



## *"All Are Welcome"*

September 20, 2022

Dear St. Lawrence School Families,

Our new school year is in full force as we continue another exciting week here at St. Lawrence! It was so much fun welcoming our new preschool students into the school building last week as they began their first days of school. Our Walkathon Kick-Off Assembly yesterday was such an enjoyable way to energize our students and staff as we prepare for our big fundraiser! Jen DiVasto from our Walkathon Planning Committee got everyone excited about the event as she showed off the many prizes that students can earn through their fundraising. It was also especially thrilling to hear about the fun activities that will be filling our campus on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> as we again host the Walkathon at St. Lawrence! Below is a link to our Walkathon Kick-Off Newsletter. A Walkathon Kick-Off Packet will be sent home with students today.

**Walkathon Kick-Off Newsletter:** <https://conta.cc/3QUL9o6>

I would like to thank all of the families who completed our School Lunch Program Survey. Through this survey, it has become clear that a majority of our parents would like us to switch from Wegmans to Bill Grays. Our first Lunch Session Sign-Up Form will be sent home today. If you have any questions, please contact our school office.

Our Concert Band has returned to St. Lawrence School for the 2022-2023 school year for our students in grades 3-5. The Concert Band is run by Paul Effman Music and there is a separate fee for band lessons and instrument rental or purchase. The band instructors come to St. Lawrence School once a week and hold lessons with the band students during the school day. Please know that a rotating schedule will be set up so that each student does not get pulled for band lessons during the same time every week. Our students in grades 3-5 enjoyed a special presentation last week in which they were given an opportunity to learn more about the band and see and hear some of the instruments they are able to learn. A band registration form is being sent home today in all 3-5 students' take-home envelopes. We are asking that all payments be submitted online or directly to Paul Effman Music. Please do not send any payments to St. Lawrence School. Feel free to contact Paul Effman Music using the contact information on this form if you have any questions.

I am excited to share with you that St. Lawrence School is a finalist in 2 categories of The Democrat & Chronicle's 2022 Official Community Choice Awards! Votes can be placed between September 16th & September 30th. To vote, simply click the link below, scroll to the KIDS & EDUCATION category, scroll down to both the PRESCHOOL and PRIVATE SCHOOL categories, select ST. LAWRENCE for each category, and vote. You must register to vote, and every email can cast one vote.

**Link to Community Choice Awards Voting:**

<https://democratandchronicle.secondstreetapp.com/2022-Rochester-Choice-Awards/gallery?group=434900>

This year, we will again be taking our students in grades K-5 over to Mass once a month. This will begin next month with our K-2 students attending the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Lawrence

Church on October 4<sup>th</sup> and our 3-5 students attending the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Lawrence Church on October 5<sup>th</sup>. During morning program, our K-5 students have been practicing the Mass responses in preparation for these liturgies. We look forward to attending Mass each month with our K-5 students!

As a reminder, we have updated St. Lawrence School's Handbook for the 2022-2023 school year. If you did not receive an electronic copy of the school handbook that was emailed out last month, you can access the handbook on our school website by choosing School Handbook in the For The Parents drop down menu. Please make sure to review the Code of Conduct section, as there are some key updates from last year's handbook. Today, a form is being sent home for you to fill out acknowledging that you have read and understand our school handbook. If you have any questions about anything in the handbook, please feel free to contact me.

**Link to School Handbook 2022-2023:**

<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/10755/documents/2022/8/School%20Handbook%202022-2023-1.pdf>

St. Lawrence School will again be using the I-Ready program to evaluate the reading and math levels of every child in grades K-5 in the school building. I-Ready testing begins this month and will continue until the beginning of October. These online assessments help our teachers review student progress in ELA and math. Each of these tests takes approximately two class periods to complete. There is one ELA test and one math test. These tests are not in any way factored into your child's report card grade. Academic Intervention Services (AIS) teachers also use this information to determine which students will be receiving extra support in math and ELA this year. A letter will be sent out in October to all parents of students who are eligible for these services. If you have any questions about the I-Ready assessments, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

As we begin the new school year, I would like to remind all families that the process of preparing for and receiving sacraments should be done at each child's parish. If your child is in second grade, please make sure to contact your parish to begin Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your church pastor for more information.

