

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

5.12.21

THE 4TH GRADE CLASS INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM IN PRAYING THE ROSARY!



Thank you for a beautiful
Living Rosary!

Please join them [HERE](#)



IMPORTANT DATES

5/10-5/12	Cheerleading Tryouts
5/10-5/13	8th-grade exams-noon dismissal at the Ave Maria Center
5/12	Jean- Spirit Shirt Day
5/13	PTO Prayer Group - 8:30 a.m. - Zoom
5/14	8th Grade Awards following Mass in the Church Farewell Mass led by 7th grade (Candle-lighting Mass) Deadline of 6pm for Virtual Talent Show submissions - See more information below
5/17	Free Dress if you purchased a Free Dress Pass thru the Auction
5/18	School Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
5/19-5/21	7th Grade Exams
5/19	Jean- Spirit Shirt Day Kindergarten Celebration
5/21	All School Mass led by 4B,5B, and 6B 8th Grade Graduation - 6:00 p.m.followed by car parade - feel free to join us as we cheer our

	graduates on. Meet in the parking lot at 7:00 with your SLCS spirit wear
5/24	Free Dress if you purchased a Free Dress Pass thru the Auction
5/26	Jean- Spirit Shirt Day Virtual Talent Show End of Q4
5/27	Close of the School year Mass for ECC Students - 12:00 p.m. Early Dismissal 1:15/1:30 p.m.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Saints Parents,

We had a lot of fun coming to school in our pajamas on Monday, so thank you again for your generosity with the Annual Fund and Auction this year. We are blessed with such supportive families that work with us as partners in ensuring we are able to provide the very best for our students. Thanks to all of you that volunteer through PTO, Booster and School Board each year, as this allows us to continue educating students, while providing enrichment opportunities for their bodies, minds, and spirits. I cannot thank our amazing board presidents and their dedicated groups enough for tirelessly working alongside the staff throughout a pandemic year. Thank you PTO Presidents Jennifer Reyes, Mary Phillippi; School Board President Lionel Martin and Booster President Jessica Barry, along with all your dedicated board members and volunteers for your unfailing support this year. Whenever there was a need, whether it involved students or staff members, you made sure it was filled. We felt the love and the prayers and it sustained us.

I also want to take this moment to thank ALL our Saint parents. Being privy to the hundreds of emails that came through this year regarding our protocol that required many of you to quarantine your child for 2 weeks or more, get him/her tested or bring us an alternative diagnosis in order for them to attend school, your support and patience was incredible. We know this was not easy for you as we experienced this same thing with our staff and dealt with covering classes and satellite rooms often to maintain our safety protocol. Thank you for reporting and for your honesty. We now see the light at the end of the tunnel as we head into summer. I hope to provide new information by the middle of next week in response to any questions or concerns about any changes to our current protocol in the fall. We are awaiting word from the Cardinal and Archdiocese before we can make any changes or statements at this time. Next week, we will also share the results of the parent survey you completed which is helpful as we make these difficult decisions moving forward. I sincerely hope that in the future, when we look back on this year, we give grace to everyone and acknowledge that decisions were made with the information available at the time. Our focus as a school has been and remains on fulfilling our mission as safely and successfully as possible. We still do not know what the future holds, but we are stronger for having weathered the storm and for having remained firm. Keep the faith!

James 1:12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Many blessings,

Suzanne Barto
Principal



SUMMER RESOURCES

SUMMER READING LISTS!



Click [HERE](#) to see the required summer book selections for students that will be in 2nd through 8th grades in the fall of 2021. Due to the pandemic, we are unable to have a Book Fair as we normally do in our SLCS Library. If you purchase your summer reading books

through Amazon, please remember to go through [Amazon Smile](#) and select SLCS as your charity so the school receives a percentage of your purchase. Don't forget to check your bookshelves at home to see if you have any of these books. Reading for fun over the summer is highly encouraged. If you need ideas on some great series of books for your student to read, click [HERE](#) for a list of favorite series, arranged by grade level.

In the past we have provided a little incentive for completion of any summer program or workbook. If a child can bring proof that he/she worked significantly on reinforcing skills, including participating in a summer reading program, he/she will receive a free "A" in the subject most relevant to the camp or program. Who doesn't want to start off the fall with a free "A" as a daily grade?? Thanks for partnering with us for the success of your child and keep in touch with his/her teacher if you have any questions or concerns about progress.

