

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

AUGUST 28th, 2019

START THE SCHOOL YEAR OFF IN PRAYER!**PTO PRAYER GROUP****PRAYERS****COFFEE****FELLOWSHIP****8.29.19****AVE MARIA CENTER-ST. JOSEPH ROOM****8:15 A.M.**

Please join the PTO Prayer Group for the first meeting of the year tomorrow, Thursday, August 29th, at 8:15am, at the Ave Maria Center, St. Joseph Room. We will pray for our precious children, our amazing school, the wonderful staff, and we will have time at the end for any of your specific prayer requests. We pray that you join us!

JOIN OUR PTO PRAYER FB GROUP [HERE!](#) ST. LAURENCE, PRAY FOR US!

IMPORTANT DATES

8/29	PTO Prayer Group - 8:15am - Ave Maria Center, St. Joseph Room Parent Information Night (PIN) Middle School - 6:30-9:30pm beginning in the Gym
8/30	All School Mass led by 8B
9/2	Labor Day Holiday - No School
9/3	Leo Officers Meeting
9/4	Wear your Favorite Sport Jersey or t-shirt with jeans for Annual Fund Kickoff Lopez Spirit Night
9/5	Individual Picture Day - wear your school uniform - Don't forget to smile! Golf Tournament Meeting - 8:15am
9/6	All School Mass led by 4B-ECC joins us! SLCS Library Volunteer Orientation - 9:30am
9/9	NJHS Officers Meeting Election for Student Council Representatives

9/10	Leo Club Induction Ceremony - 7:00am PTO Meeting - 8:15am
9/11	Jean/Spirit Day - Blue jeans or uniform bottoms with spirit shirt EDGE - 7:00pm.
9/12	NEHS Meeting NJHS Meeting
9/13	All School Mass led by 7C
9/17	School Board Meeting - 7:00pm
9/18	Jean/Spirit Day - Blue jeans or uniform bottoms with spirit shirt EDGE - 7:00pm



Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to another great Parent Information Night (PIN) for our middle school families tomorrow night. The format will be similar to ECC/Elementary with “recommended” rotations depending on the grade level of your child. Our hope is that you gain some good information as you partner with us in supporting your child’s education. We have several sessions geared towards the following:

- 5th & 8th grade transitions to middle and high school
- Social Emotional Learning and how our counselors support the students
- Safety and Security updates along with the types of training we provide to our staff
- How To Be A Good Digital Parent and protect your child online
- Math Program alignment, SLCS scores comparison and new tracking to meet a variety of needs

We also will have our wonderful parent organizations represented if you are interested in buying Booster/Spirit items or sign up on our VIPs roster as a PTO volunteer. You are welcome to visit the computer lab if you have questions about FACTS (RenWeb) or would like help loading the new Kroger/Box Tops apps for fundraising. The Advancement Team will be available to talk about upcoming events, along with our BASC, Athletics and Auxiliary staff. The STREAM lab and Athletics Departments will be represented as well if you would like to visit.

Please see the flyer [HERE](#) for more details and if you have a chance to look through the teachers, School Board, PTO and Booster Club videos [HERE](#) prior to tomorrow night, then we are happy to answer any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

God bless,

Suzanne Barto



READ OF THE WEEK! GREAT ARTICLE!

I raised 2 successful CEOs and a doctor.
Here’s one of the biggest mistakes I see parents making!

Read [HERE](#)



SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY FAIR AND PLAID BAG COLLECTION!

Thank you for supporting our school last weekend. We were happy to see many children in uniform at Mass and visiting the Ministry Fair. The plaid bag collection enables the school to assist families in crisis so they may continue with their children's Catholic education. The monies collected will help families that find themselves dealing with an unexpected loss of job, medical crisis, or family emergency. Thank you for your generosity!



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. . . JOIN VIPS

The SLCS PTO would like to invite you to volunteer using their automated volunteer sign-up process. All the activities/events available for sign-up 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 [HERE](#). Access Code: SLCS

LUNCH DUTY IS A GREAT WAY TO GET INVOLVED AND HELP OUR TEACHERS

What better way to get involved than volunteering for lunch duty on the main campus? Our students love to see a familiar face at lunch and the teachers greatly appreciate the help. Use the links below to sign up! Our Main Campus needs your help.

