


ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

9.2.20

PLEASE JOIN US FOR PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT (PIN)

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Please join us for our
VIRTUAL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

PREK-4TH GRADE Thursday, September 3rd, 2020
5TH-8TH GRADE Thursday, September 10th, 2020

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
 Stay tuned for Zoom invitation via email!



WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

You will receive an email with the link tomorrow afternoon!

IMPORTANT DATES

9/2	Jean/Spirit Day - Blue jeans or uniform bottoms with spirit shirt All PreK-6th Red and Blue - In School 7th-8th Red Begin (Blue stays home)
9/3	All PreK-6th In School 7th-8th Blue begin (Red stays home) Parent Information Night (PIN) - ECC/Elementary - 6:30 p.m. - Via ZOOM - Link by email
9/4	ALL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL!
9/7	Labor Day Holiday - No School
9/9	Jean/Spirit Day - Blue jeans or uniform bottoms with spirit shirt
9/10	PTO Prayer Group Meeting - 8:30 a.m. - Zoom - Join HERE! Parent Information Night (PIN) - Middle School - 6:30 p.m. - Via ZOOM - Link by email
9/11	All School Mass Led by 7A and 8A (all 7th and 8th grade classes attend)
9/15	School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

9/16	Early Dismissal for Staff Development: 12:00 for ECC/Elem and 12:15 for Middle School Jean/Spirit Day - Blue jeans or uniform bottoms with spirit shirt
9/18	All School Mass Led by 5A and 6A (all 5th and 6th grade classes attend)
9/22	Individual Picture Day



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,

We are almost all in and it's great to see students in classes now through 8th grade. Tomorrow night is our first Parent Information Night (PIN) for all PreK-4th Grade parents. You will receive an email with a ZOOM link tomorrow for a 6:30 p.m. start during which we will explain how the evening will work. After a brief introduction, parents will be invited to three sessions that allow you to hear from your child's teacher(s), Mrs. Gomez, Assistant Principal and Mrs. Nickel, Counselor on guidance and social emotional needs, and myself and Mrs. Murray, Nurse on our current COVID-19 procedures. We also have videotaped messages from our beloved Pastor, Fr. Drew and the auxiliary staff (music, art, spanish, PE) available as well. We ask that you please take a moment to attend all three live ZOOM sessions beginning at 7:00/7:30 and 8:00 p.m. so that you will be fully informed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our great volunteers that have been helping with carpool and lunches. Your support is amazing and allows us to be with the students and keep our Saints community safe. What has come up repeatedly from the medical professionals we have consulted is the concern about the upcoming holiday weekend and families not following guidelines recommended by the CDC. We are working tirelessly during the school day to do our best keeping students apart, reworking schedules and disinfecting everything in order to avoid contamination and the spread of the virus. This could all be for nothing if this same diligence is not being observed outside of the school day. Many of our families continue to stay home and isolate due to health reasons and we must act together as a trinity in order to avoid anyone becoming ill and possibly having to quarantine cohorts, or worse; causing us to close again. The true effect of us opening and how everyone observes the holiday weekend will be noticeable two weeks from now, according to the Health Department. If families are not distancing, wearing masks and taking precautions over Labor Day, we could increase the numbers of cases in our area and potentially defeat all the efforts that have been taken to get to this point. I also want to ask that if you DO travel and/or end up in a situation with a higher risk, that you consider keeping your child home for a couple of weeks. Students can switch temporarily to remote and not miss a beat. This is the expected procedure if anyone in your household becomes sick as well. We ask that you please email us at COVID-19@stlaurence.org to give us any information regarding symptoms in your child or family members, whether they are lab-confirmed positive or not. It will take all of us working together to keep school in session and to make sure that our staff, students and families are protected. Here is the protocol we follow: [COVID cases diagram August 7, 2020.pdf](#)

Please remember to complete the daily screening questionnaire **every** morning **before** arriving at school with your child(ren). The sticker we have been handing out at carpool is the QR code with the two survey questions and you can stick it on your carpool tag for convenience. You are also welcome to use the link we sent out earlier if that is easier. If any of your answers are "yes" pertaining to your child or any member of your family, your child should not attend school and you are asked to notify us immediately via COVID-19@stlaurence.org. If you are asked to quarantine or bring a doctor's note, we appreciate your understanding of these guidelines as we all work together to keep our Saints safe.

