

# ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

JANUARY 25, 2017

**SEE YOU THIS SATURDAY FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE AND MASS!**



### ONLINE GIVING DAY TODAY

Here's your chance to support the 25th Anniversary and the Annual Fund!  
All at one time!  
Join in the Drive for 25 by clicking [HERE!](#)



This online giving day is the perfect way to support your school as every gift makes a difference and support the yearlong efforts of the annual fund! Thank you for making SLCS your priority for charitable giving. Your support is creating the Catholics of tomorrow!

**Give us a shout out on Facebook or Instagram as we keep you updated throughout the day!!**

We are very excited and honored to be celebrating 25 years as an Archdiocesan School!  
We would like to invite you to our **Anniversary Open House!** It will be a fun family day at the school with scavenger hunts, photo booth, food trucks, reminiscing and fellowship!

**Saturday, January 28, 2017**

2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

**PTO Family Mass**

5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Celebrated by

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo,  
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

And concelebrated by

Fr. Drew Wood, St. Laurence Catholic Church Pastor and  
Fr. Jaison Thomas, St. Laurence Catholic Church Parochial Vicar.

### MARK YOUR PLACE IN SLCS HISTORY!

We have reached our final stage of the playground just in time for our 25th Anniversary! Purchase and personalize a brick to honor your favorite SLCS Saint! This is the easiest way to leave your mark on St. Laurence Catholic School. We will accept orders until February 25th for this amazing opportunity.

Check out our website [HERE!](#)



Click here to purchase a brick



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents,

25 years have gone by since a group of parents dreamed of starting a Catholic school at their parish. We have so much to be proud of since that dream was realized. Throughout the years there have been many amazing accomplishments and some of the most bright and talented students and faculty have walked through our doors.

Growing in God's love and following our faith are still going strong and remain a priority as we look forward to the next 25 years! I found this beautiful prayer online that I thought I would share with you.

*Lord, bless our school  
 Let peace dwell here.  
 Let us be filled with contentment.  
 Let love abide here.  
 Love of one another, love of mankind and love of life itself.  
 Help us remember that as so many hands build a house,  
 So many hearts build a school.*

We hope that you will make plans to join in our Open House Celebration and Mass this Saturday. This is such an exciting time for SLCS and we want to celebrate it with all of you that have been a part of our success. We are hoping to bring together all who have helped our school become what it is today – thank you to our alumni, alumni parents, former faculty, founding families, students, current families, grandparents, faculty and staff, and friends! Thank you for being part of our SLCS family!

God Bless,

*Mrs. Barto*



### IMPORTANT DATES

1/26	STUCO Meeting
1/27	All School Mass Led by 3C Vocations Speakers Day 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grades 9:30-11:30 a.m. Catholic Schools Week starts
1/28	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House Celebration 2:00-4:00 p.m. PTO Family Mass 5:00 p.m.
1/29	Catholic Schools Week. Calendar <a href="#">HERE</a> . Confirmation Retreat 3:30 p.m.
1/30	Pep Rally at 2:00 p.m. with Sugar Land Mayor Lagniappe starts! Courses <a href="#">HERE</a> Sign up <a href="#">HERE</a>
2/1	Jean/Spirit Day SHS Meeting
2/2	Prospective Parent Open House 6-7:30 p.m.
2/3	All School Mass Led by STUCO SHS Induction ceremony 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
2/4	Father/Daughter Dance
2/7	Leo Club Officers Meeting Finance Committee Meeting



## SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS



### CONNECT WITH US!

Hello Parents! We are working on our 3-5 year Strategic Plan. This is one of the many things your School Board is responsible for. We value your input regarding the future direction of our school. We want to have as many people involved in this process as possible.

Please take the time to answer a couple of questions [HERE!](#)



## A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO



### FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

Daddies get your dancing shoes ready for our annual PTO Daughter/Daughter Dance. This year's dance will be held on Saturday, February 4th from 7-9pm and be themed A Night in Paris! If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Aleini Lacombe at [Aleini\\_Lacombe@yahoo.com](mailto:Aleini_Lacombe@yahoo.com) or Tressy Garcia at [tressyp@gmail.com](mailto:tressyp@gmail.com).

