

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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ALUMNI MASS THIS FRIDAY!! "ONCE A SAINT, ALWAYS A SAINT"

Join your alma mater for an end of the year Mass this Friday, May 25th, at 8:15 a.m. Be there to send off the 8th graders, receive a blessing, and to attend a small reception in your honor! Parents are most welcome, too. It's a great chance to reconnect with SLCS friends and teachers, tour the school to see how it has changed since you walked the halls, and (who knows?) you may even record a segment in the Saints TV Studio!



LAST CHANCE TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

Your yearbook which holds precious memories that will never be forgotten. Order your 2018 yearbook today! Order now before it is too late. Deadline is **FRIDAY, JUNE 1st!!**

No extra copies will be ordered! Yearbooks will be delivered in late August. Go to Balfour.com and type St. Laurence, and purchase using a credit or debit card.

IMPORTANT DATES

5/21-5/23	8th Grade Trip to Camp Cho-Yeh
5/24	Free Dress for those who met the Reflex Math Challenge goal First Friends Ice Cream Social in Parish Hall 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
5/25	All School Mass Led by 4B Alumni Mass Kindergarten Celebration - 10:00 a.m. - Gym 8th Grade Graduation Communications Coordinator for the Day
5/28	Memorial Day - No School
5/29	AR Free Dress Day Early Dismissal for 5th, 6th, 7th Grade Good Behavior Award Winners ONLY - 12:30 p.m.
5/30	Jean/Spirit Day Talent Show at 1:30 p.m. -Gym Teachers for the Day

5/31

All School Mass Led by Faculty
End of the 4th Quarter
Last Day of School
Early Dismissal 1:45/2:00 p.m.

ONE PAGE CALENDAR 2018-2019 - Dates subject to change

EARLY DISMISSAL PLANNER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents,

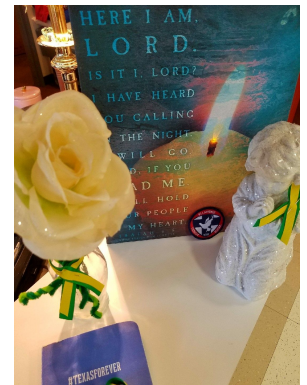
Our hearts are saddened by the horrible tragedies that are unfolding in our schools around the country. Prayers go out to everyone affected in Santa Fe. This is so close to home and I know there is fear and constant anxiety for many of us regarding what to do to stop this violence. I won't pretend to know the answer and can only speculate that there is something inherently evil going on in our world. Father Drew said it beautifully this weekend when he talked about a lack of faith and God in the world. This leads to a lack of hope. Luckily, as a Catholic school we can pray and not apologize for choosing to do so. We know it is powerful and along with reaching out to serve those in need, can make a difference.

I've mentioned many times how seriously we take safety here on our campus and have practice drills in place that we perform regularly. We are constantly reviewing these procedures as information is updated. If your child is worried or wants to talk about things they are hearing from friends or on the news, we have included a page in the Counselors' Corner on how to discuss violence and tragedy with children of multiple ages. The Counselors have also included a lot of good information there as well on mental health, which is a big factor in these events. With that said, if you are ever concerned about your child's emotional well-being, don't hesitate to reach out. We have teachers, counselors and so many other staff members that would be more than willing to help. It is essential that your child have someone they trust that they can talk to.

Most of all, hug your children and love them every day. Bless them when you leave and pray that God will protect them from harm. St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us.

God bless,

Suzanne Barto



WE HEARD YOU AND THE SURVEY SAYS...

Please read the 2017-2018 Survey Results [HERE!](#)

Thank you very much for your input.

St. Laurence Catholic School Board



COUNSELORS' CORNER

Mrs. Markum and I want to wish you a safe and happy summer. We also wanted to share some helpful information. We must continue to work as a trinity to keep our children safe. As summer vacation approaches, please be aware of your child's social media time as well as what they are viewing online and on television. Also with the recent school shooting in the Houston area as well as other acts of violence, you can find information on talking to your children about violence. Read more in our [Counselors' Corner HERE!](#)

TECHNOLOGY: HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH? *Did you miss the presentation?*

Dr. Crystal Collier's spoke on Technology Use: How Much is Too Much on April 25th. It was an excellent presentation, and the parents that attended found it very informative. We did record this presentation but because of privacy issues, we cannot share it on our website. We do plan to show it in the fall. However, if you missed it and want to see it sooner, we will show it at 12:15 on Tuesday, May 29th before the Talent Show. To determine where we will view the video, please RSVP to Mrs. Schurman at Ischurman@stlaurence.org by Monday afternoon, May 28th.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW SLCS STAFF?



Congratulations to all our students who are doing their First Communion!

Do you know who is this amazing staff member receiving communion for the first time?

*Submit your answers [HERE!](#)
Winners will be announced next Wednesday!*



NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO LYNLEY PACE!

The Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) recently honored academically talented 7th graders for exceptional scores on the ACT or SAT at the Grand Recognition Ceremony, held at Duke University.

