

ST. LAURENCE WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is GAH?

GAH is an acronym for the Guardian Angel Hall. The GAH is where kids will have playground time if it is raining outside. Children 2 years old and up gather here every afternoon for the end of the day song and prayer. It is located on the first floor, to the right, as you are walking into the Ava Maria Center.

What is Marian Hall?

The Marian Hall is the large Conference/Banquet Room where special events are held throughout the year. It is located on the first floor, to the left, as you are walking into the Ava Maria Center.

Where can I find program events?

Program events can be found in the Proud Parent Handbook on page 2. Descriptions of each event will be in the appendix. The WCP newsletter will also have upcoming events listed on the first page. Be on the lookout for emails regarding program activities and celebrations!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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SEPTEMBER

1 - Labor Day

8-12: Book Fair

10 Grandparents Day

11 - Tom's Fun Band

16-18: Picture Day

18: Spirit & Chick-Fil-A Day

19: Parent Mixer

24: Bugs on Wheels

25: Staff & Teacher Luncheon

26: No School

MISSION

"Together with family and community, we are called to support children's spiritual and human growth and development."

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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Sugar Land, TX 77479

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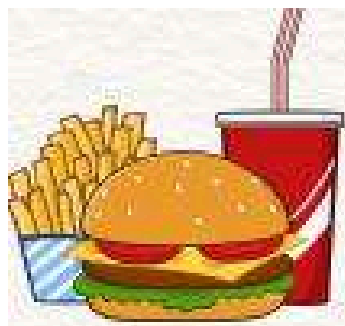
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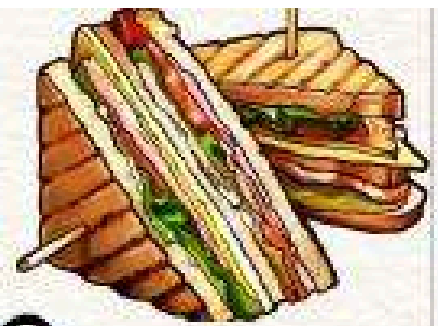
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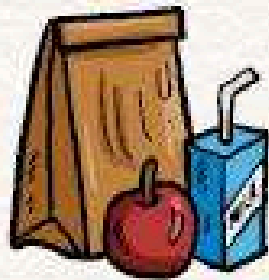
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Lunch Fundraiser



Hosted by: WCP Parent Advisory Board



Want a break from
packing lunch? We got you
covered on
Spirit Day 09/18

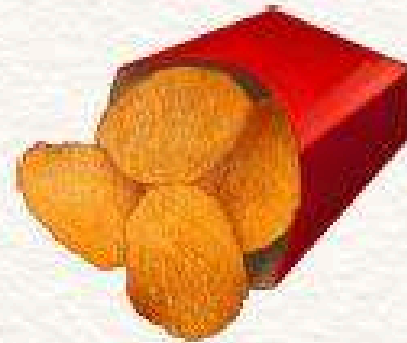
Chick-fil-A Meal:

Entree: 5 original nuggets

Side: Bag of Chips

Beverage: Apple Juice

Price: \$10



**All proceeds go to the
St. Laurence Weekday Children's Program

Note: Please check Chick-fil-A website for
ingredients and food allergies

Use QR code to
place an order!
Cash payment
must be
collected by
09/12





Get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win some amazing prizes
at our Parent Mixer.

Mix and mingle with fellow WCP Parents.

Event is BYOB. Parents only.

