

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 SOAR** which comes from **Isaiah 40:28–31**:

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

When we trust in the Lord, He renews our strength—like eagles soaring high in the sky.

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 **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **S**ervice, **E**mpathy, **U**nity, and **P**erseverance 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.

Mrs. Amber Bahr, Principal



Upcoming Events

Every Tuesday

Early Dismissal at 2:00

September 1

Labor Day: **NO**

SCHOOL

September 10

School Picture Day

September 12

Mid Quarter Grades

September 19

NO SCHOOL

We Prayed For You

- Riley
- Brayden
- Raidyn
- May
- Benicio
- Key'Vontay
- 6th Grade
- Marion
- Kendall
- Mrs. Bahr's father

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

LSUS Faculty and Staff:

Principal Amber Bahr
Kdg Michelle Madden
Teacher Aide Preosha Graham-Coats*
1st Hannah Fink
Teacher Aide Sylvia Benavides
2nd John Fink
3rd Rachel Wiegman
4th Abbey Kohler
5th Danielle Ramsey
Teacher Aide LaQuetta Washington
6th/MS Soc St Chase Mertz
7th/MS Sci Michael Cullen
8th Gr/MS ELA Yvonne Schwantz
MS Teacher Aide Brian Bolton
Art Natalie Reynolds
Music Elisa Sawall
K-3 Curriculum Coach Cathie Wakeland

Hall Monitor Josh Sowders
FWCS Title I Tutor Mary Shutt*
EACS Title I Tutor Sarah Wheaton*
Financial Administrator Betsy Lytle
Office Administrator Allison Cheng
Admissions Erica & Courtney Pearson*
School Librarian Diane Lammert
Extended Care Staff Angela Johnson*, Ja'Queisha Raines*,
Shay Ratcliff*, Courtney & Erica Pearson,
Kitchen Manager Stacey Antoine
Kitchen Assistant Lafayette Jordan
Kitchen Assistant Shaniqua Swann
Physical Ed. Lee Buxton*
Custodian Shay Ratcliff* & Shantell Harper*
Maintenance Jovan Antoine
LSEM Arianna Case*

*New to LSUS 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.

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 2:30pm (1:30pm on early dismissal days).

Tardy: Students are to be seated in the classroom by 8:00 a.m., otherwise, they are tardy. Carline will end at 7:59 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!



Fast Direct <https://ssl.fastdir.com/LSUS/>

What you will want from it:

- Lunch Menu
- Grades
- Billing
- Communication with any school personnel

You will have to log in with your user name and password. If you do not have access please call the office and we'd be happy to help!



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



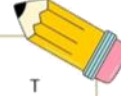
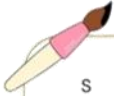
• If you have not come into the office to sign your Family Agreement forms and/or Choice Scholarship forms please come inside and complete as soon as possible.

- 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 2:30pm (1:30pm 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 WORD SEARCH



Find the words hidden in the wordsearch below!



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| • Backpack | • Friends | • Math | • Ruler |
| • Books | • History | • Music | • Science |
| • Calculator | • Homework | • Notebook | • Sports |
| • Classroom | • Learn | • Pencil | • Teacher |

Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

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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