

# ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

1.26.22

**CELEBRATE OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2022**  January 30- February 5

 Celebrating Our Community Monday, Jan 31	 Celebrating Our Students Tuesday, Feb 1	 Celebrating Our Nation Wednesday, Feb 2	 Celebrating Our Staff & Volunteers Thursday, Feb 3	 Celebrating Vocations Friday, Feb 4
<p>Pep Rally at 2 PM with special guest, Mayor Zimmerman</p> <p>Students bring a multi-pack of snacks to donate to needy children in Fort Bend (granola bars, crackers, pretzels, etc)</p>	<p><b>FREE DRESS FOR STUDENTS!</b></p> <p>Special treat for all students at recess!</p> <p>PTO Board greets families at carpool</p>	<p><b>SPIRIT DAY!</b></p> <p>Wear SLCS or patriotic gear</p> <p>All-school Prayer Service to pray for our nation</p> <p>Booster Board greets families at carpool</p>	<p>Special thank you to all parent volunteers and SLCS staff</p> <p>School Board greets families at carpool</p>	<p>Career and Vocations Day- speakers share how faith guides their work (3rd-8th grades)</p> <p>Special blessing for students at mass</p>

 **ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SLCS 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 29TH FROM 2-4 PM AT SLCS. MASS AT 5 PM WITH CARDINAL DINARDO.**

Catholic Schools Week is next week, January 31st- February 4th. We are kicking off the festivities with our 30th Anniversary Celebration and Mass this Saturday!

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## IMPORTANT DATES

1/26	Spirit Day - Blue jeans or uniform bottoms with spirit shirt Boys Basketball Home vs. St. Francis de Sales; JV 4:30 p.m., Varsity 5:30 p.m.
1/27	Current Student Registration Opens for 2022-2023 School Year Girls Basketball Home vs. St. Francis de Sales; Varsity 4:30 p.m.
1/28	Elementary Mass led by 2C Parish Family Gather Night. Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for more information!
1/29	<b>30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION</b> 2-4 p.m. PTO 30th Anniversary Mass - 5:00 p.m. Plaid Bag Weekend - Wear your uniform to Mass! Get a free dress pass
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1/30-2/4	<b>HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!</b> - Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for a calendar of events!
1/31	Pep Rally to kick off CSW and 100th Day of School! Boys and Girls Basketball GHCAA playoffs TBA
2/1	Leo Officers Meeting - 7:00 a.m.

	FREE DRESS DAY for all students! Please refer to Family Handbook for questions PTO helps with carpool
2/2	Spirit Day - Blue jeans or uniform bottoms with spirit shirt Booster helps with carpool Edge Gym Night
2/3	Club Picture Day School Board helps with carpool <b>Current Student Registration Ends</b>
2/4	School Mass led by STUCO Career/Vocations Speakers for students
2/5	New Student Screening 8:00 - 11:00 am
2/7	Tour of the Church - 6:30-7:30 p.m. - 2nd Grade students
2/8	Leos Meeting - 7:00 a.m. PTO Meeting - 8:15 a.m. - Ave Maria Center
2/9	College t-shirt/Career shirt Spirit Day - Blue jeans or uniform bottoms with college or spirit shirt <b>EARLY DISMISSAL 12:00/12:15 p.m.</b>
2/11	Elementary Mass led by 1A Grace Before the Race-Drive Through Spaghetti Dinner - Pick up 5:30-7:30 p.m..
2/12	Steps for Students 6:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Heart of Worship 11:30 a.m.-9:30 pm.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Saints Families,

This is probably our busiest time of year with so many exciting things going on! Tomorrow morning you should be receiving an email from Renweb/FACTS that announces the opening of re-enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year. All the information you need to complete this process will be contained in that email, so be sure to check your inbox. Current student re-enrollment, which includes incoming siblings, ends next Thursday, February 3rd. After that, we begin opening spots for parishioners, so don't delay. The good news is that everything can be done electronically now so you should not have any paperwork to fill out. Please read this letter [HERE](#) with more information and announcing the start of re-enrollment. You will find our new tuition rates for 2022-2023 if you haven't already seen them on our website [HERE](#).