### STEPS FOR STUDENTS - JOIN OVER 12,500 RUNNERS SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION!

This year Steps for Students is the only PTO fundraiser. That means 100% of the money donated will go to funding fun PTO events like movie nights, PTO rosary, father/daughter dance, hoops and dogs, middle school dances, teacher wish lists and much, much more. All incentives will be completed on the week of February 21, 2017. See the attached incentive flyer [HERE](#) for details.

All money raised/donated (less fees) comes back directly to SLCS!!! Make sure to click on St. Laurence to make sure the funds go to our school and to click on the name of the child to get the donation counted for their incentives.

You can donate or register by January 31, 2017, at [STEPS FOR STUDENTS!](#) See who's already signed up and who's created fundraising pages! You can create a page too!

Our top fundraisers as of 1-24-2017 are [James Wyble](#), [Jackson Cox](#), [Erik Clowney](#), [Anna Bergman](#), [Abigail Bergman](#),

We hope to see your name here next week!

**STEPS FOR STUDENTS**  
5K RUN/WALK

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 is going to be a  
**SUPER DAY** in Houston

**CONGRATS TO OUR TOP TEAM MEMBERS THIS WEEK!**

5. Abigail Bergman  
4. Anna Bergman  
3. Erik Clowney  
2. Jackson Cox  
1. James Wyble

Hope to see your name here next week!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$20,000 TO SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION!



## NEWS

### SPECIAL FAMILY MASS ON SATURDAY WITH THE CARDINAL

Parents, we ask that your child wear their uniform to Mass this Saturday with the Cardinal. We want our wonderful current students to stand out amongst the alumni and former staff members attending. If students come in uniform on Saturday, they will be allowed to come in free dress on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>! **We also ask that you help us by explaining to the younger children that this is a very special and solemn Mass and we are blessed to have our Cardinal as the celebrant. With that, we will not be taking up a children's collection as we typically do on Sundays, so children can remain with you in the pew rather than coming up to the altar.** Lastly, parking will be at a minimum, so please consider parking either near the church or in the Ave Maria Parking lot, which will be closer when you are leaving that evening.

### CALENDAR MISTAKE

Please note that we do not have an early dismissal on February 1st. This was a mistake on a very old calendar that some of you may have printed before it was corrected in August. Our next early dismissal date is March 1st for Ash Wednesday. Thank you!

### **PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE**

Parents, you may not leave cars unattended in carpool line at any time. This may be tempting with the upcoming construction but it is never a good idea. We will be taking license plate numbers and passing this on to the authorities as it is dangerous to be blocking other cars or preventing emergency vehicles from accessing all the lanes. If you are arriving for a meeting, volunteering or going to the Chapel, you must pull into a parking place before exiting the vehicle. Thank you for understanding.

### **NEXT LAGNIAPPE STARTS NEXT WEEK!**

Next session runs from January 30 – March 10. See your course flyer for details & course descriptions [HERE!](#) Registration is online [HERE](#). All payments should be to SLCS and returned to the teacher hosting these awesome classes. They fill up quickly so first come, first serve!

### **CURRENT FAMILY ONLY RE-ENROLLMENT AND SIBLING INFORMATION**

Please login to EdLine for information on upcoming re-enrollment and the new tuition and fees schedule for the 2017-2018 school year. We will notify you when the online registration process will begin. If you know that your family will not be returning for the upcoming school year, please let us know.

### **TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR ARE NOW OPEN!**

Please click [here](#) to complete the application to be considered for up to 49% tuition assistance. This application will be used for both the Archdiocesan and SLCS assistance. If you have questions about the process, please contact Anne Lootens in the Business Office. She can be reached at [alootens@stlaurence.org](mailto:alootens@stlaurence.org) or 281-980-0500. The deadline for applications is 2/10/17, and it will come quickly, so do not delay in getting your application completed!

### **CLASSROOM GEOGRAPHY BEE**

Next week, classroom Geography Bee winners will participate in School Wide Geography Bee. We are consistently amazed at how much our students know about their world and the way our different countries work together for global awareness. Good luck!

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK-OFF**

We are so pleased to be able to come together in worship on January 28th for our PTO Family Mass with our school community at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. Calendar [HERE!](#)

### **OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS**

We will offer an Open House for all Prospective Parents at the school on Thursday, February 2nd from 6-7:30 p.m. Share the invitation with your family and friends!

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS**

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Science Fair! The days were full of great young scientists presenting their latest work. The competition was tough!

