

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

4.13.22



SEE YOU AT THE AUCTION!

Celebrate our school's 30th anniversary at the [Auction & Gala](#)
Saturday, April 30, at the Marriott Sugar Land. Cocktails, dinner, live music, exciting auctions and raffles!
Get your tickets now!!

IMPORTANT DATES

4/13	Living Stations of the Cross by 7th grade - 9:00 a.m. in the Church
4/14	Spring Conference Day-scheduled times EARLY DISMISSAL - 12:00/12:15 p.m. Holy Thursday Holy Triduum Begins
4/15	GOOD FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL - WEAR RED TO CHURCH SERVICE AT ST. LAURENCE
4/17	Easter Sunday-Hallelujah!
4/18	Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL
4/19	School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
4/20	Jean/Spirit Day Band Spring Concert - 6:00-7:00 p.m.
4/21	2nd Grade Field Trip - Museum of Natural Science

	STUCO Meeting - 7:00 a.m. PTO Prayer Group - 8:15 a.m. - Ave Maria Center - St. Joseph Room New SLCS Parent Reception in the Dining Hall 5:30-7:00 p.m.
4/22	All School Mass led by Administration and Resource Team 6th/7th Grade Dance - 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Gym
4/23	Cheer Camp - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Hoops and Dogs -1:00-3:00 p.m. - Gym
4/25	Earth Week Celebration Week



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear SLCS Parents,

We had a beautiful Living Stations of the Cross presentation this morning by our 7th grade class. It is truly a blessing as a Catholic School for us to be able to provide these special events and programs for our students in person. Thank you to Mrs. Washburn for preparing the students and the 7th grade for reminding us of the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf. As we enter the holiest days of the Liturgical Year, our prayers go out to all of those who are suffering and in need. We pray that your family will have a very blessed Easter. Tomorrow is an early dismissal at noon with pre scheduled conferences in the afternoon. We will be closed on Friday and Monday in observance of the Holy Triduum. Please refer to the Parish News section below for information on these Holy Day Celebrations at our own St. Laurence Parish.



Suzanne Barto M.Ed.

Principal



COVID-19 UPDATES

Confirmed positive cases of students/staff in the school building are reported weekly in order to keep you informed as to positive cases in our school. Emails will still be sent directly to specific departments (ECC/Elem & MS), grade levels, or classrooms. If we suspect spread within a class/grade level or department, everyone in that group may be required to wear masks.

Current numbers of confirmed positive cases in the school building are listed below. This data does not include other family members or those that have not been at school in the time period where other students could be identified as "close contact". Our protocol for close contact within the home is different for in-school due to the much higher rate of spread from familial contact.

Due to the low number of cases and spread, masks are now optional for both adults and students inside the buildings. Masks are optional for our All School Liturgy on Fridays.

Week April 6--April 12, 2022:

1 positive student case

0 Staff cases this week

Click [HERE](#) for Student and Staff Safety- COVID-19 Protocols.

Please email covid-19@stlaurence.org when your child is kept home because of COVID-19 symptoms or questions.



COUNSELORS' CORNER

Forgiveness means choosing to let go of anger and resentment toward yourself or someone else, and to move forward with your personal strength intact.

“We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love.” Martin Luther King

Family Time Idea:

Do something thoughtful for someone you have hurt.

Study Skills Tip:

Preparing to Take a Test

- Part 4 - Creative Strategies
 - Recite material out loud
 - Make personal connections
 - Create a helpful rhyme, song, or picture
 - Quiz yourself



STUDENT SHOUT-OUT



MEET DYLAN HENKEL!

We would love to give a shout out to Dylan Henkel in 1st Grade! Dylan has had a great start to the season in Junior Golf, and won this coveted Playoff Belt! He also loves playing and watching basketball. All the while, he is maintaining great grades in school with all A's and B's! Way to go, Dylan!

NOMINATE A DESERVING STUDENT!

Do you have or know a student that is deserving of a shout-out? We will be highlighting a student every week to recognize their spirit of service, accomplishments, hard work, and dedication! Nominate a student for consideration **HERE!**



SAINTS NEWS

START YOUR CHILD'S STORY AT ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

- Catholic values and teachings
- TEKS Curriculum Alignment
- Early Literacy Development
- Social and Emotional Skills Building
- Multicultural Education
- Enrichment Classes:
Music, Motor Skills, Spanish,
STREAM, and Library
- Taught by Certified Teachers

**APPLY
TODAY!**

Enrolling PreK Students
for 2022-2023!



