

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

1.29. 2020

ARE YOU READY FOR STEPS FOR STUDENTS? PROCEEDS FUND SCHOOL-WIDE EVENTS

We are currently in 2nd place, behind Christ the Redeemer.
REGISTER NOW to defend our title as the largest team registered as in past years!



- ❑ This Thursday, January 30th, is the last day to register before the price increases by \$10! Visit [HERE](#) to register now.
- ❑ January 30th is also the last day to register and have your t-shirt and packet delivered to SLCS. If registered after January 30th, families will be responsible for picking up their packets at the Archdiocese.
- ❑ Join us at our Saints version of Cinema Grill for “Grace Before the Race” on Friday, February 7th, at 6:00 PM in the SLCS gym. Enjoy a spaghetti dinner and a movie with your family as a fundraiser for Steps for Students. Purchase your plates online [HERE](#).
- ❑ Too early for a Saturday morning? You can “Snooze”, still support our school and receive our awesome incentives! Simply choose the “Snooze” option when you register.
- ❑ **Register and fundraise to take advantage of these fun incentives [HERE](#)**
 - ❑ **Register online by January 30th before rates increase by \$10!**
 - ❑ ...pick up t-shirt and packet early at Grace Before the Race Spaghetti Dinner on February 7th
 - ❑ **Register by February 12th**
 - ❑wear a St. Valentine’s Day shirt on February 13th
 - ❑ ... AND wear your Steps for Students shirt on February 19th

- ❑ ... AND wear your Steps for Students shirt on Friday, March 6th
- ❑ **Raise \$100 in donations**
- ❑ ...wear your Steps for Students shirt and free shoes, on February 19th
- ❑ **Top 2 Fundraising Students**
- ❑ ...get the chance to slime Fr. Truong Son on February 19th
- ❑ **Top Fundraising Class**
- ❑ ...wins a popsicle and dance Party!

AND GRACE BEFORE THE RACE!

- ❑ The whole school is invited to a spaghetti dinner and a movie on Friday, February 7th at 6 p.m.
 - ❑ Support Steps for Students by purchasing a plate of spaghetti. Just \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 5 years and older. Children under 5 years eat free!
 - ❑ Purchase your ticket online [**HERE!**](#)



IMPORTANT DATES

1/29	Thank-you notes and donations for our military and a school-wide Prayer for our Nation Jean/Spirit Day Spirit Store Sales Booster Club to work carpool
1/30	Special thank-you to all parent volunteers and SLCS staff School Board to work carpool CURRENT STUDENT RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT FAMILIES ENDS
1/31	Career and Vocations Day speakers All School Mass led by STUCO Chick-Fil-A Spirit Event - Sugar Land Location - All Day!
2/1	Plaid Bag Collection for Tuition Assistance - All Masses - Wear your official uniform Catholic Schools Got Talent Show at St. Pius X 7:00 p.m. come support our finalist, Ashlee
2/2	Plaid Bag Collection for Tuition Assistance - All Masses - Wear your official uniform
2/3 -2/7	STAR Testing
2/3	NJHS Officers Meeting - 7:15am Free Dress for students who wore uniform to Mass ENROLLMENT FOR FOR NEW FAMILIES OPENS
2/4	Leos Officers Meeting -7:15 am Packet Pick up for Steps for Students
2/5	Jean/Spirit Day Archdiocesan Spelling Bee SHS Meeting - 7:15am Room Parents - Class Project Meeting - 8:00am - Ave Maria Center EDGE - 7:00pm
2/6	Club Picture Day -7:00am First Eucharist Tour of the Church -6:00-7:00pm -Church
2/7	All School Mass led by 1A PTO Grace Before the Race & Movie Night - 6:00pm -Gym
2/11	Leos Meeting -7:15am PTO Meeting - 8:15am Leos Kisses for Kids Sale Hosting Assistant Principal Meeting
2/12	Jean/Spirit Day 7th Grade Retreat EDGE



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2020

January 26 -
February 1
#CSW20

Dear Parents,

What a great week we are having so far celebrating Catholic education. This morning in the gym we had a beautiful assembly to honor our military and our nation and I hope everyone enjoyed the free dress and no homework last night to celebrate the gift of our students! We are very excited to unveil our new more interactive website at the end of the week. Mrs. Gutierrez has been working on it for several weeks and it should go live on Friday at 4:00 p.m. We hope that you will find it easier to navigate, with the very latest information that both current and prospective families need.