Kuddos to our SLCS winners:

1st place – Anthony Hurtado

2nd place – Kirsten Leiber

3rd place – Ricky Zubizarreta

They who represented St. Laurence at the Middle School Archdiocesan Science Fair. We are proud to announce that Kirsten Lieber placed third place in the 7th grade Physical Science division! Way to go! We are proud of you!





### JUST ESSAY CONTEST

Congratulations to the following students who placed or received honorable mention in the University of St. Thomas/Archdiocesan Essay Contest. The Mass and Awards Ceremony took place today at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

- 3A- Angela Cui from - 3rd place winner
- 3C- Jordan Preismeyer - Honorable Mention
- 4B- Justine Bering - 4th place winner
- Eshaan Mani in 5th grade was a 3rd place winner
- Marie Bennet Phan in 5th grade received Honorable Mention
- Arielle Caranto in 6th grade was a 3rd place winner
- Margaret Riebe in 7th grade was a 2nd place winner
- John Kilboy in 7th grade was the 1st place winner for 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- Ashley Florance in 8th grade was a 3rd place winner
- Lara Amiouny in 8th grade was a 2nd place winner
- **Jonathan Rogers in 8th grade was the 1st place winner for 8th grade!!**

We are so proud of our SLCS students for the honors they received among the hundreds of essays submitted!!

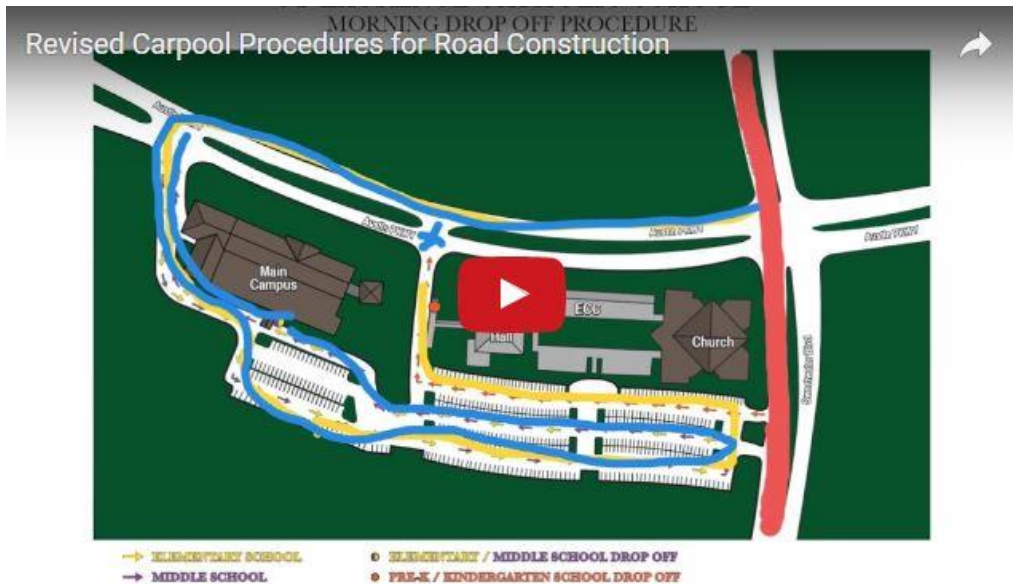


### JOIN US FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL SLCS FAMILY RETREAT!

Join us for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual SLCS Family Retreat! Enjoy spending quality time with your family the weekend of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The retreat brings SLCS families together to share community, fun, and practical wisdom, as we endeavor together to foster the domestic church in our homes. The retreat facility holds approximately 30 families, so space is

limited to a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will be available through Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Click [HERE](#) to print the registration form. Contact Debra Haney [HERE](#) with questions.

**REMINDER ABOUT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES BEGINNING JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup>**



This is an important reminder regarding arrival and dismissal procedures beginning in January 30!

**IT'S FLU SEASON! HELP ECC AND MAIN CAMPUS KEEP ROOMS SANITIZED!**

ECC and Main Campus rooms are in need of Clorox wipes! Please send a container of Clorox Wipes to ECC and/or Main Campus to be used to wipe down desk and door handles. It truly helps contain the spread of germs! THANK YOU!

**THANK YOU TO Stuco and SLCS FROM NFL!**

We want to share a Thank you to STUCO and SLCS Community we received from NFL!