FIRST COLONY LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Fort Bend County Library system will offer virtual programs during this summer. For the safety of our community and patrons, we will be offering the following programs for children/middle school in a virtual/online format in videos posted on the Fort Bend County Library website and Facebook pages:

- "Little Bits" Infant Program – Mondays
- Youth "Activity Time Tuesdays" - Tuesdays
- Family Storytime - Wednesdays
- Middle School "TRL Thursdays" - Thursdays

We are still holding our summer reading incentive program, encouraging children to read as much as possible during summer 2021. This challenge will be online as well, with children able to win prizes for reading 5/10/15/20 books (elementary), or 10/20 books (middle school). The following are links to some short videos that talk about summer reading club, and mention programs we'll be hosting online during June/July.

- Youth Video - Pre-K through 4th grade: [HERE](#)
- Middle Grade Video - 5th graders entering Middle School: [HERE](#)

SUMMER BOOKS

A Summer Book makes a great summer bridge between grades. One page per day reviews math, language arts, reading comprehension, writing, and thinking skills. The upper elementary grades also include science, history, health, and social studies, giving your child a well-rounded review. Summer Books are an excellent summer review between grades. Parents, please note that SLCS uses the Summer Solutions Original Math and Grammar Series. Order Summer Solutions [HERE](#) or Summerbook Company [HERE](#).



NEWS

ATTENTION TALENTED SAINTS

Hello Everyone! It's time for auditions for our 2nd Annual End of the Year VIRTUAL Talent Show! It will be streamed for all of our Saints and Saints families to view and enjoy on Wednesday, May 26th. If you sing, play an instrument, dance, juggle, tell jokes, do magic tricks, ride a unicycle, tumble or have any special entertaining talent, we want your videos! Remember, we love unique acts. 8th grade, please share your talents with us one more time! Talent entries are open for grades 2nd - 8th. We will be choosing the top 30 acts for this year's show.

Please make sure the video lasts no longer than 2 minutes and 30 seconds (no exceptions) and you send us a submission of your most polished performance. Remember, since we are going virtual, this video will not only be your talent entry, but will also be your performance piece if chosen for the show. So, make sure this is your best presentation and you are wearing your performance best! All entries are due by 6:00pm, Friday, May 14th (we cannot make exceptions). Please upload your entry video [HERE](#). We look forward to sharing all of the wonderful talents St. Laurence students have to offer!



WAY TO GO, GEORGIA!

The St. Laurence, Reverend John T. Weyer Knights of Columbus Council, congratulates Georgia B. for winning 2nd Place in the State of Texas in the Girls' 10 Yr Old Division of the KoC Free Throw Championship for 2021! Georgia won 2nd place in Texas based on her performances at the council, district and regional levels. Georgia was presented with the 2nd Place State trophy on Thursday May

6, 2021 during the Knights of Columbus council meeting. The Knights congratulate all the SLCS students who participated this year and hope to see everyone at next year's competition.

WELCOME NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2021-2022

Over the weekend, we had some very dedicated parents come out to discern for our SLCS School Board for 2021-2022. This is a very important volunteer group that works tirelessly to review and approve our budget, policies, strategic plan and conduct the annual parent survey. We are happy to congratulate the following new members for next school year.

- Ghislaine Fotso (mother of Eden in 2nd grade)
- Trey Sessions (father of Natalia in 6th grade)
- Denise Jonathan (mother of Micah and Ezra in Kindergarten)
- John Baker (father of John, Sarah & Katie in 3rd grade)
- Kyle Goszyk (father of Greyson in 1st grade)

CONGRATULATIONS PARAKATTEL FAMILY AND THANK YOU FOR THE REFERRAL!



Congratulations to the **Parakattel family**. They are the lucky winners of the \$1000 Referral Drawing off of tuition. Mr. and Mrs. Simon Parakattel have a first grader at St. Laurence and we appreciate them recommending SLCS to one of our new incoming families this fall. Thank you to everyone for sharing the good news of SLCS and Catholic education! We love our Saints families and your word means so much to the future growth of our enrollment. Bring your friends and family and show them why you chose a Catholic school for your child.

FREE DRESS CONTINUES!

If you purchased a Free Dress pass at the Auction, your Free Dress continues for the next 2 Mondays in May- May 17th and May 24th. If you haven't had a chance to purchase a Free Dress pass for your child, you can purchase online [HERE](#).

MAY PHOTO CONTEST! SHARE YOUR SLCS MOMENTS



Please join the fun and add all your SLCS photos for May! You could see your pictures in our yearbook, publications, and they will be part of SLCS memories. The top 10 pictures will be entered in a drawing for some fun prizes if you post a photo with any of the following themes: Mother's Day, Teacher Appreciation Day, Graduation Day - Kindergarten and 8th Grade, May Crowning, technology pictures, Catholic identity, and learning (school and remote). May Photo Album [HERE](#)



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO

VIPS COORDINATORS/CHAIRS POSITIONS OPEN

We have several VIPs Coordinators/Chair Positions open for 2021-2022.