Suzanne Barto M.Ed.
Principal



COUNSELORS' CORNER

We hope your child is getting adjusted to his/her learning environments. In our last counselor's corner, we suggested some strategies to start the school year off successfully. We want to encourage students to take breaks, often known as brain breaks, when they are doing their school work or homework. These are short, energizing

bursts of activity that boost blood flow, send oxygen to the brain, and help kids better retain information. These breaks can help students to refocus and destress.

Here is one example of a brain break from Edutopia: Activities That Prime the Brain for Learning by Lori DeSautels

Balancing tree: Have students place both feet solidly on the ground. They should slowly lift one foot and touch it to the inside of the other calf or upper leg, and raise their arms in the air over their head. Next have them wave their arms as if they were a tree with its branches blowing in the wind. Have them switch legs and repeat this motion. Next ask them to show a tree in a rainstorm and to notice how the trunk of the tree—their body—stays strong: Even though they might wobble, they're still standing tall.

FROM MRS. NICKEL:

It is so wonderful to have so many smiling faces back in the classrooms at school! For the students doing remote learning, I intend to put activities online through each grade level's platform (Seesaw/google classroom) to continue to develop SEL skills both at home and in the classroom. I will be available via ZOOM during PIN night this Thursday September 3, and look forward to meeting you there!

FROM MRS. SCHURMAN:

Please be sure your child has joined Mrs. Schurman's Guidance Google Classroom. There is one google classroom for each grade. The codes were emailed to the students and parents on Monday, August 24th. The homeroom teachers have shared the grade level codes as well. The google classrooms will be another means that I can share information with students directly. I look forward to seeing you for Middle School PIN on September 10th.



FREE DRESS MONDAYS ARE COMING

If you didn't purchase last year, here is your chance! The Free Dress pass is only \$25.00 per child and will allow your student to wear Free Dress on 3 Mondays. September 14th, 21st and 28th. Follow the link to [BUY NOW!](#)



GOLF WILL GO ON!

Please save the date for the **25th Annual Tuition Assistance Golf Tournament** on **October 26th** at Sugar Creek Country Club. It will be a fun morning with breakfast, games, food along the course and a short outdoor awards ceremony afterward. We hope you will join us! For more information and sponsorship information, please visit: www.Bidpal.net/slcsgolf2020 Interested in volunteering? We will need you for the day of and for the committee. If you are interested in helping please contact Kelly at kgoff@stlaurence.org



YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Yearbook distribution will take place once all grade level students who have chosen face to face learning are on campus. We anticipate sending them home with your student (if one was ordered) on September 18th but may be sooner. If you are a remote learner you may pick up your yearbook Friday, September 18th between 7:30-10:00am via our collection/distribution bin on each campus.

If you did not order a yearbook last year, we are happy to place you on a wait list in the event that we have extras. As always, our 8th grade alumni have priority on the waitlist. Please email Belinda Maldonado [HERE](#) if you would like to be added to the list.

St. Laurence - Pack 1828



Girls and boys in Kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to join St. Laurence Cub Scout Pack 1828. The pack will be hosting two info meetings for parents and scouts interested in joining this year.



These info nights will be hosted on September 22 and 29 from 7:00-7:45pm via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93135531980>

For more information please contact: Cubmaster, Brian Henritze cell: 562-879-7934 email: brianhenritze@gmail.com.

ECC Morning Carpool

PreK parents are asked to display the orange/coral carpool tag in the morning after drop off at the bell tower so that our wonderful carpool volunteers know to wave you directly out of the parking lot and not have you wait in the kindergarten line. Thank you for assisting us in safely exiting the parking lot.

