

ST. LAURENCE  
**SAINTS**

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

FEBRUARY 15, 2017

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR STEPS FOR STUDENTS!**

Click [HERE](#) or on the picture to watch the **We Support Steps for Students** video!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

We have been selected as a finalist for the David Guite Spirit Award due to the number of you that have registered and will be attending the race that morning. **We will be recognized at the start stage before the race and invited to have a group of ten people shooting off confetti canons at the start of the race.**

In order to prepare enough treats and assemble a group of you at the start of the race to represent St. Laurence, we would like for you to RSVP to Kristin Holy ASAP at Kristin Holy at [ckholy@windstream.net](mailto:ckholy@windstream.net). Please let us know how many are coming in your group and we will choose who gets to be our reps to lead the race.

**GO SAINTS!****FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support, whether it was in attending our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration/Mass, donating to Steps for Students, helping in carpool with the new procedures or giving to our online "Drive for 25" campaign on January 25<sup>th</sup>. There are so many ways we are blessed and supported by our parents. I am truly overwhelmed with the generosity of our community and appreciate all that you do.

The new carpool procedures seem to be going smoothly and working well. I really appreciate all the positive feedback and flexibility, along with the smiles and waves as you drive by in the morning. We are actually finishing at the same times, so I hope you haven't felt much delay in arrival or dismissal. Sorry about the signs not being placed consistently

in the parking lot! We will send out an updated video soon to tweak a few things now that this has begun and we see how things are going. I also appreciate all the kind comments regarding the shelter in place yesterday due to the tornadoes and if you get a chance, be sure to visit our Facebook page to witness how our teachers passed the time and kept the students calm.

Speaking of teachers, they felt very blessed this month to receive a generous gift of time thanks to you. Each teacher received a ½ day off a their choosing with substitutes provided by the funds from our wonderful PTO. This is just one of the many ways PTO supports the school. Our amazing School Board got up very early on the Friday of Catholic Schools Week to open car doors at carpool and provided a delicious breakfast for the staff. I hope you enjoyed seeing their smiling faces at arrival. You are so good to us!

Enjoy your long weekend coming up and please pray for our teachers, who will be taking classes to further their catechist certification and faith development. St. Laurence will be one of the host sites on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and approximately 125 Catholic school teachers from around the archdiocese will be attending classes here. This is a great opportunity for us to collaborate with our colleagues and show off that fabulous SAINTS Spirit!

God Bless,

*Suzanne Barta*

### IMPORTANT DATES

2/15	Jean/Spirit Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
2/16	NJHS Induction Ceremony Box Top Collection due
2/17	All School Led by 2B 4th Grade Service Project – Introduction by Social Concerns
2/18	Steps for Students – <b>SEE YOU THERE!</b>
2/20	President’s Day - In-Service Day for Staff - NO SCHOOL
2/21	School Board Meeting
2/22	Jean/Spirit Day 4th Grade Service Project – Meet the families
2/23	STUCO Meeting Go Texan Day Spanish Field Trip Choir Field Trip Box Top Reward Day
2/24	All School Mass led by NEHS 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Elemenary Archdiocesan Spelling Bee Magician performance for Steps for Students 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Living Wax Museum
2/25	HEART OF WORKSHIP ♥



## SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS



### CONNECT WITH US!

In the spirit of celebrating World Marriage Day this past weekend, the Faith Committee encourages you and your spouse to thoughtfully consider the ways in which your union models our Catholic faith, especially for your children. Remember that praying together as a couple solidifies & enriches your marriage, it centers the Holy Spirit in this vocation to which you have been called, and it serves as a protective blanket that wraps your family in love.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED ON SERVING ON THE SCHOOL BOARD?

Did you know that several board members will have fulfilled their term limit of three years at the end of this school year, so we will be actively seeking new members? If you are interested please click [HERE](#) and send us your information. We will be happy to contact you!

SAVE THE DATES!

School Board Information Night – April 20



**PTO FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE**

A big thank you to Tressy Garcia and Aleini Lacamobe for a memorable 9th Annual PTO Father & Daughter! Hope your daughters and their dads had a great time! To relive the memories, check out the Shutterfly album the PTO has created with the link below. Pictures can also be downloaded or ordered via Shutterfly using this link: [pix.sfly.com/XR7E-RN9](http://pix.sfly.com/XR7E-RN9)

**BOX TOP\$ DUE TOMORROW!**

Please send your BOXTOP\$ and labels to school with your child, or you can drop them off in the office marked with their class for our collection contest. Our next collection day is tomorrow, Thursday, February 16! We will recognize the top three classes February 23!