Parent involvement is an essential part of who we are as a school. We appreciate everyone filling out the Volunteer Commitment Form, which was in the registration packet for this school year. Our Parent Involvement Committee chair is Jen DiVasto. She will be contacting parents through our PIC email ([stlawrencepic@gmail.com](mailto:stlawrencepic@gmail.com)) if you signed up for events such as the Walkathon, Baking Committee, Book Fair, etc. If you have any questions or are looking for a way to get involved, please feel free to reach out at any time. Below is a link to our first Parent Involvement Committee Newsletter. Thank you to Jen DiVasto and our Parent Involvement Committee members for putting together this newsletter and for all that you do for our school!

**Link to Parent Involvement Committee Newsletter 9-9-22:** <https://conta.cc/3Qq6kOw>

Our K-5 Parent Information Night is scheduled for this Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM. This night is for parents and guardians, not students. During this evening, our K-5 parents and guardians will be given an opportunity to visit classrooms and hear from our teachers about subjects, programs, and curriculum this year. We will begin the evening in the gymnasium. I look forward to seeing all of our K-5 parents and guardians at this special event!

Our Welcome Mass will be this Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at St. Lawrence Church. The Mass will be followed by a Pizza and Ice Cream Social in Deacon Hall. We are asking all families to RSVP for this event using the link below.

**Link to RSVP for Pizza and Ice Cream Social 9-24-22:** [RSVP Link](#)

During the school year, we will again be honoring our birthday students each month with a special lunch celebration. This year, I will be visiting the birthday students during one lunch period each month and providing each birthday student with an ice cream treat. If you do not want your child to receive ice cream during his or her birthday celebration, please let me know. Our September Birthday Lunch Celebration will be this Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. I look forward to celebrating with our September birthday students this Thursday!

I hope you are all having a pleasant and peaceful start to your week. As always, thank you for all that you do for our students!

God bless,

Frank Arvizzigno  
Principal

### Please Note:

Tech Program Parent Info Virtual Session: 6:30 PM	9/20
<b>September Birthday Celebration</b>	<b>9/22</b>
<b>Parent Information Night, 6:30 PM</b>	<b>9/22</b>
Welcome Mass and Pizza & Ice Cream Social: 4 PM	9/24
<b>Lunch Session 1 Begins</b>	<b>10/3</b>
Mass (Grades K-2) at 8:30 AM	10/4
Mass (Grades 3-5) at 8:30 AM	10/5
<b>Fall Conference Day – No School</b>	<b>10/7</b>
<b>Columbus Day – No School</b>	<b>10/10</b>
School Picture Day	10/12-10/13
October Birthday Celebration	10/13
<b>Teacher In-Service Day – No School</b>	<b>10/28</b>
Walkathon 2022: 10 AM-1 PM	10/29

### Today's K-5 Envelope includes:

Walkathon 2022 Kick-Off Packet  
Lunch Session One Sign-Up Form  
School Handbook Acknowledgement Form  
Concert Band Registration Form (Grades 3-5)  
2022 Math & ELA State Test Score Reports (Grades 4-5)

### Office Reminders:

Changes in dismissal routine are needed before 1:00 PM. To guarantee that we get changes in time for dismissal, you should e-mail the teacher **AND** our office manager, Renee Hawkes, at [renee.hawkes@dor.org](mailto:renee.hawkes@dor.org).

K-5 Families, please send your weekly Tuesday envelope back to school by Thursday each week. If you are sending payments or any correspondence to the office, please include them in this envelope.



# WALKATHON KICKOFF



## Health Office Updates

A reminder that medication should be brought in and handed to the nurse by a guardian. DO NOT send in with your child (safety reasons). All medications need to have a current signed and dated doctor's order **(it cannot carry over from last year)**. If you wish for your child to have things such as cough drops, antibiotic ointment for scrapes and cuts, Tylenol and Motrin, please obtain a doctor's order and we will need parental consent. If your child has an accident and gets sent home with clothes from our office, please wash and return them to us.

We are still monitoring children for COVID-19 symptoms. Please note they do NOT have to have a fever in order to be sent home with COVID-like symptoms. If your child is sick at home, you may do a home test and submit to us. If your child has any medical conditions (even things such as seasonal allergies or constipation), please have your child's doctor send us a note stating such and when they would want them evaluated so that we do not unnecessarily need to send your child home.

We are starting to review physicals and immunizations. Physicals must be dated September 1, 2021, or after to count for this school year. If you haven't done so, please send in your child's most **current physical** and **immunization** records by **September 30th**. **NYS mandates that children be up to date with vaccines within 14 days of their first day of school or they may be excluded from school.** We will be in touch with you if we need anything additional.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us. **Please be sure to email both nurses regarding anything health related because the nurses job share.** We are looking forward to another great year and we are excited to be here!

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