lutheran High School. The amount of time you spend on completing this task will be doubled, as parent word of mouth/satisfaction with PLHS is perhaps the most important way for us to market our school. Please let the office know when you have done this and your hours will be credited to your account.

At our recent School Board of Education meeting, the 2010-2011 tuition rate was set at \$6,300 as it was this year. International Student tuition will be raised to \$10,000 a year from this year's \$9,500 tuition rate. We will be opening up re-enrollment for next year in the next several weeks and hope that all families are able to continue with us, despite the tough economic circumstances we are in presently.

Please look over the contents of this newsletter as they contain many key dates and updates. May our good God bless and keep you in the days to come.

In Christ,

Lucas Fitzgerald
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Principal

1st Semester Report Cards

Report Cards were sent home with students yesterday. Please contact the office if you have any questions or if you did not receive one from your child.

Prayer Requests

Please remember to keep the people of Haiti in your prayers.

~ Dinner Auction ~

We will be having a Dinner Auction meeting of Thursday February 4 at 6:30 p.m.

We received our first donation!! *Crate&Barrel* in Torrance has donated over \$2,200.00 in house ware items! Thank you *Crate&Barrel*!!

*** FUNDRAISING INFORMATION ***

1. **SCRIP** ~ List of some of the available items is on our website under "Fundraising". For a complete list of all the different SCRIP offered, go to www.shopwithscrip.com. (PLHS ID# is 7536D9D62L394). This company now has several cards that are reloadable through the website. The website also shows what cards have special deals (extra percentage to school, etc.)
2. www.goodsearch.com Search engine powered by Yahoo.
3. www.goodshop.com 1000s of stores to choose from
4. The Pampered Chef ~ log on to www.pamperedchef.biz/isabelscocina enter Pacific Lutheran as the Organization Name.

Please contact the office if you have any questions about these programs.

~ College Corner ~

Scholarship Information

1. The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Scholarship Program: www.scag.ca.gov/scholarship
2. The Gardena Evening Optimist Club is sponsoring an essay contest for students who were under 19 as of 12/31/09. Topic: "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace." Awards from \$2500 to \$6000. Rules & application form at www.gardenaoptimist.org/. More info, call essay chairman Jim Carroll at 310-415-0196.
3. http://quizbowlprep.com/index.php?p=1_11_Scholarship-Information

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength...."