You will also be receiving the calendar with dates for 2020-2021 very soon so you can make those plans early. A lot is happening and tomorrow we are thanking our marvelous parents and volunteers, along with the staff. There are a couple of big deadlines that take place tomorrow that you need to be aware of. Re-enrollment for current families ends tomorrow and we open up spots starting this coming Monday, February 3rd. Mrs. Byrne has been talking to some great families that are waiting to hear about openings, so please be sure to re-enroll and not be subject to any late fees! This is also the end of early registration for Steps for Students. More information on that is at the top of the newsletter. This is the largest fundraiser for our PTO and all the money raised comes back to support all the events, dances, parties and staff recognition. Even if you cannot make it to the race, you can register and "snooze" to show your support. We have always had the largest amount of registrants so let's step it up before Friday. The price increases significantly next week AND you may need to pick up your t-shirt yourself.

Thank you all very much for supporting Catholic schools. I spoke to a gym full of prospective families last weekend and told them that all of you have made a sacrifice for your child. You have not chosen the easy route, both in the amount of work AND in choosing a faith-based education. At a time where it is much easier to find a customized school advertising "no stress" as I have actually seen, you have chosen to ensure that your child is set up for success in the long-run. You want them to be resilient and learn from their mistakes because we all know that this is what true learning is all about! We are so blessed to walk this journey with you and watch your child learn and grow in so many ways; academically, spiritually and physically.



God bless,

Suzanne Barbo



COUNSELORS' CORNER

During the month of January, the counselors are meeting with elementary and middle school students covering different career related topics to allow students to explore their abilities and talents. Students discover how their current interests relate to potential future jobs and occupations. 8th graders participated in an Escape Room on Career and College information. Students are also learning the importance of establishing strong school skills-organization, social skills, and time management-and how they transfer to future work environments. Students in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to hear from many community speakers about their career paths on January

31, 2020. You may want to discuss your own and your children's career aspirations as a family and develop strategies to realistically meet those goals. From the *Parents Guide to Career Exploration for Middle School Students*:

Home is the first workplace. Parents can help their students learn to:

- Share responsibilities and make decisions
- Resolve problems and work as a team
- Help plan meals
- Set up and organize family outings/activities
- Discuss problem solving with your child (and how to resolve situations)
- Be a role model- children learn by example, and parents are the greatest teacher!"

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) 21st century skills that are important to employers, in order of priority:

- Leadership
- Ability to work in a team
- Written communication skills
- Problem solving skills
- Strong work ethic
- Analytical/Quantitative skills
- Technical skills
- Communication skills
- Initiative
- Computer skills
- Flexibility/Adaptability
- Interpersonal skills
- Detail Oriented
- Organizational ability

Reminder-many of the skills we work on in our SEL programs help in the development of many of these skills. You can see what Second Step topic the elementary and middle school students are addressing each week by going to the Education Link in the weekly SLCS Newsletter.



NEWS

DON'T COOK TOMORROW AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

Tomorrow is Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A -Sugar land ALL DAY! ! Don't forget to mention SLCS when ordering! We hope to see you there!

CELEBRATING OUR NATION DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This year SLCS is collecting travel size shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant to send to our military service men and women. We will have collection boxes during Catholic Schools Week on campus to accept your students' donations. As we pray for our service men and women's safety and give thanks for their sacrifice, let's show our appreciation by donating a few toiletries that bring them the comforts of home!

SEE YOU AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS GOT TALENT

Tickets for the 'Catholic Schools Got Talent' showcase are now available. We hope you can join us and support the talented students from our Catholic schools. Get your tickets today [HERE](#)!

Congratulations to Ashlee Allen for being one of the finalists and to our Art entries that will represent SLCS in the Art Walk on February 1st. We are very proud of you!

Category:

K-2nd - Louise Hoelscher 2A

3rd-5th - Kendall Messersmith 5C

6th-8th - Nicole Beltran 7A



BE PART OF OUR HERITAGE DAY MASS AND CELEBRATION

During the month of March, we will be celebrating the many different cultures represented at SLCS. We invite you to participate and represent your heritage at our Heritage Mass and Celebration on March 27th. Help us make this day a great cultural learning experience for our students. Please answer our Heritage Survey [HERE](#) and let us know if you can help. Questions? Contact Adriana Gutierrez [HERE](#).

BOOSTER CLUB NEEDS YOU

SHOW YOUR SAINTS SPIRIT! SPIRIT STORE volunteers are needed for the following dates: 2/19, 3/25, and 4/29. Thank you for your consideration.

