

# ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

APRIL 17h, 2019

**ATTENTION ALL SLCS ALUMNI!**

Join your alma mater for an end of the year **Mass on Friday, May 24th**, at 8:15 a.m. Be there to send off the 8th graders, receive a blessing, and 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 our TV Studio!

## IMPORTANT DATES

4/17	Jean/Spirit Day Main Campus Oratoricals
4/18	<b>EARLY DISMISSAL - 12:00/12:15 PM</b> <b>SPRING CONFERENCE DAY BEGINNING AT 1:00PM</b> Holy Thursday Living Stations of the Cross by 7th grade - 8:30am in Church Current 5th Grade Parents - Mandatory 1:1 Computer Meeting in the Dining Hall
4/19	<b>Good Friday - NO SCHOOL</b> Last Day to order your 2018-2019 yearbook! Order online at <a href="http://www.balfour.com">www.balfour.com</a> !
4/20	Holy Saturday
4/21	Easter Sunday-Alleluia!
4/22-4/26	<b>WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD EVENTS FOR ECC</b>
4/22	Easter Monday DON'T forget! <b>WE HAVE SCHOOL! FREE DRESS AND NO HOMEWORK!</b> <b>Music Monday: Oasis for Children - 9:15 a.m. - Parish Hall</b>

4/23	<b>Tasty Tuesday: ECC Book Character Parade</b>
4/24	Jean/Spirit Day- <b>Wear green shirts for Earth Week with your jeans</b> Spirit Store Sales - All lunches <b>Work Together Wednesday: ECC Carnival</b>
4/25	STUCO Meeting - 7:15 a.m. PTO Prayer Group - 8:15 - Ave Maria Library Book Fair - 8:00am-3:00pm - Library <b>Artsy Thursday: ECC Oratoricals/Fine Arts Showcase</b>
4/26	Library Book Fair - 9:30am-2:30pm - Library First Friends/ New Parent Coffee - 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall All School Mass Led by 5C <b>Awesome Friday: ECC Special Blessing during Mass</b>
4/27	<b>AUCTION GALA!! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!</b>
4/29-5/3	STAR Testing
4/30	Leos Officer Meeting - 7:15 a.m. School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. UST Essay Awards Mass at the Co-Cathedral

**[CHECK OUT THE ATHLETICS CALENDAR ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE HERE!](#)**



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Saints Families,

I would like to wish everyone a very blessed Holy Week. I truly hope that you will have a chance to attend some, if not all of the beautiful services that are being offered at St. Laurence or any other parish beginning Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. The upcoming Triduum, as they are called, is such an important part of understanding our faith. We are so blessed to have a Savior that died for us and continues to bear our crosses, whether we deserve it or not!

Pope Francis, in his Easter address last year said that, "death, solitude and fear are not the last word. There is a word that transcends them, a word that only God can speak: it is the word of the resurrection." And by the power of God's love, it dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord and brings down the mighty." Recently, I found this simple phrase on a Hallmark card that I felt said it so well. **"His destiny was the cross...His purpose was love....His reason was us."** Please keep all of our school families and St. Laurence community in your prayers over the weekend, especially those who are suffering for any reason during this holy time.

God bless,

*Suzanne Barbo*

**[HERE](#)** is a link to more of the Pope's Easter address in 2018 if you are interested:



## NEWS

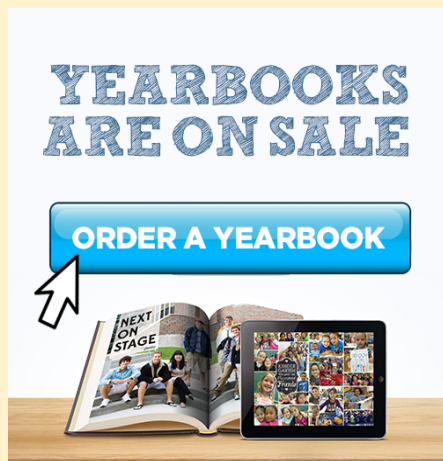
### ATTENTION STUDENTS IN 2ND THROUGH 8TH GRADE

If you are interested in auditioning for this year's Talent Show on May 29th, you must fill out an audition form **[HERE](#)** signed by your parents along with a DVD, YouTube link, or flash drive with your talent entry lasting no more than 3 minutes. ALL submissions are due by Friday, May 3rd - No entries after this date will be accepted. A panel of talent judges from outside the school will choose the top acts to be announced on Wednesday, May 15th at the end of the day. We especially hope to see lots of unique acts like comedy and

group acts audition this year. 8th Grade graduates, please come back for one more performance with us. St. Laurence students are so talented – come share yours!

### NEW FACTS TUITION PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR 2019-2020

We are working on upgrading our tuition payment system next year. This new plan will streamline the process and allow families to view an itemized report of all their purchases and tuition payments over the year. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!



### YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

Order your 2018-2019 yearbook today!

Please order by **THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH**

Yearbooks will be delivered in late August.  
Go to [BALFOUR.COM](http://BALFOUR.COM) and type St. Laurence.  
Purchase using a credit or debit card.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ORATORICALS WINNERS!



#### 1ST/2ND GRADE

1st - Trevor Le  
2nd- Tyler Garcia-Prats  
3rd- Rio Lasa



#### 3RD/4TH GRADE

1st - Jordan Evangelista  
2nd - David Mikel  
3rd- Emilia Haddad



#### 5TH/6TH GRADE

1st - Bryce LaRue  
2nd- Elisa Feng  
3rd- Gabbi Arenas



#### 7TH/8TH GRADE

Cristopher Stewart  
2nd- Lynley Pace  
3rd- Chase Molineaux



### THANK YOU TO OUR JUDGES:

Angela Rankin  
Marianne Licato  
Lara Tomin

**WE APPRECIATE YOU!**

### ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS: 1:1 COMPUTER MEETINGS

As many of you know, we will be rolling out a 1:1 Chromebook program beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. Each incoming 6th grader will receive a school-owned Chromebook that they will use throughout their time at St. Laurence. Many schools in the Archdiocese have adopted 1:1 programs with great success.



To kick off this new program, we are holding several parent information meetings prior to the start of school next year. We ask that current 5th grade parents attend one of the meetings. The meetings will give parents the opportunity to learn more details of the program, student and parent responsibilities, and to ask questions. Please look below at the meeting dates and plan on attending one. All meetings will be held in the school Dining Hall.

- Thursday, April 18 - 11:00 -11:45am
- Tuesday, May 21 - 5:45 - 6:30pm
- Thursday, August 1 - 9:00 - 9:45am

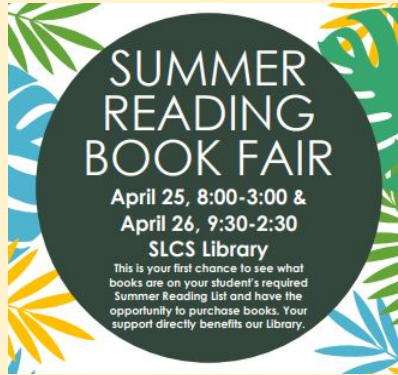
### BE PART OF OUR PTO AND BOOSTER CLUBS IN 2019-2020

Get more involved this new school year. Contact our PTO and Booster Club presidents to get more information:

PTO Presidents: Jennifer Reyes [HERE](#)  
Mary Phillippi [HERE](#)  
Booster Club: Jessica Barry [HERE](#)

### SPRING CONFERENCES - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Spring Conferences for Middle School will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Faculty members who have an academic or behavioral concern about a student may request to have a conference with the parents of the student; otherwise, parents/students do not need to meet with teachers. If a student does not receive a conference request and the parents are interested in meeting with their child's teachers, they may meet with faculty members at the times listed above. Teachers will meet with parents/students in their classrooms on the second floor.

A circular poster for the Summer Reading Book Fair. The text inside the circle reads: "SUMMER READING BOOK FAIR", "April 25, 8:00-3:00 & April 26, 9:30-2:30", "SLCS Library". Below this, in smaller text: "This is your first chance to see what books are on your student's required Summer Reading List and have the opportunity to purchase books. Your support directly benefits our Library." The poster is decorated with tropical leaves and flowers.

**COME TO OUR SUMMER READING BOOK FAIR  
ON APRIL 25TH AND 26TH AT OUR SLCS LIBRARY**

This will be your first chance to see what books are on your student's required Summer Reading List (rising 2nd thru 8th graders) and have the opportunity to purchase books. The Book Fair will be on Thursday, April 25th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Friday, April 26th, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. You can conveniently stop by the Book Fair after morning Mass that Friday. If you have any questions, please email [library@stlaurence.org](mailto:library@stlaurence.org). Thank you for supporting our Library.

### LUNCHES OF LOVE SERVICE PROJECT

Our goal is to provide 400 lunch sacks to Lunches of Love, a non-profit organization that is committed to helping end childhood hunger in Rosenberg-Richmond, by providing a free nutritious sack lunch during extended school holidays and weekends. Our Pre-K and 7th-grade students will play a significant role as they will pack the donated items on April 26th. **Please consider joining us by donating the appropriate grade level items by April 25th!** We are so blessed at SLCS, and we have an opportunity to make a difference in our own community. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project!!