281.980.0500

www.stlaurenceschool.org/admissions



SPREAD THE WORD!

**ARE ENROLLING NEW SAINTS FOR 2022-2023!!
PREK OPENINGS AND LIMITED SPACES IN OTHER GRADES**

St. Laurence Catholic School has openings for PreK Bridge students and limited spaces in other grades.

If a new applicant puts your name as a referral on their application, you will enter a drawing for a \$1,000 tuition credit or \$200 gift card for the 2022/2023 school year. The more people you talk to about our school, the more chances to win!

BOOK FAIR THANK YOU



The library would like to thank students, teachers, and parents for supporting our Usborne book fair. A special thank you to our volunteers for helping during the fair. Without their help, events like this would not be a success. We are very excited to contribute a portion of the fair proceeds to “Books Between Kids”, a non-profit organization promoting literacy to children in Houston. Along with the library donation, we have very generous parents and students that donated gently used books to BBK. Our students were very excited to help others in need. Thank you SLCS!

CALLING ALL YOU TALENTED SLCS STUDENTS FROM GRADES 2ND - 8TH GRADE!

The 2022 Talent Show is back and we are performing LIVE in the gym at 1:00pm on May 24th. If you would like to audition for the show, please fill out the form [HERE](#) and return with your video submission. We are looking for singers, dancers, instrumentalists, jugglers, martial arts and tumblers, comedians...just share your talent! We know the talent is out there so come on and audition! Forms are to be submitted and returned with your audition video by Friday, May 6th. All acts must be 3 minutes or under and no late entries will be accepted.



CALLING ALL SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS! WE NEED YOU!

Do you own a small business in the area or are in a profession that has a waiting room or an area where we can display some postcards or information about our school?

Become a **SAINTS COMMUNITY PARTNER!** Ask us how [HERE](#).

Your business' name and a link to the website will be displayed on our NEW website page [HERE](#) designed to highlight our supportive community partners!

YEARBOOK

If you missed the opportunity to order your yearbook, Balfour kindly opened the store for a few more weeks! Don't miss the chance to get your yearbook and priceless memories at www.balfour.com.



SHARE YOUR SLCS MOMENTS

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

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



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL NWEA MAP GROWTH TESTING - APRIL 2022

Middle School Testing - Spring 2022

NWEA MAP Growth Assessments

Tuesday, April 26th

Session I	MATH	8:10 to 9:20
Break	Restroom/Stretch Break	9:20 – 9:35
Session II	LANGUAGE	9:35 – 10:45
Move to 4 th Hour Class and resume regular schedule at 10:45		

Homeroom Teachers - Turn in names of any students that are not finished with each test to Mrs. Wells.

Wednesday, April 27th

Session I	READING	8:10 to 9:20
Break	Restroom/Stretch Break	9:20 – 9:35
Session II	SCIENCE	9:35 – 10:45
Move to 4 th Hour Class and resume regular schedule at 10:45		

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IFG ACRE Student Assessment – 5th and 8th Grade Students Only

5th Grade – During Religion class on **Monday April 25th**

8th Grade – During Religion class on **Thursday, April 28th**

What is IFG ACRE?

IFG ACRE (Information for Growth Assessment of Child/Youth Religious Education) is a tool to help Catholic schools and parishes assess how well their religious education programs are forming committed Christian disciples.

KC SCHOLARSHIP ESSAYS DUE

8th graders planning to attend a Catholic high school and college-bound graduating seniors are invited to submit essays to [win a scholarship](#) from the [Knights of Columbus](#). There's just a few more days before the application deadline this Friday, April 15.



EVENTS



CALLING SLCS DADS AND SONS! HOOPS & DOGS 2022 IS HERE!

It's time for our annual Hoops and Dogs on Saturday, April 23rd from 1-3pm. Please let us know if you are coming [HERE](#) so we can plan for James Coney Island Hot Dogs and snacks.

Looking forward to seeing you!