- Father-Daughter Chairperson
- 8th Grade Reception (7th grade parent)
- 8th Grade Graduation Reception (7th grade parent)
- 8th Grade Luau (8th grade parents)
- 8th Grade Photo Montage (8th grade parent)
- and more...

Contact Jennifer Reyes [HERE](#) or Mary Phillippi [HERE](#) with questions or to sign up.

WE HAVE EXTENDED THE YEAR END GIFT FOR TEACHERS & STAFF TO THIS FRIDAY, MAY 14TH.

Each year PTO writes to you to take up a collection for a collaborative gift for teachers and staff. Help us show how appreciative we are for all their hard work, and dedication they have given to all our families. Read more [HERE](#).

TEACHER APPRECIATION NEEDS YOU

The teacher appreciation committee will be providing desserts for teachers on May 21st. Please see the attached sign-up to bring a dessert. Members from the PTO Board will be available on both ECC & Main Carpools to take the desserts off your hands to treat the teachers and staff. Desserts For Teachers/Staff Signup [HERE](#).

CAMPUS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FOR 2021-22

The PTO is very excited to roll out the volunteer sign-up (VIPS) process for the 2021-2022 school year! Follow the SignUpGenius link to select one or more activities where you would like to volunteer next year [HERE](#).

PTO IS TEAMING UP WITH BFW PIZZA

PTO is teaming up with BFW Pizza. Whenever you order from BFW, use coupon code SLCS, and a portion of the sale will be directed back to SLCS. We appreciate your support! www.bfwpizza.com

PTO PRAYER GROUP

Our next PTO Prayer Group Meeting will be Thursday, May 13th, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. Look for the Zoom link in the grade level Facebook pages (you can also use the same link as last month).

GUESS WHO'S BIRTHDAY!

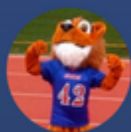


May 3rd thru 6th

William Hernandez, Catarina Golemi, Stella Luster, Sofia Busby, Caroline Smith, Stella Wells, Daniel Johnson, Madison Vu, Tobias Trevino, Mackenzie Green, Sabastian Green, Aubrey Hodge

May 10th thru 14th

Pierce Longoria, Kennedy Longoria, Alejandro Moncada, Adeline Junker, Andrew Garcia-Prats, Isaiah DeSouza, Bryson Parker, Bennett Milas, Vera Cobb Georgia Berry



SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

TRACK

Congratulations to the entire Saints track team for an incredible season! Everyone on the team improved meet to meet as many personal best performances were achieved. There were several school records broken this season. Below are those who set new school records:

6th grade

Kendall Messersmith	100m	14.07
Madeline Lara, Mayowa Balogun, Ella Saenz, Kendall Messersmith	400m relay girls	58.30

7th grade

Isabelle Rohrig, Gabriela Darcourt, Angelica Young, Sophia Yoo	400m relay girls	56.76
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8th grade

Lillian Coppedge	100m	13.15
Georgia Menough	Shot Put	33'1
Dane Jones	100m	11.73
Dane Jones	200m	24.21
Dane Jones	long jump	18'3



CAFETERIA

ORDERING LUNCHES

Please remember that you must order your child's lunch from Sami's Catering by Friday for the following week. All checks written need to be made payable to Sami's. Take note that if you order, you will be charged, whether or not your child changes his/her mind. If your child is out sick, please email the cafeteria at cafeteria@stlaurence.org, by 7:00 a.m. that morning so Sami's will know not to make your child's lunch and to avoid a charge to your account. Here are the links to order lunch:

- [May 17th-May 21st](#)
- [May 24th-May 28th](#)
- Deposit funds [Payforit](#) [HERE](#).



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

SLCS Alumni

Once A Saint, Always a Saint



PERFECT ACT SCORE

A big congrats to Adrian Pomer'18 on scoring a perfect score of 36 on the ACT! Way to go, Adrian! We are very proud of you! #CollegeReadiness #OnceASaintAlwaysASaint



PARISH NEWS

YOU CAN HELP

As you [register the kids for Faith Formation](#) next school year, please consider helping in some way. It will take over 225 adults to make our programs work when we move back on-site in the fall. No experience required, you get everything you need and the rewards are heavenly! Got questions? Call 281-265-5774.

VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE [HERE](#)



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