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you and your students and staffs for all you did to help children in the local community. Because of your time and generosity more than 22,500 items were donated as part of Super Kids-Super Sharing. Those items are already in the hands of local kids. They were shared with low income schools, Boys & Girls Clubs, shelters and other local organizations that work with kids in need.

I am so impressed with the generous spirit here in Houston. It has been an absolute pleasure working with you.

Enjoy the Super Bowl!

All the best,  
Susan Groh  
Associate Director, NFL Environmental Program



**COUNSELORS' CORNER**

Click [HERE](#) to read your Counselors' Corner for January. Our Counselors addressed the incorporation of +PlayWell into our extracurricular activities! Great article! Enjoy!



## 25 ANNIVERSARY

The countdown is on and we are excited about Saturday's big event. Please make plans to attend our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House from 2-4pm but until then here's a bit more trivia for you!

1. Did you know we installed a TV studio during the summer of 2014? Our middle school students broadcast the announcements live Monday – Thursday! Check it out anytime on our website.
2. Did you know that we added a second reading specialists to our staff this year? Mrs. Riebe provides small group instruction to MS students to increase their development of literacy skills.
3. We currently have 7 alumni that work at SLCS. Ms. Allee, Mrs. Alexander, Ms. Casuga, Mrs. Hovde, Ms. Brenna Lavery and Mrs. Vainstein.
4. Our very first sports team to win a championship was our coed soccer team in 1989.
5. Can you name 2 sets of twins at SLCS? Hint: We have 10



## AUCTION NEWS

### SLCS 25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA & AUCTION SUPERBOWL BONANZA!!!

#### WE HAVE 2 SUPERBOWL TICKETS TO AUCTION OFF!!!

Bidding will begin SOON and will be open *for a limited time!* Proceeds go to St. Laurence Catholic School in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala & Auction

More details forthcoming! Like our new St. Laurence Catholic School Auction FB page, check SLCS weekly newsletter and website, parish bulletin and listen to school and Mass announcements to stay up to date with the latest information and find out when bidding will go LIVE!!!! Questions contact Rachel Leaman [713-299-3278](tel:713-299-3278)



#### ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL AUCTION HAS IT'S OWN FACEBOOK PAGE!

Like us, follow us, and share us [HERE](#) with your friends and family so you all can stay up to date with "All Things Auction"! As auction nears we will post sponsors, live, big board and silent packages for you to preview, and will be posting pictures from the VIP party and events leading up to the big night...."New York Nights...Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence!" We can't wait to celebrate with you!

#### GREAT AUCTION OPPORTUNITY

For the first time in our 25 year history, you have the opportunity to support your auction with sponsorships that will directly defer the expenses of this fabulous event and give you a tax write off in 2016! Don't delay! Click [HERE](#) to see what is still available. Please note sponsorships are separate from underwriting. Sponsorships are a great way to advertise your business and help the school at the same time. Underwriting information will be sent home to all families in January. Questions? Contact one of the 2017 Auction Chairs.



## ALUMNI NEWS

Once a Saint, Always a Saint

#### CALLING ALL ALUMNI BASKETBALL PLAYERS!

We are looking to have a little fun during our 25th anniversary celebration and need you for our alumni vs current player basketball scrimmage! Come reminisce about the good old days, catch up with old friends, visit your beloved SLCS and see what is happening at your alma mater. Contact Coach Fucik or the Advancement office if you are interested in joining in the festivities on Saturday, January 28th at 2 – 4 pm. Scrimmage to begin about 2:30 pm. Please share with your former classmates, your parents, and your siblings! The event will be family friendly and will include food trucks, a scavenger hunt, tours, and other great activities.



## SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

**BOOSTER CLUB SPIRIT STORE!** Find the Booster Club forms [HERE!](#)



## PARISH NEWS

### **WANT TO CONTINUE LEARNING ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH OTHER ADULTS?**

Our Adult Faith Formation team has some amazing opportunities for our parents. Click [HERE](#) for the upcoming opportunities and speakers. There is truly something for everyone!



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### **8TH GRADE STUDENTS & PARENTS**

Fort Bend I.S.D. high schools are hosting Course & Elective Information Fairs for incoming 9th grade students. Ridge Point High School and Clements High School have announced their fair dates. Their information is attached. Please check the Fort Bend website or check with other high schools for their information night [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.*



CONNECT WITH US!



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