We hope to see everyone this Saturday for our 30th Anniversary Celebration. It should be a lot of fun catching up with everyone who was so instrumental in getting our amazing school started back in 1992. Don't forget that students can wear their uniform to any Mass this weekend for a free dress pass. This is just a little thank you for representing their school. Next Monday, we kick-off National Catholic Schools Week [About Catholic Schools Week](#) and each day there is a theme or focus illustrating who we are called to serve. See the schedule above for specific information pertaining to SLCS. Thank you in advance to our wonderful PTO, Booster and School Boards for helping make this week extra special.

God bless and St. Laurence, pray for us.

*Suzanne Barto M.Ed.*

Principal



## 30th ANNIVERSARY

### SLCS TRIVIA

Things are really gearing up for our 30th Anniversary! Let's travel down memory lane with a bit of SLCS trivia over the next few weeks. This just might come in handy at our BIG celebration this Saturday January 29th from 2-4:00 p.m. Make plans to join in this family-friendly event complete with food trucks, games, tours, alumni vs. student

basketball game in the gym, and plenty of reminiscing! RSVP [HERE!](#) Stay for the PTO 30th Anniversary Mass with Cardinal DiNardo at 5:00 p.m.

1. When our doors opened in 1992 all classes from PK3-4th grade were located in the Parish Courtyard.
2. Channel 2 used to give out a Sunshine Award on their morning show. Mrs. A and Mrs. Bauer were both recipients of the award and we welcomed Channel 2 to our campus with open arms.
3. We keep all of our sports trophies on display in the Dining Hall; the unit was donated by the PTO.
4. SLCS was named an Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education in 2005 and again in 2014.



**ANY FAMILIAR FACES?**

**CHECK BACK NEXT WEEK FOR MORE SAINTS TIDBITS AND THROWBACK PICTURES!**



## MEET OUR SCHOOL BOARD



### GHISLAINE FOTSO

Can you believe that our school celebration of 30 years of Catholic education is imminent? I hope that many of you can join. My name is Ghislaine Fotso. I am married to the love of my life, Eric, who I met in Germany as we were both starting college. We have been blessed with three incredibly amazing daughters. Alyson (17) and Lauren(15) are senior and sophomore in high school, respectively, and Eden (🤩 third grade at SLCS.) Eric and I are of Cameroonian descent and are delighted to live in a Texas area whose cosmopolitan aspect, warm climate, culture and food helped us establish a new home. Being part of the vibrant St. Laurence community is marvelous, too.

Our history with St. Laurence Catholic School ironically began 18 years ago as Eric and I freshly moved from Bakersfield, California to Sugar Land. We were expecting our first child. As born and raised Catholic, we sought a place to worship. It was gratifying to find that at St. Laurence Catholic Church. About that same time, 18 years ago, I also learned that the Parish has a PreK-8 school. And so our journey began with St. Laurence Catholic School-while pregnant with Alyson. As a goal-oriented type of person, I had projected that she will attend the Parish school when the time comes. For my husband and I, it was fundamental that our children receive the gift of Catholic faith and education as both our parents had done for us. Would I call a coincidence that we were acquainted with a church that happens to have a school? I believe it to be the grace of God. By God's grace, we consecutively





### BE PART OF OUR HERITAGE DAY 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 on Friday, March 25th. 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](#).



### 2022 GOLF NEWS!

Our contract with Sugar Creek is currently up for renewal and we now have the opportunity to move the golf tournament back to Sweetwater Country Club on October 31st, 2022, or we can stay at Sugar Creek for a tournament on October 24th, 2022. There are many positives at each location, so if you have an opinion, please take a moment to vote on the date and location you would prefer [HERE](#).

