



# The RAYS Review



Sarasota Lutheran School, "A Ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church"

November 2008

## CALENDAR

### November

- 1-All Saint's Day
- 2-Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 4-Election Day
- 11-Veteran's Day
- 14-Book Fair Opens
- 20-6:30 PM-PTO Chili and Pie Contest
- 21-Book Fair Ends
- 24-Poinsettia Sale Begins
- 25-9:30 Chapel
  - 11:00 Feast/no aftercare
- 26-28-Thanksgiving Holiday  
No School

### December

- 6-Christmas Tree Delivery
- 10-PTO Christmas Tree Lighting 6:00 PM  
7:00 PM Advent Service
- 12-Poinsettia Sale ends
- 17-7:00 PM Christmas Program 1-8  
Poinsettia pick-up
- 18-9:30 AM PS-K Christmas Program
- 19-Dress Down Days  
Christmas Parties
- 21-Winter Begins
- 22-Jan 4-Christmas Break
- Jan. 5-Classes Resume

## From the Principal

This weekend we had a memorial for a former student. His name was Derek. He and his twin brother, Danny, came to us at the end of their third grade year. They stayed until they graduated in 8th grade. Needless to say they were a handful. "Hi-jinks" was the word that Pastor Pohl used on Saturday. They were always up to something. Derek had the best laugh. It always came from the core of his belly. Many times it was difficult to discipline him, because he had me laughing.

Derek left us and went to Riverview High School. He made some poor choices and started hanging out with the wrong crowd. He began experimenting with drugs and alcohol. He dropped out of school. This summer he ended up in the hospital. He went to re-hab and was trying to get his life back on track. He came back here to do his community service hours. I'm so glad that he did, so that I at least had a little more time with him. Derek came to the Hoedown and helped make snow cones. He laughed as he snuck free ones to the little kids. That was Saturday. On Wednesday morning he was dead. He had a heart attack in his sleep. He was just about two weeks shy of his 18th birthday. On October 30, we planted a tree in his memory for Red Ribbon Week. On October 30, Danny turned 18 without his twin brother. On October 30, Derek's mother cried.

Why am I writing all this you wonder? Because I hope that Derek's

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**Get THEM WHILE they're HOT!**  
**Stingray Reusable Bags**  
 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5

## 100/100 WOW!

### Positive, positive, positive-

We are encouraging positive attitudes and positive behaviors this year at SLS. Every student is on a team. We have six teams including the Parrots, the Hurricanes, the Mustangs, the Tigers, the Panthers and the Gators.

#### First Quarter Results:

Parrots	143	Tigers	195
Hurricanes	122	Panthers	167
Mustangs	201	Gators	246

**CONGRATULATIONS to the GOLDEN GATORS! Keep up the positive work!**

Check the back hallway for weekly updates.

## Sarasota Lutheran School

We are...

1. Christ centered, full of faith
2. Kind, loving, and caring
3. Joyful, happy, and positive
4. Dedicated to our work with students
5. Experienced and growing in wisdom



What we do...

We educate children in a safe, loving Christian environment that develops the whole child spiritually, intellectually, and physically with the goal of creating responsible, self-motivated, self-disciplined individuals able to positively contribute to our world.

**We make RAYS!**

**Really A amazing Young Servants of God!**

story will save the life of another child. In Sarasota County, if you are between the ages of 14-27, you are more likely to die from a prescription drug overdose than a car crash. Prescription drugs are a huge problem in this county. Kids are mixing Xanax and Oxycontin. It's crazy. These drugs do not leave the body in a few hours like a Tylenol. They are made to be long lasting medications. The more you take, the more that builds up in your body. It's called a synergistic effect. Webster's defines synergy as "an interaction of drugs such that the total effect is greater than the sum of the individual effects". These kids are mixing medications that alone have serious side effects and are highly addictive. The results-they are dying. Their hearts stop in their sleep and their parents find them in the morning cold and dead.

Please keep an open line of communication with your children. They will talk to you. I don't ever want to get another phone call from a parent that one of my students has died.

You see we're more than just a school here. We are a family and I loved Derek like he was one of my own. I now have an empty spot in my heart, but I will always remember him. I know we did make a difference in his short life. I know that here he felt loved and safe. I find comfort in the fact that we could give him that for a few short years.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Owens

Do you need to  
exercise but  
can't find the  
time?

Join us on Wednesdays after  
school from 3:15-4:15 for a  
yoga/pilates class.

Bring your own yoga mat.  
We are having a great time!

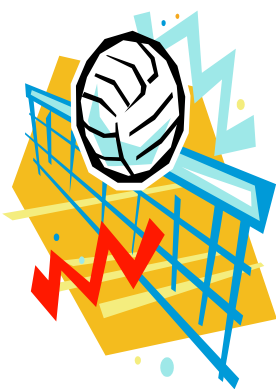


2008 Annual Poinsettia Sale

November 24-December 12

Pick up December 17

Watch for your order form.



CONGRATULATIONS  
NEWCOMB &  
VOLLEYBALL TEAMS  
AND PLEASE

You played as a team and with Christ like  
sportsmanship. Great job on those serves!  
We are proud of our RAYS!

## CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The GSLC Youth Group is currently selling Christmas trees and wreaths as a fundraiser. These are the same trees previously sold by Concordia Lutheran Church. These beautiful Fraser firs are cut in North Carolina and delivered fresh the same week. They are the most beautiful trees you will ever see, and will last throughout the Holiday season, including Epiphany!

The trees must be pre-ordered. Please fill out the order form in the bulletin and place the form with your payment in the designated box by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
<b>Trees:</b>			
	6-7 foot	\$50	_____
	7-8 foot	\$60	_____
	8-9 foot	\$75	_____
	9-10 foot	\$100	_____
<b>Wreaths:</b>			
	14-16"	\$14	_____
	20-22"	\$15	_____
	22-24"	\$17	_____
	26-28"	\$20	_____
<b>Total:</b>			_____

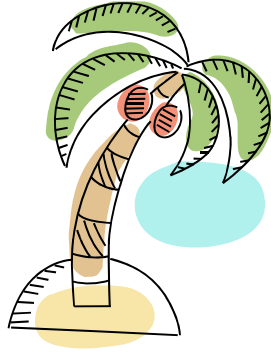


Make checks payable to "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church"

All trees must be picked up December 6<sup>th</sup>, between 8 am and 12 noon. GSLC will not be responsible for unclaimed trees.

**Christmas will be here soon!**  
**SCRIP cards make great gifts. Place**  
**your orders today @**  
**[www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)**

# Save the Date



2009 Spring Gala  
Silent and Live Auction

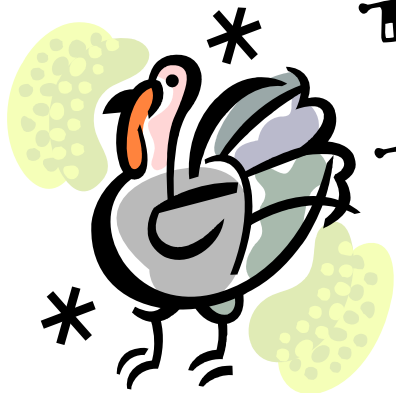
March 20, 2009

6:00-10:00

At the Polo Grill and Bar

Located on Main Street in Lakewood Ranch

Dress: Caribbean Casual



THANKSGIVING FEAST

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

11 AM RIGHT  
AFTER CHAPEL

Join us for delicious food and fun!

RSVP by Monday, November 17

Cost \$2.00 per person

See form for class dish to bring.