- ECC campus – 2 microwave pasta cups
- 1st grade - 2 microwave pasta cups
- 2nd grade - 2 microwave pasta cups
- 3rd grade – 1 box (8 each) cereal bars
- 4th grade – 1 box (12 each) individual Chex mix
- 5th grade – 1 box (12 each) individual Chex mix
- 6th grade – 1 package (6 each) applesauce
- 7th grade – 1 package (6 each) applesauce
- 8th grade – 1 package (8 or 10 each) of juice boxes
- Staff – 1 package of juice boxes or box of cereal bars

### SHARE YOUR PICTURES FOR OUR YEARBOOK USING THE BALFOUR APP

If you've got great photos of school events, or you and your school friends just having fun, please share them with us. The more photos you share, the better our yearbook will be for everyone!

**IT'S VERY EASY!**

- Download the Balfour Image Share app. Flyer [HERE](#)
- Create an account and start sharing your pictures!
- Project number: 920467 Password: saints
- Questions? Contact Adriana Gutierrez [HERE](#).



## SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS

### WELCOME NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

We were blessed with a great turnout for our School Board Discernment on Saturday. The candidates were a very impressive group of parents and parishioners that were willing to serve our school in developing strategic decisions for the future. In the end, four people were added to our board and we are honored to have them join us for the 2019-2020 school year.

John Araiza-father of Sam  
Kathryn Green-parishioner  
Mark Hamm-father of Alex  
Christine Vo-mother of Noah and Lanah

Thank you to all who attended and were open to this call. We are blessed with such great families!

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR FAMILY SURVEY!

We appreciate all of your support to fill out our survey, unfortunately we did not reach our goal, we were short by 3% to get free dress and by 4% to reach our homework pass, however, since we were too close to our goal and we are coming to school on Easter Monday, Mrs. Barto has graciously agreed to honor the **FREE DRESS** and **NO HOMEWORK!** Enjoy!

The survey will be reviewed by the School Board as well as the administration which impacts the success of SLCS! Happy Easter!

Nora Sessions  
School Board President



## A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO

### CAMPUS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP 2019-2020

The St. Laurence Catholic School PTO is very excited to roll out the volunteer sign-up (VIPS) process for the 2019-2020 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. Sign up [HERE](#)!

### PRAYER GROUP

Please join the PTO Prayer Group on Thursday, April 25th, at 8:15 a.m. in Ave Maria Center, St. Joseph Room. We will pray for our precious children, our amazing school, the wonderful faculty, and staff, and any of your specific prayer requests. We hope that you join us!

### URGENT NEED FOR LUNCH DUTY VOLUNTEERS

Please give your time if you're able. Its greatly appreciated! Sign Up [HERE](#)!

### FIRST FRIENDS PROGRAM: SIGN UP NOW

What is the First Friends program and how does it work? First Friends is about welcoming new families to St. Laurence Catholic School. This program buddies your family with a new family entering our school. You, as the Host Family, would mentor a family that has a child in the same grade level as, at least, one of the new family's child(ren). You, as a Host Family, will serve as a helpful contact for the new family for often asked questions, such as carpool, uniforms, teacher gifts, free dress days, PTO functions, and volunteer opportunities. The majority of these questions arise during the beginning of the school year, but some may come up as the year progresses. You, as a Host Family, will have the opportunity to meet your new family and other new families at socials organized by First Friends. Sign up [HERE](#).



## AUCTION NEWS

### DON'T DELAY, PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY

Sell all 10 raffle tickets and return them by Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for our [INCENTIVE DRAWING](#) to win a Google Chromecast!

### TABLE UNDERWRITING/TICKETS

Use this [LINK TO UNDERWRITE A TABLE OR BUY INDIVIDUAL TICKETS](#). Individual tickets are now \$150 per person. Please turn in your table guest names ASAP!

### DRINK TICKETS

In an effort to ease the drink lines at the Marriott, we are pre-selling drink tickets through the online system [HERE](#). All drink tickets will be available to you when you Check-In.

### FREE DRESS PASS- NOW AVAILABLE

Purchase a Free Dress pass for only \$25.00 per child to allow your student to wear Free Dress on May 6th, 13th, and 20th. Free Dress passes are \$25 per child with a max of \$75 per family. You can also bring your student lunch from a fast food restaurant any day in May! Fast food is a one-time treat and no group lunches. \*\*\*Purchase by April 26th and get an extra Free Dress Day on Monday, April 29th! Purchase your Free Dress Pass online now [HERE](#)!

### INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

We are recruiting volunteers to help set up on the morning of the Gala! Find the link to the SignUp Genius [HERE](#) and see where you can help. We promise you will be done with plenty of time to get ready before the Gala!