**19TH
SEPTEMBER**

**GUARDIAN ANGELS HALL
INSIDE
AVE MARIA CENTER**

6:30PM-8PM

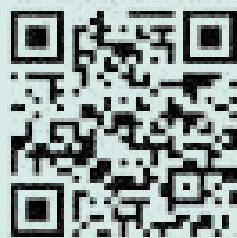
SIGN UP HERE:

Parent Night Link



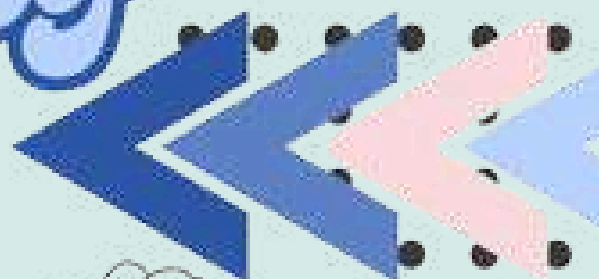
Sept 16-18th

Personality Photos



with

SARA STANLEY



SSP WILL BE HERE TO CAPTURE MORE THAN JUST A SINGLE SMILE,
BUT A GALLERY FULL OF PERSONALITY.

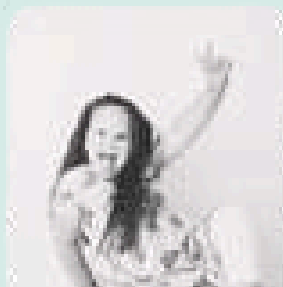
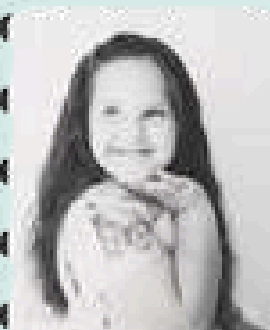
EACH STUDENT WILL HAVE THEIR PHOTOS PLACED IN A PRIVATE GALLERY.
THERE, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW AND PURCHASE YOUR PHOTOS.

THE GALLERIES WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL, AND ORDERING WILL TAKE PLACE
COMPLETELY ONLINE (NO FORMS TO BRING BACK, NO PROOFING SHEETS).

SIBLINGS WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED TOGETHER

Prints from \$2

Digital Images from \$30



Spanish for Children at Weekday Children's Program

"Opening the World to Children
Through Second Language Learning"

WHY LEARN YOUNG?

Young children are uniquely suited to learning a second language. The developing brain is hard-wired to acquire language – never again will it be this natural or this easy! In taking advantage of this window of opportunity, young learners will benefit from:

LINGUISTIC BENEFITS

- The young brain is inherently flexible, uniquely hard-wired to acquire language naturally.
- Young language learners can acquire native-like fluency as easily as they learned to walk.
- Children learn naturally, building a second language system alongside, not through the first.
- Children absorb the sounds, structures, intonation patterns and rules of a second language intuitively without rote memorization or grammar drills.
- Children mimic a native-like accent flawlessly.
- Younger learners benefit from flexible ear and speech muscles that can still hear the critical differences between the sounds of a second language, as well as reproduce them with native-like

COGNITIVE BENEFITS

- Learning a second language at a young age is cognitively as easy as learning a first language.
- The research goes on to show a number of additional cognitive benefits to learning a second language at an early age. Children who study foreign language show higher cognitive performance in overall basic skills in elementary school. According to the College Entrance Examination Board, they go on to score higher on SATs.
- Children who learn a foreign language at a young age also exhibit better problem solving skills, enhanced spatial relations, and heightened creativity. Learning a second language early on encourages flexible thinking and communication skills.
- The young learner learns naturally, absorbing the sounds, structures, intonation patterns and rules of a second language intuitively, as they did their mother tongue.

LIFELONG BENEFITS

**THE GIFT OF LANGUAGE IS
AN INVESTMENT THAT LASTS
A LIFETIME!**

Young learners enrich their lives and open up doors to their future by gaining:

- An expanded world view.
- Greater intercultural appreciation and sensitivity.
- Ability to learn additional languages more easily.
- A competitive edge in future markets and the global marketplace.



Dear WCP Families,

Our hearts are heavy as we reflect on the recent tragedy involving a school shooting. We lift up in prayer for the entire school community, especially the children and their families who were directly affected by this heartbreaking event. May God's comfort and peace be with them.

In light of this, I'd like to share a resource from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) that may be helpful as you support your child, depending on their age, through difficult news or experience. Click [**Here**](#).