### RE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION! TODAY!

It is that time of year! Please make sure all your accounts are up to date by January 26th (Today!). You will not receive information to re-enroll for the 2022-2023 school year if there are delinquencies in regards to tuition, BASC, Sami's Lunch Accounts, Athletics, or any other Incidental charges in FACTS. Re-enrollment information will be sent out by 4:00 p.m. on January 26th to all current families in good standing. It is imperative that you act quickly to secure your spot for next year prior to the opening of the application to new students on February 3rd.

### TUITION ASSISTANCE 2022-2023

The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is a yearly commitment that the Archdiocese makes to keep Catholic schools accessible, affordable, and available to all families. In an effort to be good stewards of their resources, and provide for equitable distribution, the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston utilizes the FACTS management application process for determining financial need in allocating tuition assistance. SLCS will use this same application in FACTS to determine if families qualify for SLCS Tuition Assistance. The Archdiocese will consider all Applications submitted in FACTS by February 11, 2022, and will send notification emails the week of March 7, 2022. A second round of assistance will be considered on all applications submitted by July 1, 2022. Click the link [HERE](#) to apply (be sure to choose the 2022-2023 School Year).

### ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW! DON'T MISS OUT ON THE MEMORIES!

A yearbook is one of the most important books you will ever own!

Order your copy today at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com). Yearbooks will be delivered in late August.



THIS IS YOUR STORY. AND EVERYONE IS IN IT.



### SHARE YOUR SLCS MOMENTS

Please join the fun! Add all your SLCS photos for January. Any theme! You could see your pictures in our yearbook, publications, and they will be part of SLCS memories. Link to the January album [HERE](#)

**\*The album will be removed on February 1st!**



## A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have heard many of you would like more volunteer opportunities. We are working to increase these opportunities and ensure that we are following the COVID Protocols. We appreciate all your help, patience, and flexibility. We have a couple of volunteer opportunities listed below if you are interested.

- ❖ Help SLCS Celebrate our students on Tuesday, February 1st by volunteering to help hand out a special treat at recess. Please sign up [HERE](#) for one-hour slots on Tuesday, February 1st. You must have current Safe Environment Training to Volunteer.
- ❖ If you are interested in taking Carpool A numbers or loading Carpool B students, contact Mary Phillippi [HERE](#).

- ❖ Morning carpool volunteers are needed on the main campus. If you would like to volunteer or need more information please contact Regina at [HERE](#).
- ❖ Friday School Mass! If you are interested in helping with Friday School masses, please contact Mary Phillippi [HERE](#).

## LOVE AND PRAYERS FOR SLCS

Please join us each Thursday morning around the St. Laurence statue (in front of the school entrance) to pray a Rosary for our wonderful school, amazing faculty and staff, and our precious children. It's a great way to start your day! Just drop off those kids, park and PRAY.

Also, join us on the 3rd THURSDAY of each month at the Ave Maria Center in the St. Joseph room at 8:15 a.m as we pray from a scripture book and then pray a Rosary. We meet at the AMC instead of the front of the school on these 3rd Thursdays.

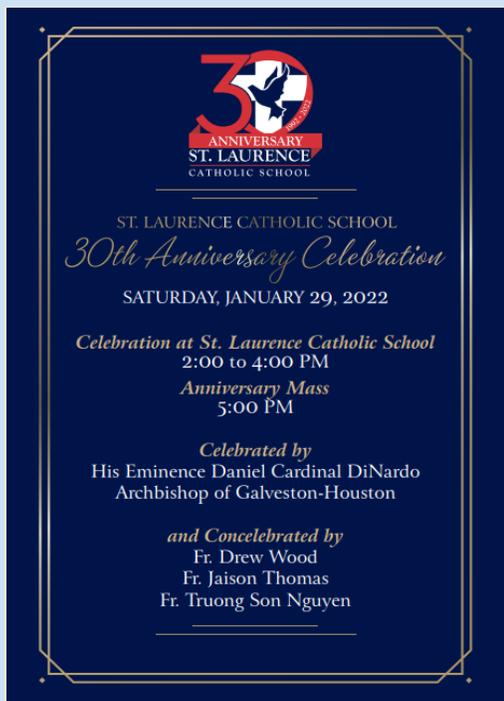
PTO Prayer Group meeting dates at the AMC are 2/17, 3/10, 4/21, and 5/19. Any questions? Call or text Tammy Luster, PTO Prayer Liaison at 713-254-7040