### SIGN UP PARTIES ARE LIVE!

If you buy a ticket on the Party Wall, a good time will be near  
All ticket proceeds will help our school next year  
We'll have Mamas with Margaritas and Couples spreading Christmas Cheer  
Derby hats, flapper gowns, and Olympians with no fear  
Kids will celebrate and Parents will too  
So join us for the Mother-Son Dance or party with our Mardi Gras Krewe  
We'll cheers, dance and cook chili that will make you drool  
Let's have Fun and Support our School!  
Don't worry...you don't have to pick one, you can go to them ALL  
Here is the link for the SLCS Party Wall!

### LIVE & BIG BOARD UPDATE

### CALLING ALL SIWANATORZI!



Come see Jojo Siwa perform LIVE on her very FIRST ever TOUR!! You and three guests will have the best seats in the house singing along to 'Boomerang' and watching your favorite Nickelodeon star from a suite at Smart Financial Centre on September 13th. Arrive in style right at the front doors with chauffeured Mercedes Van service with your very own VIP swag bags! Before heading to the centre get glammed at Hello Beautiful Blow

Dry and Make Up Bar then enjoy a fancy dinner at Perry's Steakhouse using a \$200 gift card. You definitely don't wanna miss out on this once in a lifetime experience!

Generously donated by: The Goff Family, Hello Beautiful Blow Dry and Make Up Bar, & MontLargo Properties

### 8TH GRADE GRADUATION CELEBRATION!



As you are filled with emotion about your 8th grader, your baby, graduating from St. Laurence Catholic School, let us help ease the pain!! You and your family will waltz right into graduation to your reserved seats just for you and yours. After the graduation let Berryhill deliver a delicious tamale dinner for up to 20 guests! All you need is the margarita machine! Don't forget to capture this moment in time with precious family photo session by Metcalf Fine Art Portraits.

Generously donated by: Berryhill Baja Grill, Metcalf Fine Art Portraits & St. Laurence Catholic School



## SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

### BASEBALL

Congratulations to the Varsity Baseball team! The Saints had a great come from behind win over St. Vincent DePaul last week to capture the GHCAA Baseball Championship! The Saints were down 6-2 early in the game and fought back to tie. Great defense and teamwork prevented SVDP from scoring any more runs. The Saints scored two runs in the top of the 7th inning to secure the win! Way to go Saints!

### SOFTBALL

On Monday the Saints softball team entered the GHCAA playoffs as the #5 seed. They had to travel to St. Cecilia for the first round game. The Saints outscored St. Cecilia 15-9 to win the quarterfinal match-up.

**The Saints advanced to the GHCAA semifinals. The girls will take on St. Ambrose, the #1 seed, at the Oaks Dad's Club on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. Let's go, Saints!**

### TRACK

The track team had a busy week with a GHCAA meet on Saturday and a quad meet at Ft. Bend Christian on Tuesday. The Saints continue to improve in both field events and running events. Several school records have been broken.

**The Saints are aiming to set some league records at the GHCAA Championship meet on Saturday, April 27th at Butler Stadium.**



## BOOSTER CLUB

### SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SPIRIT EVENTS! STAY TUNED FOR MORE LOCATIONS

- ❑ May 1: Steel City Pops Spirit Day/Night (Town Center)  
2-4:00 p.m. for those who want to get a treat after early dismissal and then from 6-8:00 p.m. for the after dinner crowd. They donate 20% of all proceeds.

**BOOSTER CLUB SPIRIT STORE** Find the Booster Club forms [HERE](#).



## ALUMNI NEWS

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

OLIVIA GREEN  
PIPER BRATTON  
ANNA ECKELKAMP  
EMILY GREEN

Check out what the girls from  
**St. Laurence Catholic School**  
are achieving at

**Incarnate Word Academy**

**Honor Roll**  
Olivia Green '20    Anna Eckelkamp '22  
Piper Bratton '21    Emily Green '22

**Olivia Green '20**  
This year, I started a club with my friends called Big Sister Club. The goal of this club is to serve at a new and growing elementary school. I am excited about this program because I have been able to use it for my Distinguished Leader project through IWA's Young Leaders Program.

**Piper Bratton '21**  
Golf  
Falcon Theater  
St. Thomas High School Theater  
Band  
Science Club

**Emily Green '22**  
St. Thomas High School Theater  
Big Sister Club

**Anna Eckelkamp '22**  
I joined a lot of clubs this year! I really enjoyed Outbow and Junior States of America, and had a great time attending the Houston Area Model UN conference in January. I also joined the Falcon Theater tech booth team which is something I never thought I would do, but really enjoy!

We love to hear from you! Tell us about high school success stories, college accomplishments, graduations, weddings, births and promotions. We want to hear it all! .  
Please send them to Adriana Gutierrez [HERE](#).  
**"ONCE A SAINT, ALWAYS A SAINT"**



## PARISH NEWS

- Do You Want To Continue Learning About Your Faith With Other Adults?  
Click [HERE](#) for the upcoming speakers in Adult Faith Formation.

VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE [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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