Congratulations to Lynley for being invited to the recognition! Lynley's ACT scores qualified in all four categories (Reading, English, Science, Math) for the State Ceremony. In addition, her Reading and Science scores qualified her to attend the Grand Ceremony at Duke University. Her scores in these two categories were above 95% of high school seniors taking the same test. Out of 60,581 students in Duke TIP, she joined the 2,600 or 4% invited to the Grand Ceremony from across the country. We are proud of Lynley for achieving this national level of recognition!

ST. LAURENCE STUDENT COUNCIL



The St. Laurence Student Council represents the student body. Representatives are elected in the beginning of the school year from the 4th-8th grade classes. Officers are elected in the spring of this year to serve for next year. The election took place on May 4th for the new officers for the 2018-2019 school year. Student Council members help with school events and perform service hours to support the community. The Student Council takes ideas from the

student body and creates proposals to take to the principals. If a student has an idea for something new the student council representatives can try to make that idea a reality. Some examples of student council proposals, that you may not realize because they are now traditions, are Wednesday jeans day, different color socks, mix it up day in the cafeteria and the Volleyball Challenge. If you have great ideas you may want to consider running to be a Student Council representative.

The Student Council had their End of Year Celebration last week to thank the students who served for all their hard work. Congratulations to the officers elected for the 2018-2019 school year.

President:	Lynley Pace
1st Vice President	Benjamin Lara
2nd Vice President	Ayden Girgis
Treasurer	Jace Clay
Secretary	Morgan Leaman
Publicity Chairperson	Avery Leaman

STUCO IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR NEXT YEAR!

LEO CLUB REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

SLCS Leo Club is accepting registration for the 2018 – 2019 school year. All current 6th and 7th graders are eligible to belong to the Leo Club. All current members must register for the 2018-2019 school year if they wish to remain in the club. Please see the Leo Club letter [HERE](#) and the registration form [HERE](#) for more details about the purpose of the Leo Club. All forms and registration fees are due by May 25, 2018. Thank you so much and we hope to see you next year! - Ms. Bonno, Mr. Bond, Ms. Buckle, Miss Vallot, and Mrs. Washburn

NEW UNIFORM INFORMATION - NOT AVAILABLE TO ORDER UNTIL JUNE 1ST

Here is some important information about our new uniform company regarding ordering, store location and what stays and way goes! I think you will be very happy with the pricing compared to Parker.

“Grandfathered” in for next year only, any Parker:

- ☐ navy bottoms (skirts, skorts, pants & shorts)
- ☐ polo shirts (red & white)
- ☐ Outerwear, including red cardigans and blue fleece
- ☐ plaid items & white shirt with red-piping for girls (with red-tie)
- ☐ white button down untucked middle school blouse for 8th grade girls **ONLY**
- ☐ pin-striped button down middle school boys shirt for 8th grade **ONLY**
- ☐ What goes away and will not be allowed is:
- ☐ girls’ sailor shirt
- ☐ boys’ red & blue rugby shirt
- ☐ all blue acrylic sweaters (middle school) and blue sweatshirts
- ☐ All middle schoolers will need the following for Official Uniform Days
- ☐ red acrylic vest (boys and girls)
- ☐ red/blue striped tie for boys in 5th-8th grade only
- ☐ blue oxford button-down polo shirt with logo (all middle school-boys and girls)
- ☐ Additions for next year: (non-official uniform)
- ☐ navy polo dress for PreK-4th
- ☐ red dri-fit shirt for PreK-8th grade

Click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) for links flyers introducing Risse and providing information to order on their website. The physical store location is not in Sugar Land so the company will have a ‘pop-up” sale in our Dining Hall with all the stock available on July 24th (noon-7:00 p.m.) and July 25th (8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) Mark your calendars if you do not want to drive or order online!

NEW LUNCH MENU OPTIONS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL - WE HEARD YOU, STUDENTS!

In the spirit of the trinity of parent, child and educator, we will be trying out some new menu options beginning next week, courtesy of a couple of our student council members. They did extensive research and spoke to their fellow students in order to come up with a few ideas to spruce up the food choices slightly. Rather than the normal breakfast items for Wednesdays, we will be serving the following items instead (middle school ONLY) in order to see if these could be added permanently next year.

- Wednesday, May 16th - Grilled cheese sandwich, chips, oranges and bacon

- Wednesday, May 23rd - Cup of tomato soup, BLT sandwich, and fruit
- Wednesday, May 30th - Cup of chicken soup, ham sandwich, chips and fruit

The request has also been made to provide less sugar and healthier options as well, so we will NOT be serving ice cream on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting next week unless it is the dessert option for those buying a complete meal. Please inform your child if they normally buy ice cream! (all grades)

MEDICATIONS IN THE CLINIC

Please stop by to pick up your children's medications in the clinic or on the ECC Campus beginning Tuesday, May 29th. And for those student's with Life-Threatening Allergies we will send all EpiPen's/Benadryl/Inhalers home in your child's backpack on the last day of school.

ST. LAURENCE PARISH CUB SCOUT PACK 1828

Cub Scout Pack 1828 welcomes you and your family! Click [HERE](#) to join the summer activities. If you have questions, please contact David Mikel [HERE](#)!