**Do you have a special prayer request? Need prayers?** Send your request [HERE](#).



## EVENTS

### SLCS 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION! THIS SATURDAY!



Calling all Saints! Join us this Saturday, January 29th from 2-4 PM for the SLCS 30th Anniversary celebration. We will celebrate 30 years of excellence in Catholic education with a fun family day, including a sports inflatable, temporary tattoos for kids, open playground and games, and food truck offerings from Hey Sugar Sugar, Sammie Joe's Creole, and Sauerkraut Grill. Take a walk down Memory Lane with our photo display and snap fun family photos in our SLCS photo booth. And, stay to watch our Alumni vs. Student Basketball game at 2:30 PM in the gym! Our Pep Band, Choir, and Cheerleaders will be performing and our very own Fr. Truong Son will be commentating on the game! Stay for our 30th Anniversary mass, hosted by the PTO and celebrated by Cardinal DiNardo at 5PM.

We are still in need of volunteers to make this event a success. Sign up [HERE](#) if you are interested in helping with a volunteer shift at the event.

All students are asked to wear their SLCS uniforms to all masses that weekend. See a PTO or School Board member after mass to receive your Free Dress Pass!

Do you have a favorite family recipe? Submit your recipe for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook. All current and alumni families are invited to submit 1 family recipe to our cookbook. Cookbooks will be sold online during the Auction this April. Recipes can be submitted online via our cookbook portal [HERE](#). Username: slcs Password: butter940 to submit your family recipe.



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK- NEXT WEEK JANUARY 31ST- FEBRUARY 4TH

Catholic Schools Week is next week!. We are kicking off the celebration with the Plaid Bag collection at all of the weekend masses on January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> to benefit Tuition Assistance at SLCS. All students who wear their SLCS uniform to mass that weekend can stop by the Narthex after mass to pick up a Free Dress pass from one of our School Board members.

### Here's a quick list of events for Catholic Schools Week:

- Monday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>- Celebrating our Community- Pep Rally at 2 PM with Sugar Land Mayor Zimmerman. Students donate multi-pack of snacks to needy children in Fort Bend (granola bars, crackers, pretzels, etc)
- Tuesday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>- Celebrating our Students- FREE DRESS FOR STUDENTS! NO HOMEWORK! Special treat for all students at recess
- Wednesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Celebrating our Nation- Wear SLCS or Patriotic gear. All-School Prayer service for our nation.
- Thursday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>- Celebrating our Staff & Volunteers- Special thank you and treat for all staff and volunteers
- Friday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>- Celebrating Vocations- Career and Vocations Day for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade

### GRACE BEFORE THE RACE - SPAGHETTI DINNER



Support our Students and come pick up a tasty Spaghetti Dinner generously donated and lovingly cooked by our Knights of Columbus!

CURBSIDE DESSERT! Support our Student Council Bake Sale when you pick up dinner - Cash only please!

Pickup by Parish Dining Hall

Friday, February 11th

5:30 - 7:30

[CLICK HERE FOR ORDER FORM!](#)



### STEPS FOR STUDENTS! REGISTER BY JANUARY 20TH!

Thursday, January 20th, is the last day to register online and wear Valentine's t-shirt on February 14th! It is also the deadline to have your race t-shirt and materials delivered to SLCS. Those who register after this date will have to pick up their t-shirts and materials from the Archdiocese directly.

Sign up for Steps for Students [HERE!](#) Click [HERE](#) for incentives!

### ATTENTION ALL FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS! SAVE THE DATE FOR THE UPCOMING SLCS FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE!



Daddies, get your dancing shoes ready for our annual PTO Father/Daughter Dance!

