



The RAYS Review



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

March 2009

CALENDAR

March

- 1-6 National Lutheran Schools Week-fun, fun, fun
- 6-13 Book Fair
- 8-Daylight Saving Time begins
- 10-Kindergarten Open House
9:00AM & 5:30 PM
- 12-PTO Pizza and Bingo
6:30 PM
- 16-3rd Quarter Ends
- 17-St. Patrick's Day
- 20-Professional Day
- No School/**The Spring Gala 6:00 PM**
- 24-School Board Mtg.
- 27-Dress Down Day
- 30-Testing Week

April

- 5-Palm Sunday
- 6-10 SPRING BREAK
- 10-Good Friday
- 12-EASTER
- 13-Easter Monday-No school
- 21-School Board Meeting
- 22-Earth Day

May

- 1-Dress Down Day
- 8-PS-K Mother's Day Tea
- 10-Mother's Day
- 14-PTO Volunteer Luncheon
- 25-Memorial Day No School
- 29-Graduation

From the Principal

I am still collecting items for the Gala on March 20th. If you own a business or know someone who does, all donations are tax deductible. I hope you are all planning on joining us for our annual Gala. It is a night of fun and laughter. We are working on some great overnight trips!

This week is National Lutheran Schools Week. All over the nation Lutheran Schools are celebrating their commitment to high academic and moral standards. We have many fun events planned for this week and you are all invited to join us. On Friday we will wrap up the week with the Stingray Shuffle. Am I really going to have to kiss a frog????? Well,

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YOU ARE INVITED...



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

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP!
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.

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.

As of 3-3:

Parrots	131	Tigers	147
Hurricanes	89	Panthers	99
Mustangs	120	Gators	162

Keep up the positive work!

Check the back hallway for weekly updates.



Get Your Pictures in the 2009 Yearbook!

Mrs. Branan needs this ASAP!

Dear SLS Parents and Students,

Get your pictures in the yearbook! You are invited to submit photos for the 2008/2009 yearbook. If you've got great photos of school events, field trips or of students just having fun this year, I'd like to see them. Are there any photos out there from the 2008 Middle School Sea Camp trip?? I have some, but I wouldn't mind a few more!

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com>
- If it does not automatically log you in the site, enter username: 1220778 and password: rays2009
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case additional information is needed.
- Click "Save Details"

It's that easy! Submit your photos today. The last day to submit photos ASAP...but earlier is better...my yearbook deadline is March 16th and it is fast approaching.

Thank you in advance. Please call me at 714-0141, if you have any questions.

Heidi Branan

I am still looking for a prince. :) Ha!Ha!
I've been informed that it will be a really
big bullfrog. Yuck! I would really like to
see Mrs. Downing sleep on the roof.
Now that's fun!

We are currently making plans for Camp
Summer Rays. The dates are set, June 8-
August 7, 2009. Mrs. Sinkfield is our
Camp Director this year. She is working
hard and planning some awesome
activities. We're hoping for karate, dance,
and pottery. In the next week or so we
will finalize and publish the plan for the
summer.

This year we are also adding two super
fun weeks for the older campers, ages 7-
14. We will offer two weeks of "Full
Blown Fun". Every day will involve a
field trip like a Tampa Bay Rays game or
a trip to the Florida Aquarium. More
information will follow in the next few
days. Feel free to invite all your friends.
We are looking forward to a super duper
fun week! Don't worry I'm not planning
anything, so there will be NO pioneer
week!

Blessings,
Mrs. Owens



Walk or Run for the Arthritis Foundation

May 7, 2009
Downtown Bradenton
Old Main Street

6:55 PM Run Begins
7:00 PM Walk Begins

Register online at
www.arthritis.org

Yearbook Ads

All proceeds raised will be donated to the Sarasota Lutheran School
Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Branan needs this ASAP.

Choose from four different size ads:

Business card size:	\$15	2" x 3 1/4"
Quarter Page:	\$30	4" x 3 1/4"
Half Page:	\$60	4" x 6 1/2"
Full Page:	\$120	8" x 6 1/2"



Angel Food Ministries

This is not a fundraiser!

Angel Food Ministries (www.angelfoodministries.com) offers families balanced nutrition and variety with enough food to feed a family of four for a week. If you eat, you qualify! This is the menu for the month of March – all for \$30!

1.5 lb. Ribeye Steaks (4 x 6 oz.)

3 lb. Split Chicken Breast

1.5 lb. Country Fried Steak Patties (6 x 4 oz)

1 lb. Package 80/20 Ground Beef

1 lb. Fully Cooked Meatballs

1 lb. Mild Italian Sausage

12 oz. Deli Sliced Ham

1 lb. California Blend

1 lb. Green Beans

20 oz. Shoestring Fries

1 lb. Pasta

28 oz. Marinara Sauce

**21 oz. Condensed Soup
(makes 5 servings)**

1 lb. Pinto Beans

32 oz. 2% Shelf Stable Milk

Dozen Eggs

Dessert



Check out the website to see other “special boxes” that are also available. Please order by March 16 and pick up at Concordia Lutheran Church on March 28. Phone Ellen Gaulke, 400-6463 for more information. More than 500,000 families a month, nationwide, purchase Angel Food boxes. Who doesn't want to save money!?!

We are currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2009-2010 school year. Applications are due March 31, 2009. If you need an application, just stop by the school office and pick one up.

Here's another scholarship opportunity:

The Florida P.R.I.D.E. Website is one of the ways we keep you informed on news such as application availability, legislative issues, and real life stories about families helped by the Scholarship. Our Website also provides you with advice on how to get involved in your child's education and up-to-date information about school choice in Florida.

There are more than 12,000 Florida P.R.I.D.E. K-12 Scholarships available for the 2008/2009 school year! Scholarships are awarded to low-income families for up to \$3,950 (per child, per year for tuition and books) that are honored at more than 900 private schools throughout Florida. The scholarships can be used at private schools or out-of-district public schools (for public transportation up to \$500 per year). Apply today and join more than 21,000 Florida students on the scholarship!

For more information visit the Florida P.R.I.D.E. website at www.floridapride.org.



SAY CHEESE!

IT'S PICTURE TIME AGAIN

MONDAY, MARCH 16-PRE-SCHOOL SPRING PICS
PRE-K GRADUATION PICS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18-CLASS PICS FOR ALL
GRADES

Vision Screening for Kindergarten, 1st grade, 3rd grade, and 6th grade on March 11 from 9-12. Please sign and return your child's permission slip to the office.



**March 30-April 3
SAT Testing Week
Be sure to get a good
night's sleep and eat a
healthy breakfast!**

March Madness
There once was a pig named
Pigpen
His best friend was a hen
He went to bed
And hit his head
And would hate to do it again.
-Clayton, 4th grade



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