- **ECC CAMPUS** - Sign up [HERE](#) - Coordinator: Priscilla Hill [HERE](#)
- **MAIN CAMPUS** - Sign Up [HERE](#) - Coordinator: Cynthia Bryant [HERE](#)



NEWS

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

1. Parents, please don't forget to pack a **WATER BOTTLE FOR STUDENTS**, especially during hot days!
2. **CAR SEAT SAFETY**
 - Read the manual carefully, particularly when installing convertible car seats (the ones that can be forward or rear facing). When the combined weight of your child and convertible car seat exceed the

LATCH weight limit of 65 pounds, you can secure the car seat using the safety belt, see the manual on how to do this.(I misspoke about this).

- Consider having your car seat installation checked by a certified car seat technician. www.safercars.gov
- A good website for all topics dealing with your child's health is www.healthychildren.org

A huge thank you to **Dr. Robert Lapus** for a great and informative session on Visiting Day to our ECC parents about safety! Listen [HERE](#)!

PARTICIPATE IN OUR SCHOOL LIFE: BE PART OF THE SAINTS YEARBOOK TEAM

What a great opportunity to participate in our school events! If you have any interest in joining our fabulous YEARBOOK TEAM to help create our 2019-2020 yearbook and special memories...we want to hear from you! If you are interested, please give us your information [HERE](#) and we will contact you soon.

STUCO ELECTION

The election for Student Council representatives will be on Monday, September 9th. Students will campaign the week beginning Tuesday, September 3rd. Student Council representatives will be elected by grade level for 4th – 8th grade and represent their entire grade level on the Student Council. All candidates will give a speech to their grade level on Monday, September 9th. The class will vote after the speeches. The four candidates with the most votes will be the representatives for that grade level. Candidates may hang one poster in the hallway during the campaign week. The poster must be hung on a bulletin board, check with your teacher. No other flyers or stickers are allowed. Each candidate must turn in a form signed by a parent. Find the form [HERE](#) or can be picked up from Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Garcia. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Garcia (in 6th grade hallway) and turn in your forms to Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Garcia by Tuesday, September 3rd.



A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARY

FOSTER THE LOVE OF READING BY JOINING THE SLCS LIBRARY BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB FOR 2019-2020

Birthday Book Club is a way to honor your student for his/her birthday with a \$20.00 contribution that purchases a new book for our library. Your student can check out their chosen book first and then that book becomes part of our permanent collection. More details are on the school website. Join by completing the Google form found [HERE](#) by Friday, SEPTEMBER 13th, 2019 and you will be billed \$20.00 through FACTS. If you have more than one student, please complete a SEPARATE FORM for each student. Questions? Please email: library@stlaurence.org. Thank you!

WE NEED YOU!

The SLCS Library is looking for a few more great detail-oriented volunteers to help with shelving books. You can be flexible with the day and hour that you come in to help (times range from 7:45am to 2:30pm). No prior experience is needed, as we will happily train you. Your kids will be proud that their parent helped out in the library, and may even think you're cool! Caution: shelving books can lead to a nostalgic feeling as you see titles that you loved as a child, which may lead to (lovingly) nagging your child to check out certain books.

Please contact our Library volunteer coordinator, Stephanie Limbacher [HERE](mailto:stephanie.limbacher@gmail.com) (stephanie.limbacher@gmail.com) to get on our schedule or email our SLCS Library Team, Kate Senften and Melanie Reynolds [HERE](#) with questions you may have.

We will have a Library Volunteer Orientation in our SLCS Library on **Friday, September 6th, from 9:30-10:30am**, after Mass. Enjoy a few refreshments while you learn about the specifics of shelving books in our library. Some things are organized differently this year, so even if you've helped out in the library before, please come to this Orientation. We look forward to seeing you all!

I'd like to thank everyone for a fairly smooth start to the year with carpool! As always in the beginning of the year, we need to pass on a few little reminders so that we are all on the same page with expectations and the students arrive safely on time.

- Please do not turn left out of the parking lot during carpool for either carpool lines as this can cause an accident. Thank you!
- Only ECC drop off and pick up carpool can enter the Sweetwater entrance. If your child is in Carpool A or B, you must enter the driveway off of Austin Parkway. Do not come from Sweetwater and then cut into the carpool line.
- Please pull up directly behind the car in front of you. Try not to leave large gaps as this creates a pile-up out on the street, which can impede traffic. Pull up all the way and follow the map on the link if you have any questions about carpool.
- It is against the law for you to be on your cell phone while carpool is going on. It is dangerous and you never know when a child or a parishioner may attempt to cross between cars.
- No one should be queued up for carpool and in line prior to 2:30 p.m. You must pull into a parking space.
- Children who are not walkers or bikers from the neighborhoods surrounding the school (must live within 1 mile of the school) should be dropped off through carpool. Students should not exit the cars early at the bell tower or get out prior to pulling up to the volunteers.
- If you are late (after 8:00 a.m.) when the doors close, please pull around, park and walk your child in to the office and sign him/her in. All doors close and lock at 8:00 a.m. so children walking over from ECC or walkers to school will be locked out! They need a parent to walk them in for safety reasons.
- Lastly, try to be very consistent with your child's dismissal procedures. If you change anything, email carpool@stlaurence.org as well as your child's teacher. Our biggest concerns come from changes to the schedule and a child not knowing to go to BASC or riding home with someone different on certain days. Do not switch carpools if an older sibling is absent. **WATCH VIDEO [HERE](#)**