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ Hooray, Main Campus Lunch Duty is back, and we need you! Lunch duty is a great way to help the SLCS staff and students. If you are interested, simply sign up [HERE](#).
- ❖ If you are interested in taking Carpool A numbers or loading Carpool B students, contact Mary Phillippi [HERE](#). In addition, morning carpool volunteers are needed on the main campus. If you would like to volunteer or need more information, please contact Regina [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 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](#).



SPORTS

SOFTBALL

The Saints softball team finished the season with a big win last Wednesday at St. Michael! There was plenty of action on the base paths as the Saints collected 13 hits! In the first inning, the Saints got their offense started with a single by Evangelina Vallejo. Sophie Eskue got the win for St. Laurence pitching her final 8th grade game! She allowed zero hits and zero runs while walking zero. Helen Doyle threw one and one-third innings in relief out of the bullpen. Gabbi James hit a home run to continue the scoring and the Saints scored 13 runs! Katherine Lojo played strong defense with 4 put-outs and no errors! The final score was 13-7. Way to go Saints!

TRACK

It was another first place win for both our boys and girls track teams! Both teams had outstanding performances at the second GHCAA this past weekend. Carter Bilodeau broke the school record and GHCAA record in 6th grade boys shot put. Carter now holds both discus and shot put school records for 6th grade boys.

Below are all first place finishers:

6th grade

Carter Bilodeau	shot put, discus
Victoria Pascua	100m hurdles
Jack Boudreaux	1600m
4x400m girls relay	Alyssa Somera, Victoria Pascua, Sasha Sabonghy, Ellie Jamison
4x400m boys relay	Davis Michael, Paul Lasala, Alejandro Cividanes, Jack Boudreaux

7th grade

Zachary Zezatti	110m hurdles
Kendall Messersmith	Shot put, 100m
Sofia Pangelinan	800m, 1600m
Mayowa Balogun	Long jump, 200m
4x200m girls relay	Molly Coffman, Mayowa Balogun, Caitlin Lardizabal, Kendall Messersmith
4x400m girls relay	Naomi Sabonghy, Mayowa Balogun, Sophia Rousse, Sofia Pangelinan

8th grade

Andrew Baughman	Discus
Lincoln Leaser	110m hurdles, 400m
Ben Shi	Shot put
Isabelle Rohrig	400m
Kaitlyn Elackatt	100m hurdles
4x400m girls relay	Isabelle Rohrig, Sophia Yoo, Betsy Byrne, Kaitlyn Elackatt
4x400m boys relay	Brayden McCluggage, Wilson Madden, Diego Adams, Lincoln Leaser

- The final GHCAA meet will be on Saturday, April 23rd at Barnet Stadium at 8:00 AM.
- The athletes who qualify will compete in the GHCAA Championship meet on Saturday, April 30th at Strake Jesuit.



BOOSTER CLUB

BOOSTER CLUB MEMBER EVENT

- A special thanks to our Booster Club Corporate Sponsors [HERE](#)! We appreciate your continued support!
- Check out the Booster Club website [HERE](#) for all our latest forms and information!

UPCOMING BOOSTER EVENTS

- ☐ 4/21- Pop Up Spirit Store
- ☐ 5/4 - SLCS Coaches Appreciation Dinner
- ☐ 5/4 - Brandanis

YEARBOOK AND PUBLICATIONS NEED YOUR ATHLETICS PICTURES!

Please upload your pictures in the links below!

Baseball	Cheerleading	Soccer	Tennis -Spring	Volleyball JV
Basketball - Boys	Cross Country	Softball	Track	Volleyball Varsity
Basketball - Girls	Football	Tennis - Fall	Volleyball C	



PARISH NEWS



HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Plan to attend the [Mass of the Lord's Supper](#) on Holy Thursday and the [Solemn Good Friday Liturgies](#) to experience the exultant joy of [Easter Sunday](#). These are among the most beautiful and moving liturgies of the entire year.

WEAR RED

On Good Friday, [fasting and abstinence](#) are observed. If you plan to attend the Solemn Good Friday liturgies at 3pm or 7pm, please **WEAR RED**.

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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STAY CONNECTED



Saints Newsletter is our main way of communication. We have all the school-wide information that you need at your fingertips! Please be sure to read the whole newsletter to stay up to date with what is happening in our school. If you have questions or suggestions, contact Adriana Gutierrez [HERE](#)! You can also find the newsletter on our website:

<https://www.stlaurenceschool.org/bulletins>