SUMMER READING LIST!

Our Summer Reading List is posted on our website [HERE](#)! Happy Reading!



TEACHER APPRECIATION

PTO would like to thank the Teacher Appreciation Committee and all the many wonderful volunteers that baked and purchased desserts and beverages to help make a great dessert spread for our teachers.

Many have asked what else we do for our teachers. The Teacher Appreciation Committee has been hard at work all year to show appreciation for our hardworking teachers and staff. They provide a quarterly birthday lunch for teachers who have a birthday during that particular quarter. The Committee provided dinner to our teachers and staff during PIN Nights since they often don't have the opportunity to go home. During Christmas they joined the announcements and for 3 days drew a total of 15 names to give gift cards to each winner. If a homeroom teacher's name was drawn then their class also received a tray of Christmas cookies. During Catholic Schools week the teachers/staff get another sweet treat and a gift. The last 2 years, PTO was able to give a 1/2 day paid vacation. That finally brings us to the month of May. The Teacher Appreciation Committee picks a different event for the teachers/staff each week. This year they provided a fajita luncheon, breakfast, appetizers and finally the dessert day that was held this week.

Again a big thank you to the Teacher Appreciation Committee, Brooke Hudson, Cara Millas, Chrissy Miller, Becca Phillips, Melissa Socha and Reinette Zezatti for all your hard work this year!!

PTO Needs your Help:

The following coordinator and co-coordinator positions open for next year:

- ☐ 8th Grade Picture Montage (to be filled by a current 7th Grade Parent, we need 1 more)
- ☐ Balloons- ECC
- ☐ Bazaar - Snow Cone Booth
- ☐ Bulletin Board
- ☐ Cafeteria-Main Campus
- ☐ Carpool PM-ECC
- ☐ Workroom- ECC & Main
- ☐ Family Movie Night (we need 1 more)
- ☐ Field Day-ECC
- ☐ First Friends
- ☐ Grandparents' Day (we need 1 more)
- ☐ Hoops & Dogs

As you can see it takes a village to run all the programs supported by PTO. Please prayerfully consider joining our efforts. Contact Jennifer Reyes if you are interested or with any questions at eandjreyes@yahoo.com

A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO-END OF YEAR GIFT FOR STAFF

What a year it has been! In appreciation for a great year, we are organizing an end of the year gift for our faculty and staff. Participation in this gift is strictly voluntary, as is the amount you wish to give.

This is a very easy and appreciated way to say thank you to everyone at St. Laurence who has taught or helped enrich your child's education. The money collected will be split between all the teachers and staff. Let's give back the love and support they give to our children every day. We will be collecting donations until Friday, May 25, 2018.

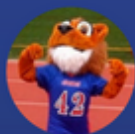
If you would like to participate in the group gift, please send your donation in a sealed envelope addressed: End of Year Gift to the front office. You may send either cash or a check. Please make checks payable to St. Laurence Catholic School. We would like to thank you for your support and help. Have a wonderful summer!!

CAMPUS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP 2018-2019

The St. Laurence Catholic School PTO is very excited to roll out the volunteer sign-up (VIPS) process for the 2018-2019 school year! Get involved! Make a difference! All the activities are completely run by volunteers and that's why we strongly encourage 100% family participation. Please review and select any programs that you would be willing to help make a success. The school and children are depending on your support. Find the sign up [HERE!!](#)

EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

- Click [HERE](#) for easy ways to support our school!



SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS IS NOW OPEN!

SLCS will offer basketball, volleyball, football, soccer, baseball/softball, and SAC(conditioning) camps. See the flyer [HERE](#). Registration is **NOW OPEN!** You can register on the athletic website [HERE!](#)



SLCS Alumni

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Once A Saint, Always a Saint

SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Stay connected and share your news and pictures! We always love to hear from you! Please send them to Adriana Gutierrez [HERE](#).



PARISH NEWS

READ OUR CHURCH BULLETIN [HERE!](#)

MARY, OUR UNIVERSAL MOTHER

Pope Francis has declared the Monday after Pentecost a new feast day, Mary, Mother of the Church. In this same global spirit, come to Mary, Universal Mother, which begins at the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the church on Saturday, May 26. Afterwards, head to the parish hall for a display of Blessed Mother images, a Living Rosary in five languages and refreshments. Contact Marjorie Triviño for more info or to participate in the procession.

WANT TO CONTINUE LEARNING ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH OTHER ADULTS?

Click [HERE](#) for the upcoming speakers in Adult Faith Formation. There is truly something for everyone!



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

- SUMMER MATH+ PROGRAM AT STRAKE JESUIT - STARTS JUNE 7TH - Click [HERE](#) for more information!
- EXPANDED COED ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS AT ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL - Click [HERE!](#)
- SMARTS STUDY SKILLS ENRICHMENT COURSE AT ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL - Read more [HERE!](#)

MISSION STATEMENT

*As a pastoral instrument of the Church,
St. Laurence Catholic School educates and develops the
whole Christian person in body, mind, and spirit through the
trinity of parent, child, and educator.*

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