**SEE YOU AT THE RACE!**

All incentives will be completed on the week of February 21, 2017. See the attached incentive flyer [HERE](#) for details.

Our top fundraisers as of 2.15.2017 are

- 1. Lauren Wells 2. Jackson Cox 3. James Wyble 4. Nicole Bouchez 5. Gabriella Zezatti**

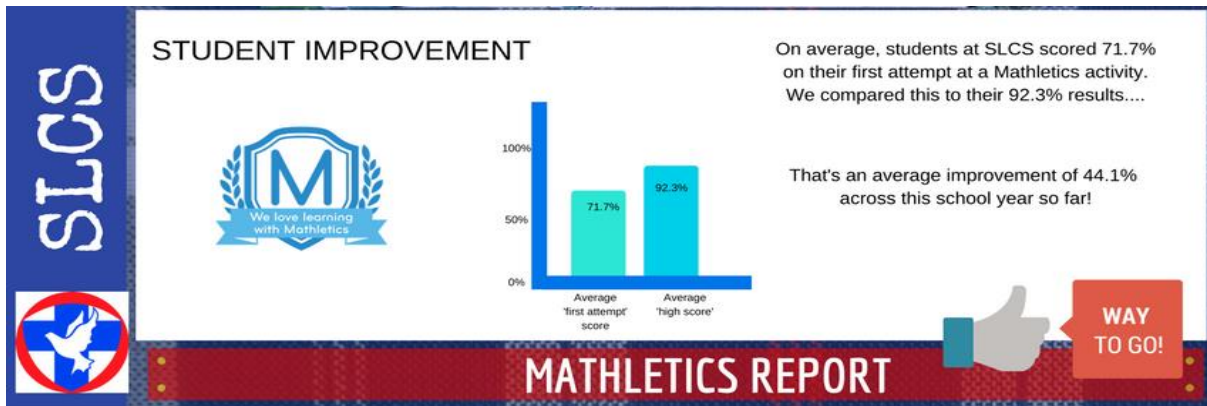


**STEPS FOR STUDENTS INCENTIVE WEEK BEGINS TUESDAY!**

Don't forget Crazy Hair and Free Shoe day is Tuesday after President's Day, if you donated \$25 or more after registration. Athletic Wear Day is next Wednesday for those with \$50 in donations. Please note that all students that registered for Steps for Students may wear their t-shirt to Mass on Friday, February 24!!! We are excited to welcome Monty the Magician to our school since more than 50% of our students registered. Monty will perform three age appropriate shows Friday afternoon in lieu of Acrodunks who were unable to make it this year.



**MATHLETICS REPORT  
CELEBRATING SUCCESS AT ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



**GO TEXAN DAY**

“Go Texan Day” is February 23rd! Students may wear western clothing, boots, and hats. Please remember that a button-down shirt with rolled up sleeves and a bandana with blue jeans is the attire for a true cowboy or cowgirl. Spurs and guns are not allowed. If a student doesn’t have western wear, he or she can wear a school uniform. Also, dresses and jean skirts are also allowed as long as they follow the handbook guidelines. \* Please have a pair of tennis shoes in the backpack in case the boots “hurt” before the day is done.

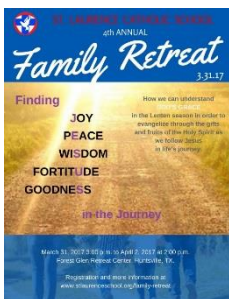
Go Texan Day performances are done by 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and will be at the following times:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 9:15 a.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 12:15 p.m.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 1:00 p.m.

The performances will highlight our physical education dance program. We encourage all parents and grandparents or friends of 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to come, watch, and join in on the fun. Yes, parents will be invited to join in on the fun. We hope to see you, partner!

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

**FINDING JESUS IN THE JOURNEY!**



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. For more information visit our website: <https://stlaurenceschool.org/family-retreat>

**PARKER UNIFORMS PRESIDENTS DAY EVENT!**

Don't miss Parker Uniforms President Day Sale Event! 20% Off Uniforms Online. Read more [HERE](#)



**Current Carpool Information-Video Will Be Updated**

**Morning Carpool**

There is one line entering the parking lot at 7:30 in the morning. Cars should divide down between ECC and Main campus at the far end of the parking lot just before Sweetwater. ECC cars proceed all the way to the last turn as indicated by the sign. Main campus cars can turn one section earlier in order to proceed up the middle of the parking lot. We apologize for the signs being moved and causing any confusion.

**Afternoon Carpool Only**

Parents, we have made a few more changes to the afternoon carpool routine in order to assist the ECC parents with getting to their carpool line, and to prevent a larger back-up onto Austin Parkway.

