



THE WEEKLY RAY

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Important Dates

Thursday December 10

Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Friday December 11

Half Day - Teacher In Service

12/02 Boys Basketball vs New Millennium 4:30 p.m.

12/04 Soccer vs New Millennium 5:00 p.m.

12/05 Basketball vs CAMS Girls 3:00 Boys 4:30

* Schedule subject to change *



Hello Parents,

It's nice to come back from break and continue our work of Christian education. I hope Thanksgiving was a time of rest, recovery, and family bonding for you. Several PLHS teachers attended the Lutheran Educator's Conference in Palm Desert and learned or relearned effective teaching practices which will benefit your child. Teachers also had the opportunity to worship together with approximately 1500 other Lutheran educators; it was a special time of giving thanks to our good and loving Lord.

As you may know, I am currently enrolled in classes towards my lifetime Administrator's Credential. I'm excited about the formal training I am receiving and know that it will benefit your student and future students to come.

As a result of the training I am receiving, there will be some periodic changes (I believe improvements) that will be occurring on campus at Pacific Lutheran High School. While I believe with all my heart the school has served its students faithfully and well over the last 14 years, I also know that schools can, and do, improve after times of introspection. Some of the changes will be minor – physical appearance of the school or minor changes in school practices. Other changes will be more significant. For example; my commitment in continuing to establish a professional learning community at PLHS that: (1) monitors and rewards student learning, (2) identifies where and when students are not learning, and (3) intervenes when a student is not learning to the best of his/her ability.

The first mid-year "change" that I will be implementing at Pacific Lutheran is the creation of a new homework policy for the school. In brief, this policy requires that students complete their homework in their courses each day before the school day begins. Students who have not completed their homework will be required to attend study hall the same day after school to complete the work. Classroom teachers will determine if the homework is completed and will show grace where appropriate. The motivation behind this is to ensure students can actively participate in course discussions and take advantage of class time together without falling behind. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this new policy, or my vision for the best school that we can be.

There are several other important updates for you included in this newsletter. Please look it over and communicate with me if you have questions about the content. Thank you for giving PLHS the chance to educate your child.

In Christ,

Lucas Fitzgerald

Congratulations to the Girls Volleyball Team for winning the CIF-Southern Section Div 5A Championship! Pacific Lutheran was the best team out of nearly 60 schools 300 students or smaller. This is by far the best finish by a Stingray athletic team in school history.
Way to go ladies!

~ THANK YOU ~

We would like to thank everyone involved in volunteering to cook, serve, etc for our Thanksgiving Feast! It could not have happened without your generosity.

Koltun	Flanagan	Hong
Hicks	Hayatyfar	Park
Altman	Ambro	Hembree
Staton	Hayes	Kalaydjian
Ramsay	Lucas	Arita
Steffens	Yaney	Kam
	Pearson	Schaefer

*** FUNDRAISING INFORMATION ***

1. **SCRIP** ~ Gift Cards available in the school office. A list of available items is on our website under "Fundraising" SCRIP gift cards make great Christmas Presents. For a complete list of all the different SCRIP offered, go to www.glscrip.com. Non-inventory items can be ordered and usually take 2-3 business days to receive.
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.

Bible Verse for the Day: But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit." Matthew 1:20 (NIV)

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