I also want to assure you that we remain committed to the safety of our students and staff. Some additional security measures are now in place:

- Security officers are present throughout the parish. Please take a moment to greet them when you see them.
- Security cameras have been added in the lobby area.
- Monthly fire, lockdown, and weather drills continue to be conducted. This year, you will receive a Brightwheel message after each drill.

Safety is a shared responsibility, and we kindly ask for your partnership by:

- Arriving on time.
- Never opening the door for anyone.
- Following all safety protocols.
- Staying alert and reporting any concerns immediately.

Together, we can help protect the precious children entrusted to our care. We pray that God will continue to watch over and guide us all.

With care and prayers,

Ban Haller

Program Director

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON IS
HONORED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A FREE LEGAL WILL

PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST. TODAY.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY
ENSURE YOUR WISHES ARE HONORED
LEAVE A LEGACY OF LIFE AND HOPE

**Creating a Last Will and Testament is one of the
most important and loving steps you can take.**

WRITE YOUR WILL IN MINUTES - FREE!
[MYCATHOLICWILL.COM/ARCHGH](https://mycatholicwill.com/archgh)



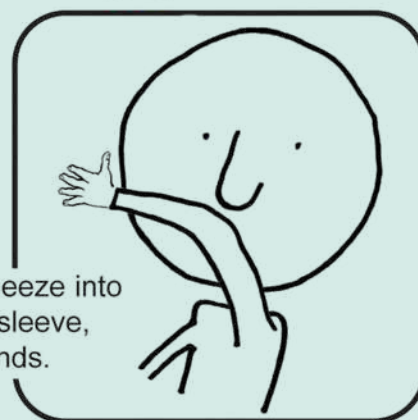
Stop the spread of germs that make you and others sick!

Cover your Cough



Cover your mouth
and nose with a
tissue when you
cough or sneeze

or
cough or sneeze into
your upper sleeve,
not your hands.

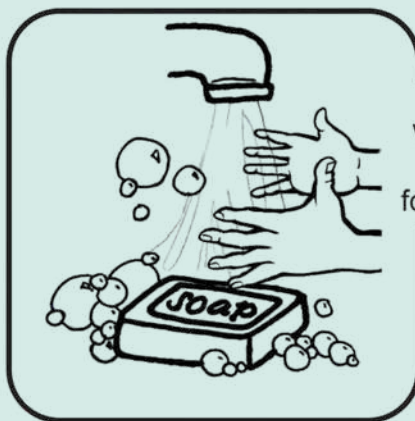


Put your used tissue in
the waste basket.



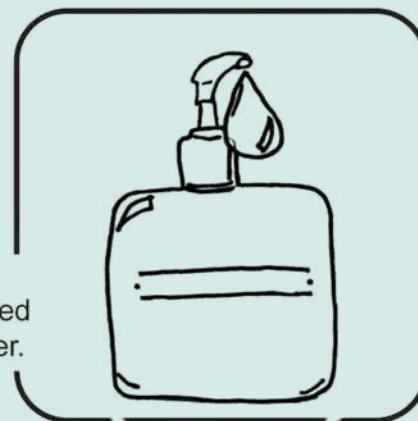
Clean your Hands

after coughing or sneezing.



Wash hands
with soap and
warm water
for 20 seconds

or
clean with
alcohol-based
hand cleaner.



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Minneapolis, MN 55414
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Minnesota
Antibiotic
Resistance
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Blessing of the Stuffedies

HAS COME TO WCP AGAIN IN HONOR OF
THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

BRING YOUR FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL
FOR AN ADORABLE BLESSING

Saturday, October 4th 9:00AM-10:00AM
Ave Maria Center Playground

AFTER THE BLESSING ENJOY COFFEE AND DONUTS AS
YOU FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER WCP FAMILIES



September Birthdays



Sandra Cho
9/18



Melissa Garcia
9/21



Jackie Koeppen
9/22

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October

4: Blessing of the Stuffedies

13: Columbus Day (no school)

24: Conference Day (no school)

24: Trunk n Treat

OCTOBER						
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