PLAID BAG COLLECTION - FEBRUARY 1ST & 2ND

The second collection at all St. Laurence Masses on February 1st and 2nd will benefit the Financial Assistance Program for our school. The money collected will be used to help families who have experienced substantial, life-changing events (e.g., death in the family, medical crises, or job loss) that impact their ability to continue their child's education at SLCS. We do this twice a year. We need your family's help with the Plaid Bag Collection that weekend. Please have your child wear their official uniform to Mass on Feb. 1st and 2nd to receive Free Dress on Monday, February 3rd. If you would like to sign up to help with the plaid collection, pick a time to help [HERE](#) and have your child check-in at the narthex prior to Mass.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR 2020-2021

The process to apply for Tuition Assistance for the 2020-2021 school year has begun. Completing the FACTS online application will qualify eligible families to be considered for assistance from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and from St. Laurence Catholic School. The deadline to be considered for the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance is February 14, 2020. The deadline to be considered for St. Laurence Catholic School Tuition Assistance is March 31, 2020. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

HELP ECC AND MAIN CAMPUS KEEP ROOMS SANITIZED

ECC and Main Campus rooms are in need of Clorox wipes. Please send a container of Clorox Wipes to ECC and/or the main campus to be used to wipe down desks, door handles, and ECC lunch tables. It truly helps contain the spread of germs. THANK YOU!

DID YOU ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK YET?

Order your 2019-2020 yearbook today. Yearbooks will be delivered in late August of 2020.

- Go to [Balfour.com](https://www.balfour.com)
- Find St. Laurence Catholic School
- Purchase using a credit or debit card.

SHARE YOUR PICTURES FOR OUR YEARBOOK USING THE BALFOUR APP

Our photographers can't be everywhere. 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
- Create an account and start sharing your pictures
- Project number: 020467 Password: saints
- Questions? Contact Adriana Gutierrez [HERE](#).



EVENTS

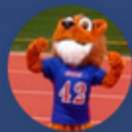
FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE



AUCTION NEWS



- ❑ Class Party Meeting for all Room Parents on February 5th right after morning carpool in the St. Joseph Room at the Ave Maria Center.
- ❑ Show us your love! We will be collecting gift cards the week of February 10th to go towards the SLCS auction! Please consider sending in a donation of any amount to your favorite restaurant, store or even a visa/amex/mastercard! This will help us fill up our auction with amazing items to bid on! Thank you!
- ❑ We are looking for fun experiences for our Live and Big Board Auctions! Please let us know if you or someone you know has a second home or a connection to get a unique package (restaurants, shopping, etc.) to auction off for our auction. If you have any items you would like to donate you can fill out the form online [HERE](#) We are so grateful for your consideration!
- ❑ Underwriting and Sponsorships are now available! Please [reserve your table](#) or [sponsorship now!](#)



SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Varsity girls for winning their first round of GHCAA playoffs upsetting the #1 seed St. Martha 35-27. The JV team finished their season with a great showing at the St. Thomas More Tournament. After losing the first round game they played back through the consolation and won 4 games to advance to the final of the tournament and came away with a second place trophy!

- The Varsity girls will play in the GHCAA semifinal game at St. Vincent DePaul at 4:30 PM on Thursday.
- The GHCAA Championship game will be on Saturday at 1:30 PM at St. Agnes.

Come out and support the Saints!

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Varsity boys ended the season with an exciting double overtime win over Western Academy at the Strake Shootout! The JV boys had a successful showing at the Cooz Memorial Tournament on Saturday placing second in the silver division. Congratulations on a great season!

UPCOMING BOOSTER CLUB SPIRIT NIGHTS

- ❑ January 31st- Chick-Fil-A Spirit Event - Sugar Land Location - All Day!
- ❑ March 18th - Willie's - Sugar Land location



USEFUL LINKS

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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

EDUCATION

- SEL/SECOND STEP PROGRAM [LINKS](#)

SUPPORT

- BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION. For information, read [HERE](#) or contact Sheri Cass [HERE](#).

VOLUNTEER

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



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

SLCS Alumni

Once A Saint, Always a Saint

ARE YOU AN ALUMNI?

We would like to invite you to be included in our next edition of the Saints' Scoop and upcoming newsletters. We want to know what our Saints have been doing! Please share any information you might have on any alum [HERE](#). Please be sure to include the graduation year in your description. Please send your questions or pictures to Adriana Gutierrez at agutierrez@stlaurence.org.

[JOIN OUR ALUMNI FACEBOOK GROUP HERE](#)



PARISH NEWS

WANT TO HEAR SCOTT HAHN?

We were blessed with beautiful weather last Saturday when [Scott Hahn](#) was here! The church was packed for [his talks](#) and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to purchase his books and get them signed. If you missed this big event (or want to hear his talks again) go [HERE](#). But do it now! These recordings will only be available through February 10.

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](#)

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