

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

9.1.21

THE SLCS ANNUAL FUND KICKS OFF TODAY!

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2021-2022 ANNUAL FUND KICK-OFF



Wear your favorite sports jersey to school as we kick off our Annual Fund!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

The Annual Fund helps bridge the gap between tuition and the cost to educate a student at SLCS. We aim for 100% of participation from our families and our staff! Help us reach our goal!

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The Annual Fund bridges the gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating a student at St. Laurence. It is a critical part of our operating budget and we are counting on your support! We hope for 100% participation from families and have a goal of raising \$210,000. Keep an eye out for a letter in the mail listing the ways you can support the Annual Fund. Make your donation or pledge online now [HERE!](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

9/1	Jean/Spirit Day - Blue jeans or uniform bottoms with spirit shirt Annual Fund Kick-Off - Wear your favorite sports team jersey
9/2	Individual Picture Day - Wear your school uniform and don't forget to smile! Football at Woodlands Christian - 6:00 p.m.
9/3	Elementary School Mass led by 4A with Elementary attending New Due Date for Library Birthday Book Club sign-up
9/6	Labor Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
9/7	Varsity Soccer Away at Corpus Christi - 4:30 p.m.
9/8	Spirit Day - Blue jeans or uniform bottoms with spirit shirt

	Varsity Volleyball Home vs. St. Theresa Sugar Land - 4:30 p.m.
9/9	Football at St. Vincent De Paul - 4:30 p.m. JV Soccer Home vs. St. Michael - 4:30 p.m.
9/10	Middle School Mass led by 8B with Middle School attending (no vests required)
9/13	Volleyball Home vs. St. Thomas More C Team 4:30, JV 5:15, Varsity 6:15 p.m.
9/15	Spirit Day - Blue jeans or uniform bottoms with spirit shirt
9/16	STUCO Meeting - 7:00 a.m.
9/17	Elementary School Mass led by 4B with Elementary attending



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the long weekend ahead. While you are enjoying time with your family, please keep our neighbors from Louisiana in your prayers. Pray also for an end to COVID and healing for any affected in our community. It seems that we are in need of healing everywhere we turn. We have families in our school that have lost loved ones recently and many of you know someone in need of healing, both physically and mentally. Anxiety is at an all time high, and that also includes our students. Thank you to our PTO Prayer Group for praying outside the school last week and for those participating in the Adopt a Teacher and the Forming Intentional Families Challenges. It is a time to rely on and support one another as a team while we navigate this incredibly difficult time together. I pray that one day our students will look back on this time as a just vague memory and share stories or "how hard they had it growing up" with their children.

I know we all want our "normal" back and here are a few things I need to share for the sake of consistency and uniformity (literally). This is not meant to imply that these things are more important than everything else we are dealing with right now, but we want to make sure we are sending a consistent message and staying true to the Handbook Acknowledgement that you have all signed.

1. Please read through the Family Handbook thoroughly regarding our dress code expectations. We are seeing a lot of accessories, shoes, hair styles, skirt lengths, etc. that are not within proper guidelines. Risse Uniform apologizes for being so backlogged right now with orders. They are struggling to receive shipments and are down to just one or two employees! They have assured us that orders should be filled within the next 2 weeks and thank you for your patience. We do understand if you are waiting for uniform pieces. You can also look through our Used Uniform Closet for now if that helps. There are a lot of items and they are slightly used (\$5 each). This does not pertain to the color of shoes, accessories, wearing of nail polish, or make-up that are not in dress code. As a reminder, we also do not allow "smart watches" or other devices at school. Please see pages 43-46 of the Family Handbook [HERE](#) for more details. Teachers will start sending out Handbook reminders next week, so we wanted you to be prepared.
2. Carpool has been a big concern expressed by many of you and we are listening. We will no longer allow left-turns when leaving the main campus off of Austin Parkway in the morning. I know this is an inconvenience for some, but everyone behind you is held up and students are counted tardy because they have been stuck in carpool for half an hour trying to get through the parking lot. Please help us out! It's hot out there.
3. Already, this year we are hearing a lot of complaints from the staff about extremely disrespectful behavior exhibited from some upper middle school students. This is not what I'm sure any of you would expect to be an acceptable standard of a student that attends St. Laurence Catholic School. So, in order to help illustrate our commitment to the "whole Christian person" we will be asking for input from teachers regarding unChristian-like behavior in school, as well as our normal grade checks as a part of our expectations for athletes and those participating in extracurricular activities. Basically, how students act during class and how they respond to adults and their peers will affect "playing time" or the ability to be involved in any enrichment, clubs, etc. Coaches and club sponsors, etc. will be involved and we hope that you will have a conversation with your child at home about the importance of how they treat others and help us hold them accountable. These last couple of years in our school are so important to their future success in high school and beyond. As we say often, we are aiming at heaven, not just the next game, test or grade level.