**Carpool A Parents** — Before and after the 3pm move, please do not park in the curve at Sweetwater as we are trying to leave the curve open for ECC parents to get through. Therefore, do not enter the curve unless you are certain you can park in the line after the curve. Also, in order to create a middle lane for ECC parents to use, we are asking Carpool A parents to park farther to the right next to the fence, taking care to NOT park in or block the narrower areas designated as “fire zones”. Rather, just park perpendicularly to the parking spaces only (and if a car is parked along the fence, just park on either side of it, not blocking it). The carpool volunteers are out there to help direct you as much as possible, but please make every effort to keep a middle lane open.

**Carpool B Parents** — Before the turn at Sweetwater, please make every effort to park farther over to the left, perpendicularly to the parking spaces, so that a middle lane can be left open. Like Carpool A, please do not park next to the “fire zones”. Rather, park before or after them, so that ECC can get through in the middle.

**ECC Parents** — If you can arrive before 3:05 p.m., the carpool volunteers can probably get you over to the ECC carpool line. Between 3:05 and 3:15 p.m., you will probably be able to move with Carpool A and get over to the ECC line prior to its 3:20 p.m. dismissal. However, if you arrive after 3:15 p.m. (when Carpool A begins to dismiss), you will have to wait in line with Carpool B until it begins to move (about 3:25 p.m.). The carpool volunteers are making every effort to get as many of you through to the ECC line as possible before 3:10 p.m.. However, once Carpool A begins dismissal, you cannot go around the other cars in line by the dining hall as cars will be exiting. Also, PLEASE display (with hangers!) your WHITE carpool number so that the carpool volunteers know you need to get through the middle. If you have a yellow number, the volunteers will assume that you are in Carpool A and direct you accordingly. Similarly, if your number is on your dash (rather than hung up), the carpool volunteers cannot see it from a distance in order to wave you through. If you need another white number, please let the office know.

Please advise all family members, who are picking your children up, of these changes. Finally, thank you all for your patience and understanding as we try to work through a system that will expedite dismissal."



### **ANNIVERSARY ADS**

Here's your chance to have a shout out in the auction catalog for your favorite SLCS Saint, teacher or graduate! Click [HERE](#) for advertising opportunities for the anniversary event on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Sweetwater County Club. Anniversary ads are just \$25 for 50 characters and are a perfect way to support our biggest fundraiser of the year. Have questions? Contact [kikile@comcast.net](mailto:kikile@comcast.net) All ads are due by March 24, 2017

### **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.

### **WE NEED YOU!**

**Auction 2017 New York Nights...Celebrating 25 years of Excellence** is April 29<sup>th</sup> at Sweetwater Country Club and giving a family donation is the easiest way to get involved. Do you have access to local sporting tickets, a weekend home, extra gift cards or religious art? These make great donations and our committee can turn into a wonderful package to be auction off at our big gala! We need 100% participation from our families to make it a HUGE success. All donations are due Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> to ensure proper recognition at the event. Click [HERE](#) for more ideas or contact [Jennifer Dye](#) questions.

**FOLLOW SLCS AUCTION FACEBOOK PAGE [HERE!](#)**



## ALUMNI NEWS

Once a Saint, Always a Saint

### THE SAINTS' SCOOP

THE MAGAZINE OF ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ALUMNI



"Once a Saint, Always a Saint"



ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL JANUARY 2017

### THE SAINTS' SCOOP

The Office of Advancement would like to invite you to read our latestest **The Saints' Scoop**. You can read it [HERE](#). Please share this magazine with all your SLCS alumni family and friends!

### "ONCE A SAINT, ALWAYS A SAINT"

Alumni, submit **Class Notes**! We want to know what you've been up to! Please take a second to fill out this form so we can be in the know [HERE](#)! We love hearing from our alumni. Remember "Once a Saint, Always a Saint"!



## SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

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



## PARISH NEWS

### ONLY 400 SPOTS LEFT...

Over 1000 people have registered for Heart of Worship, just a week and a half away. It's always a sellout, so if you haven't yet registered, do it now! Online registration closes next Wednesday, February 22. It's a full day experience with amazing speakers, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, music and a dinner catered by Pappas BBQ, open to everyone 6th grade and older. Get details [HERE](#) or stop by or call the parish office at 281-980-9812.

### 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

### MATH OPPORTUNITY THROUGH REDWOOD PREP! COURSES ARE TAUGHT AT STRAKE!

Upcoming Math+ course through Redwood Prep! This Spring's course will focus on the topic of Infinity. The six session course will be taught at Strake Jesuit on Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. starting on Tuesday, March 21st and ending on April 25th. Families can sign-up at [www.RedwoodPrep.com](http://www.RedwoodPrep.com).

### 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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