EVENTS



ANNUAL FUND KICKOFF- SEPTEMBER 4TH

Wear your favorite sports jersey on Wednesday, September 4th, as we "kickoff" our Annual Fund for the 2019-2020 school year. Whether you are a Texans, Astros, or Dynamo fan (or any other team) be sure to wear your jersey or t-shirt next Wednesday and support your team!

Each family will be receiving a letter about how you can support our Annual Fund, which helps bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of a Catholic education.



JOIN OUR EFFORTS FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE PARTICIPATE IN THE 23RD ANNUAL ST. LAURENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 23rd Annual St. Laurence Golf Tournament is set for Monday, October 28th, at the Sugar Creek Country Club (**NEW LOCATION!**) Sponsorships are available and registration is open for this BIG event. Contact the Advancement Office at 281-980-0500 for sponsorship opportunities.

- Golf Sponsorship Packages [HERE](#)
- Register Online [HERE](#)

FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING

Please join us September 5th, at 8:15 a.m. (right after morning carpool) in the Corpus Christi Room – across the courtyard from ECC classrooms. Please email Kelly [HERE](#) if you plan to attend.



AUCTION PARTY FOR 4TH GRADE STUDENTS

Join your 4th grade classmates for a Movie Night at Sweetwater Country Club. Relax and enjoy a film while snacking on treats!

Movie TBD. Students can register online [HERE](#)

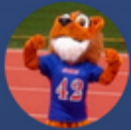
- Date and Time: Friday, September 6th from 7:00-10:00 PM
- Location: Sweetwater Country Club, 4400 Palm Royale Blvd, 77479
- Price: \$50 per student

OPEN HOUSE PREVIEW FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

Invite prospective families to learn more about St. Laurence Catholic School!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 2019
8:15 A.M. Join us for Mass
9:45 A.M. Tours of the School

RSVP [HERE!](#)



SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

TENNIS TRYOUT- 5TH-8TH GRADE BOYS AND GIRLS

- Tennis try-outs - September 4th, 4:00-5:15 p.m., September 6th, 4:00-5:30 p.m., and Saturday, September 7th, 1:15-3:15 p.m.
- Try-outs and practices will be held at Sweetwater Country Club on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday each week.

UPCOMING SPIRIT NIGHTS

- September 4th - Lopez Mexican Restaurant - 11606 South Wilcrest Drive, 77099
- September 20th - Marco's Pizza - Mention SLCS and we receive 50% of sales
- October 3rd - Chick-fil-A Spirit Day

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



PARISH NEWS



VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE [HERE](#)

DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE LEARNING ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH OTHER ADULTS?

- [ARISE NIGHTS](#)
- [CASTING NETS MEETING FAMILY WORKSHOP](#)
- [WOMEN BIBLE STUDY](#)
- Click [HERE](#) for upcoming opportunities.



HIGH SCHOOLS

A MESSAGE FROM STRAKE JESUIT

- Strake Jesuit is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications are online.
- Sign-up to shadow a current student at Strake Jesuit by completing the online form, "Crusader for a Day" .
- The ISEE will be given at Strake Jesuit on November 16th at 8:30am. Register on the ERB website.
- Open House is on December 5th at 7:00pm. Open House is open to all middle school boys 6-8.
- The HSPT will be given at Strake Jesuit on January 11th at 8:30am. There is no pre-registration.
- Application deadline for admission and financial aid is January 15th.

MATH+ COURSE AT STRAKE JESUIT

The Math+ program includes 6 courses. Each Math+ course focuses on 1 major idea based on key concepts included in Stanford University's introductory math sequence. This Fall's course will focus on Probability. The six session course will be taught at Strake Jesuit on Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. starting on September 17th and ending on October 22nd. Sign-up [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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