On a happy note, it was so amazing to see the volleyball games last night in the gym since it has been a long time without indoor sports. We are also allowing students to go through the lunch line beginning next week again without

pre-ordering in advance and information about after school enrichment (formerly lagniappe) should be coming out soon for those interested. These are just a few signs that we will get through this and are trying to get back to "normal" together. Thank you for patiently allowing us to safely open up slowly and successfully one little step at a time.

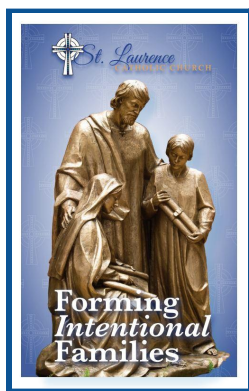
God bless,

Suzanne Barto M.Ed.

Principal



FORMING INTENTIONAL FAMILIES



FR. TRUONG SON FORMING INTENTIONAL FAMILIES WEEKLY CHALLENGE

This week - Tenet 2

Fathers, huddle and pray over your family one Hail Mary every day this week. Mothers, make sure to play Chris Tomlin's song, "I Will Follow". Kids, pray for your parents this week.

Click [HERE](#) for Forming Intentional Families Booklet Click [HERE](#) to listen to Fr. Truong Son's Weekly Challenge



SAINTS NEWS

NWEA MAP TESTING BEGINS THIS WEEK

Parents, we begin testing with our new MAP Growth online assessment for grades 1st-8th this week. We ask that you make sure that your child comes to school fed, on time and fully prepared on those days. Please refrain from making any outside appointments if possible on these days. Make-up tests may not be possible within the window of dates we were given. These results will be used to determine the proper level of instruction for the students and we appreciate your help. Please refer to the Testing Schedule on FACTS to determine what days and times your child will be taking the different sections of the test.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHES

We had hoped to allow for parents to sit with their child at lunch on their birthday, but this has created spacing issues as we try to maintain proper social distancing. At this time, parents are still welcome to come to school, but you are asked to not sit with the class. Your child can join you in a "picnic" outside at one of our picnic tables on either playground or you can just deliver a special lunch that day for him/her to eat with their classmates. We thank you for understanding that we only have so much space for seating, even with the added tables at lunch.

DESIGN OUR NEW BAPTISM CARDS

Attention all SLCS student artists! We need your help creating a Baptism card that will be given to all families who baptize their child at St. Laurence this year. Your artwork could be featured on the front of our card. Submit artwork by Friday, September 3rd [HERE](#), and the winner will receive a \$25 Chick-fil-A gift card.

LIBRARY BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB- NEW DUE DATE OF FRIDAY, 9/3!

Update: We're moving the DUE DATE for the **SLCS LIBRARY BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB** to this **Friday, September 3**. Over 200 students have been signed up so far and our Library Team is ready to "book it" to the finish line and get the program started! The Birthday Book Club is a way to foster the love of reading while honoring your student for his/her birthday with a \$20.00 contribution that purchases a new book for our library. Your student gets to be the first to check out the book and then it becomes part of our permanent collection! Join by completing the Google form found [HERE](#) by **Friday, September 3rd, 2021** and you will automatically be billed \$20.00 through FACTS. If you have more than one student, please complete a SEPARATE FORM for each student. If you have any questions, please email: library@stlaurence.org. Thank you and we look forward to seeing your students in our SLCS Library!



SHARE YOUR SLCS MOMENTS

Please join the fun! Add all your SLCS photos for September. Any theme! You could see your pictures in our yearbook, publications, and they will be part of SLCS memories.

Link to the September album [HERE](#)

****The album will be removed on October 1st!**



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO

ADOPT A TEACHER

Back by popular demand Adopt a SLCS Teacher/Staff! Help us show them the love year round! Adopt a Teacher

[HERE](#).

GET INVOLVED. VOLUNTEER AT SLCS

Today, September 1st is the last day to sign up for campus volunteer opportunities. Please sign up using this link [HERE](#). Please make sure you have the Safe Haven training, if you need it, you can get it online [HERE](#).



BIRTHDAY BALLOONS

Order your Birthday Balloons now and we will deliver them to your child & they will get a free dress day (free dress not available on required uniform days). Sign up & we'll invoice you via FACTS [HERE](#).



EVENTS



FORE!