Saturday, February 19th, 2022

7-9:00 p.m.

School Gym

**NOTE: PLEASE DON'T WEAR GREEN OR LIGHT BLUE  
BECAUSE OF THE GREEN SCREEN FOR THE PHOTO BOOTH**

PLEASE JOIN US AS THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN AT THE ANNUAL AUCTION ON APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM!



[CLICK HERE](#)  
[TO OPEN TO SAVE THE DATE!](#)



Please consider joining our *Saints Revelers* (auction committee) as we promote the event and procure auction items to wow the crowds!

We are currently looking for **help with the Live & Big Board Auctions, Silent Auction and Raffle!!** We will need many helpers so please reach out to Kelly [HERE](#), if you are interested in helping and joining in on the fun. We will have our first meeting in February to gear up for our fun **Fat Tuesday kickoff celebration March 1st.**

Please **check out our [gala website](#)** where you can donate auction items, purchase tickets, sponsorships, and tables.

Let us know if you know of any fun and exciting items to be donated – like getaways, Louisiana or New Orleans themed items, jewelry, sports packages, staycations, shopping experiences, etc! We appreciate any ideas! You can [donate online here!](#)



## SPORTS

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

The girls JV and C Teams finished up their seasons at St. Michael on Tuesday. All the girls have displayed great teamwork and showed great improvement. They will all be ready to play next year!

The Varsity girls defeated St. Anne and St. Michael this past week to up their record to 11-2. The Saints are currently in 1st place in their division and will play in the GHCAA playoffs on Monday at home. The opponent and time are to be determined. Watch for updates on game times and come out and support the Saints!

- Thursday, January 27, Girls Basketball Home vs. St. Francis de Sales; Varsity at 4:30 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

All 3 boys teams played at St. Michael on Monday. The C Team boys lost a heartbreaker by one point in their last game of the regular season. The C Team had a great season and finished 12-2!

- The JV boys will play their final game at home today, Wednesday, January 26th to finish up a successful season against St. Francis de Sales at 4:30 p.m.
- The Varsity boys also play today at home at 5:30 p.m. They defeated St. Anne last Friday and St. Michael on Monday and are currently 10-3 in league play. The Saints are currently in 2nd place in the district. They will head into the playoffs this weekend and next week but the seeding's will not be final until all district teams finish their games.
- The boys first playoff game will either be Saturday, January 29th or Monday, January 31st. Watch for an update on Facebook and come out and support the Saints!
- Wednesday, January 26, Boys Basketball Home vs. St. Francis de Sales; JV at 4:30 and Varsity at 5:30 p.m.

### YEARBOOK AND PUBLICATIONS NEED YOUR ATHLETICS PICTURES!

Please upload your pictures in the links below!

[Baseball](#)

[Cheerleading](#)

[Soccer](#)

[Tennis -Spring](#)

[Volleyball JV](#)

<a href="#">Basketball - Boys</a>	<a href="#">Cross Country</a>	<a href="#">Softball</a>	<a href="#">Track</a>	<a href="#">Volleyball Varsity</a>
<a href="#">Basketball - Girls</a>	<a href="#">Football</a>	<a href="#">Tennis - Fall</a>	<a href="#">Volleyball C</a>	



## PARISH NEWS



### HEART OF WORSHIP

Nearly 900 people are already registered for [Heart of Worship](#), less than 3 weeks away! Spots are filling up fast, so [register soon at \\$30 per person](#). You won't want to miss this day of "restoration" and renewal.

### GATHER PARISH FAMILY MEALS: SEASONING YOUR FAITH ON FRIDAY NIGHT

A series of events called St. Laurence Family Gather Nights is being offered as an opportunity to grow in the faith as a family. We welcome families of all ages and sizes to join in the fun. When a family spends intentional time together, amazing things can happen as stronger bonds, deeper faith and stronger communication is formed. Our next Family Gather Night is January 28. Click [HERE](#) for more information!

**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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