

The Phoenix Flash

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Welcome to a brand-new school year at LSUS! It is always a joy to see our halls filled with the excitement and energy of our students returning. A warm welcome to all of our new families—we are blessed to have you join

our school community. We also welcome our new faculty and staff! See our faculty and staff list inside.

At LSUS, everything we do connects to our mission: We proclaim Christ, connect families, and provide academic excellence in a diverse, safe, loving, and caring community. And our motto reminds us of what matters most: **God. School. Family. Community.**

Our theme for the this year is **RISE UP AND ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBLY** which comes from **Micah 6:8**:

"He has shown you, o mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

We are called by God to treat people right and care deeply. At Lutheran South, through God's strength and blessings, we reflect that in all we do.

At LSUS, we teach our students to **RISE UP** in all they do whether in school, at home or elsewhere. **RISE UP** is the "LSUS Way" in which is our guide to Christian character in our daily lives. We focus on **Respect, Integrity, Service, Empathy, Unity, and Perseverance** in how we behave and treat others as we partner with families to help our students grow into the young men and women God intended them to be.

As we begin this school year, please know that we are here to partner with you in your child's education. Our doors are always open, and we are eager to support your family in every way we can. Together, let's look forward to a year of growth, joy, and soaring on the strength that only God provides.

Thank you to all the families who attended the Back to School Night! Don't forget to return your completed acknowledgements for the policy packet you received. If you did not attend, the packet was sent home with your youngest student at Lutheran South. Please return the acknowledgements on or before Friday, August 28.

Mrs. Amber Bahr, Principal



Upcoming Events

Every Tuesday

Early Dismissal at 2:10

September 7

Labor Day: **NO SCHOOL**

September 9

School Picture Day

September 11

Mid Quarter Grades

September 28

NO SCHOOL

We Prayed For You

- Vinae
- Anthony C
- Jariah
- Santino
- Summer
- Benicio
- Marlon
- Abrielle
- Elijah
- Mrs. Bahr

If you have a prayer request please let us know so LSUS can pray for you.

LSUS Faculty and Staff:

Principal Amber Bahr

Kdg Hannah Fink^

Teacher Aide Sylvia Benavides

1st John Fink^

2nd LaQuetta Washington^

Teacher Aide Preosha Graham-Coats

3rd Abbey Kohler^

4th Elizabeth Klopskin*

5th Danielle Ramsey

6th HR/MS Brett Evans*

7th HR/MS Chase Mertz^

8th HR/MS ELA Yvonne Schwantz

Teacher Aide Angela Johnson^

Art/Music Natalie Reynolds

Physical Ed. Lee Buxton

LSEM Arianna Blake

FWCS Title I Tutor Mary Shutt

EACS Title I Tutor Sarah Wheaton

K-3 Curriculum Coach Cathie Wakeland

Financial Administrator Betsy Lytle

Office Administrator Allison Cheng

Admissions Erica & Courtney Pearson

School Librarian Diane Lammert

Extended Care Staff Angela Johnson, Ja'Queisha Raines,
& Courtney Pearson

Kitchen Manager Kaley Shirely*

Kitchen Assistant Shanigua Swann

Kitchen Assistant Ja'Queisha Raines

Maintenance/Custodian Josh Sowders^

Athletic Director Chase Mertz & John Fink

School Nurse Beverly Jordan

*New to Lutheran South this year

^New position at Lutheran South this year

Attendance and Tardy Policy

Attendance and tardiness are recorded daily and are a part of your child's permanent school record.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all days in which school is in session. Illness and emergency are primary exceptions.

Absences will not be excused unless the office is notified. When a student is absent from school, a parent **MUST** inform (call, Dojo, or FastDirect Ms. Cheng) the office by 8:30 AM each day of the absence. If

the office does not receive a call, a parent will be contacted. This policy is for the protection of the Lutheran South Unity students and is aligned with the state statutes of the State of Indiana.

Absences without a medical note from a doctor will be considered Unexcused. If your student is absent due to illness more than 1 day in a row a doctor's note is required. See handbook online for more attendance policy details such as Excused/Unexcused Absence Guidelines. The handbook is posted on our website. **SEE NEW POLICY**

Students arriving after 10 AM or leaving prior to 2 PM will be considered a half-day absence. Students leaving school for appointments who are gone longer than 1 ½ hours will be considered as a half-day absence. Students leaving school for medical appointments must bring a note back from the physician's office to ensure that the absence is documented as "excused". The absence will be "unexcused" without a note from the physician's office. If you are picking your student up early please do before 2:40pm (1:40pm on early dismissal days).

Tardy: Students are to be seated in the classroom by 7:50 a.m., otherwise, they are tardy. Carline will end at 7:49 according to the school clocks. Carline personnel will walk into the school building. At that time the school doors will be shut and locked. Parents will no longer be able to drop off their child in the drop-off drive line. Parents **MUST** park in the parking lot and walk their child into to the school office to check them in and receive a student tardy notification. (See handbook for more tardy policy details. The handbook is posted on our website.)



Ways to Stay Connected with LSUS



Web site **www.lsusfw.org**

What you will want from it:

- **Weather delay updates**
- **Calendar**
- **Parent Student Handbook**
- **Parent Notes**
- **...and MORE!**



FastDirect Update

FastDirect is transitioning away, and we will soon be moving to a new system. Please be on the lookout for more information as we get closer to rolling out the new system.

Until the switch is complete, please see the school office with any questions or if you need to make a payment. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make this transition!



Class DOJO

What is it:

This is an app for smart phones that enables you to get and send quick messages from your teacher or the administration of the school. And sometimes see pictures of your students!



Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/LSUSPhoenix>



@lutheransouthunity



• If you have not come into the office to sign your Family Agreement forms and/or Choice Scholarship forms please come inside and complete as soon as possible.

• Parents should say their goodbyes at the front door from now on at drop-off. Check into the office if you need to come inside the building.

- If you are picking your student up early please do before 2:40pm (1:40pm on early dismissal days.)
- If your middle school student is a walker (home, library, or agreed upon location) alone after school they must have a Walker Permission Form signed and turned into the office before being allowed to leave the building. Once they leave the property, they may not return unless it is an emergency.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL I SPY



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

"He has shown you, o mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."
—Micah 6:8



Don't forget to show the newsletter to your parents!

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Our Churches' Service Times

Bethlehem Lutheran Church: Sat. @ 4pm & Sun. @ 9am

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church: Sun. @ 10am

Peace Lutheran Church: Wed. @ 6:30pm & Sun. @ 9am

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church: Wed. @ 5:30pm &

Sun @ 9am