Don't miss your putt and come join us for a fun day outside celebrating SLCS and helping us raise critical funds for Tuition Assistance. There are many ways to get involved! Sponsorships are now available [HERE](#), so hurry quickly to get your name on our most popular beverage carts, golf balls, greens and more! The tournament will take place on October 25th at Sugar Creek Country Club with a 9am shotgun start. There will be food, fun and libations for all. Please contact Kelly Goff at kgoff@stlaurence.org for further information.



SPORTS

FOOTBALL

The Saints have worked hard and are ready for a successful season!

-The Football Team will open the season at The Woodlands Christian School on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Saints Cross Country Team is working out and running hard to prepare for the season!

-The Cross Country Team will open the season at the Trinity Klein Meet on Saturday, September 11th.

SOCCER

The soccer teams are ready to kick off the season!

-Varsity soccer will travel to Corpus Christi Catholic School on Tuesday, September 7th, for a 4:30pm game.

-The JV team will open at home against St. Michael on Thursday, September 9th. Go Saints!

TENNIS

The tennis team has started practice and will start competitions in a few weeks. Stay tuned for details!

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the Saints volleyball team! They opened the season Tuesday, against St. Michael. All three teams won their games. C Team made a great comeback in the second game to win 27-25! The JV team won easily in two games. The varsity team won convincingly in 2 games 25-17 and 25-11.

-The Saints Varsity team will take on St. Theresa Sugar Land on Wednesday, September 8th, at 4:30pm at home. Come out and support the Saints!



BOOSTER CLUB

**The Booster Club 2021-22 Membership Drive is in full swing!
Join in September and be eligible to win a gym sign for a year!**

The purpose of Boosters is to promote athletics at St. Laurence Catholic School in an atmosphere that is consistent with the educational philosophy of the school community. The goals of Boosters include raising funds, providing equipment, soliciting members, promoting participation in athletics, encouraging attendance at all athletic events, providing funds to make athletics available to all and assisting the Athletic Directors, Coaches and Administration.

We invite you to join The Booster Club and help support all current and future SLCS athletes. Join Boosters in the month of September and you will be eligible to win a gym sign! The 12x48 sign will be customized by you and will hang in the school gym Jan. 2022 - Jan. 2023. Use the Google Form to sign up NOW [HERE!](#) There is a membership level for everyone!

Get your new Dri-fit Spirit Shirt as Fall sports are underway! The *Saints Spirit Gear Order Form for September/October is in your child's red folder this week.* Fill it out, put it in an envelope with payment and send it to the front office. Cash, check OR Booster Bucks can be used as payment! Please remember to include Booster Bucks & payment with your orders! **Thanks for your support! GO SAINTS!**



CAFETERIA

HOW TO ORDER

Our lunch program is administered by a third party, Sami's Cafeteria. They provide the lunches and we SLCS helps facilitate the process. Sami's charges student lunches to an account in "PayForIt.net" software. Sami's requests that you pre-pay an amount to cover several weeks of lunches and then replenish that amount once the balance gets low. PayForIT sends out low balance letters twice per month or you can request reminder emails also. Please remember that negative balances in your PayForIt account at the end of the 9 weeks will result in a Financial Hold on your FACTS account until the balance is resolved. If you set up auto-replenishment, PayForIt will automatically charge your credit card for the amount you choose when your balance gets to a certain level. You control when and how much.

To sign up for the lunch account with Sami's Cafeteria:

- Go to www.payforit.net and create a login under St. Laurence Catholic School.
- You must add credit card information in order to proceed.
- Add your student(s) to your account using the "ADD/VIEW STUDENTS" in the menu. Their ID is their student ID in FACTS.
- Make a payment (See instructions [HERE](#) or tutorial videos are located under "HOW DO I" in the PayForIt menu).
- You can also set up auto-replenishment payments and reminder emails.
- You may also drop off replenishment checks made out to "Sami's" in the front office and we will get those to Sami's Cafeteria to credit your account.

Please call the Business Office [HERE](#) if you have any other questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

- [Week 8/30-9/3](#)
- [Week 9/6-9/10](#)
- [Week 9/13-9/17](#)
- [Week 9/20-9/24](#)
- [Week 9/27-10/1](#)



PARISH NEWS



MARRIAGE & FAMILY PRESENTATION

The dynamic husband-wife team of [Jackie Francois Angel and Bobby Angel](#) are coming to St. Laurence on Thursday, September 23, 6:30-9:00pm. Through stories and music, gain fresh insight on our call to be gift in our marriages and families. It's FREE, but please [register in advance](#).

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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