ORDERING LUNCHES

Parents, please remember that you must order your child's lunch from Sami's Catering by Friday for the following week. Please make sure that your child has sufficient funds in his/her account in order to avoid any disruption to their lunch service. Here are the links to:

- Deposit funds **Payforit**: <https://www.payforit.net/Login.aspx>.
- Order lunch **HERE**



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO



We are happy to announce that **Stephanie Limbacher** is our first volunteer of the month! Stephanie has worked really hard on the PTO budget over the summer, she helped multiple days with the used uniform sale, she's volunteered as a carpool coordinator, and also was the only parent (non Knight) who spent her Saturday helping the Knights of Columbus move all of the school's extra furniture to the Ave Maria Center. THANK YOU Stephanie. The new VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH parking spot up front on the Main Campus will be all yours for the month of September.

And a special thank you to **Mary Phillippi** – Mary has gone above and beyond her role as PTO co-president this year all while her child is learning virtually this quarter. You'll still see her on ECC Carpool every afternoon entering numbers to ensure a smooth carpool. She is also the Birthday Balloon Coordinator so she has been extra busy entering all the orders and filling balloons for the PTO Birthday Balloons.

That you to all our volunteers for working so hard for our school! We still need help running carpool so please sign up (even 1 day a week or month would be a great help)!!

PTO PRAYER GROUP MEETING

Our first PTO Prayer Group Meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 10th at 8:30 via Zoom. Please join us **HERE**.

VIPS SIGN UP CLOSES ON SEPTEMBER 15

The SLCS PTO would like to invite you to volunteer using their automated volunteer sign-up process. Volunteers completely run all the activities/events available for sign-up, 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

HELP WITH ECC LUNCH DUTY

Please consider sharing your time with our Pre-K and Kindergarteners during lunch. Volunteers will help with disposing of trash, collecting items but will not enter the classrooms this year. Please sign up **HERE**.

CARPOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ASAP! HELP AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We need help working carpool lines in the morning and afternoon. Many of the teachers and staff will be inside with kids in their rooms since we will no longer be utilizing the Parish Hall, the main entrance hallway, or the gym as central gathering places. Even one day a week commitment would be greatly appreciated!

- ECC Morning Carpool (Pre-K thru Kinder) - Coordinator: KiKi Le **HERE**
- Main Campus Carpool (1st thru 8th)
 - Coordinator: Stephanie Limbacher **HERE**
 - Signup Genius **HERE**
- ECC Afternoon Carpool (Pre-K thru Kinder)

- Coordinator: Unfilled -Please contact Mary Esther Phillippi if interested [HERE](#)
- Main Campus Afternoon Carpool (A and B)
 - Coordinator - Maria Tran [HERE](#)

If you would like to help, please contact Mary Esther Phillippi [HERE](#) or 832-647-0642.

SAINTS' BIRTHDAY CLUB

Guess Who's Birthday!

Week of August 24- 30	Week of Aug 31- Sept 4th!
<p>Harper Fedor Christian Ochoa Rose Hall Ivanka de Lachica</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</p>	<p>Victoria Periera Alex Limbacher Thomas Aldredge Laura St John Jack Boudreaux Maya Yurasek Addie Yurasek Rafael Desdier Alcock Henry Madden Rose Hall Elizabeth Cappello</p>

PTO'S BIRTHDAY BALLOON CLUB

Celebrate your child's birthday this year in a special way at St. Laurence Catholic School by joining the Birthday Club for only \$10! Payment will be made through FACTS only. Face to Face students will receive a birthday mylar balloon, their name displayed on the electronic marquee, a Facebook shout-out, and enjoy free dress on their special day. Virtual Students will receive their names displayed on the electronic marquee, a Facebook shout-out, an electronic greeting card, and free dress day! **SIGN UP** [HERE](#).



BOOSTER CLUB



Click the links below to place your Spirit Store order and join Booster Club

- Merchandise Google Form: <https://forms.gle/mndCPU4hjd8ZntnN8>
- Membership/Gym Signs Google Form: <https://forms.gle/oBn2g7FXXHMABL737>

NEW ITEMS THIS YEAR!

These forms will also be available on the school website under Booster.
Thank you for your continued support of the Booster Club and Saints Athletics!



CAFETERIA

SEPTEMBER ORDER FORMS

[SEPT 7-11](#)

[SEPT 14 - 18](#)

[SEPT 21-25](#)



PARISH NEWS

HAPPY LABOR DAY!



The parish office will be closed for the holiday next Monday, September 7, but the church will be open for the Noon Mass. Stay safe!

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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