

THE WEEKLY RAY

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Hello Parents,

It's the first Principal's Newsletter for the year and there's much going on campus. Our year is off to a fine start. Despite the record heat we've been experiencing, students have been attentive and quite responsible for the first week of school. Yesterday in chapel we watched a video from Nick Vujicic, a Christian man who also happens to be missing his arms and legs. His message of hope and positivity despite his numerous daily challenges was given to the students; I believe many students were positively impacted by his message.

I'd like to include some items in bullet form for your consideration.

*Next Thursday will be our third "Meet the Teacher Night."

This is a fun, positive night where you can walk through your child's schedule for ten minutes "classes" with the teacher.

This is a chance to get to know the teacher a bit, understand what is expected of your child, and see what their day is like here at Pacific Lutheran. The night starts at 6:30 p.m. and will last until about 7:45-8:00 p.m. All parents attending this night will receive three parent hours towards the total of 20 needed throughout the year. If mom and dad come this will be good for six hours :)

*I have sent out students' Iowa Test answer sheets today. We will get students' results in about two weeks. Students and parents will be receiving a student performance file (information about your student) and longitudinal information (information that shows how the student has done over the last two years). We tested students in nine different areas during Orientation Week, so this will give everyone good data on where and how to proceed in the education process. If you have not paid your \$15.00 for this test, please make your payment in the school office.

*P.E. Clothes have been ordered. There is a backlog of uniform orders from local schools so they won't be ready until next Wednesday or Thursday. Sorry about the delay, but students should continue to wear shorts and a t-shirt until the school uniforms are ready.

*This Friday will be a minimum day schedule with dismissal at noon. Teachers will be taking some time to discuss student performance during the first week, identify any challenges/needs, and do some accreditation work. There is no school Monday in observation of Labor Day.

*We will be traveling on our annual camping trip (to Arrowhead) from September 30-October 2nd. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and teachers to get to know each other, participate in devotions, engage in leadership and teamwork training, and do some community service at the camp. We are looking for some parent chaperones for this trip. Please contact me in the school office if you'd like to come along on the trip. The cost for the trip is \$85.00. Students who are not attending this trip will have normal school with teachers who are remaining behind.

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*We have recently had two more classes approved by the U.S. System for quick admission. We are waiting to hear back on three remaining classes, and then our entire curriculum will have been evaluated and approved for quick admission to U.C. campuses. Thanks be to God!

I look forward to working with you throughout the year (and the years to come) in providing your child a quality, Christian education.

In Christ,

Lucas Fitzgerald
Pacific Lutheran
Principal

Important Dates

Friday September 4th

Half day of School ~ Teacher In-Service

Monday September 7th

No School Labor Day

Thursday September 10th

6:30 Parent Meeting ~ "Meet The Teachers Night"

STINGRAY SPORTS

09/04 Football Scrimmage

09/10 Girls Volleyball @ Rolling Hills Prep 4:00

09/11 Football @ Rolling Hills Prep 3:30

* Schedule subject to change *

"Dinner Nite Out" Fundraiser

When: Tuesday September 22nd

Where: Poquito Mas'

2625 Pacific Coast Hwy, Torrance

Time: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

*Flyers are available on our website under "News". Hand them out to friends and present the flyer when you order and they will donate 25% to PLHS.

~ August / September Expenses ~

IOWA Testing \$15.00

PE Uniforms \$25.00 / set (PE Students Only)

Art Fees \$20.00 (1st Semester Art Students Only)

~ SCRIP ~

SCRIP is available through the school office. A list of available items is attached to the newsletter. SCRIP is a gift card program where a portion goes back to the school.