

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK - MAY 17, 2017

ALUMNI MASS AND RECEPTION



Attention all SLCS Alumni! Join your alma mater for an end of the year Mass on Friday, May 26th, at 8:15 a.m. Be there to send off the 8th graders. Fr. Drew will bless the SLCS Class of 2013 (2017 graduating seniors) and afterwards the PTO will host a small reception in your honor! Parents are most welcome, too. It's a great chance to reconnect with SLCS friends and teachers, tour the school to see how it has changed since you walked the halls, and (who knows?) you may even record a segment in the new TV Studio! Please RSVP [HERE!](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

5/18	Student Council End of the Year Celebration 7:15 a.m. Box Tops Rewards Day - Free Shoes Day for 6B
5/19	All School Mass Led by 7th Grade - Candle Lighting Ceremony 8th Grade Awards and Reception 8th Grade Luau - 7:30 p.m. - Dining Hall
5/20	First Communion Mass 10:00 a.m.
5/22-5/24	8th Grade Trip to Camp Cho-Yeh
5/23-5/25	7th Grade Exams
5/23	School Board Meeting Iowa and CogAT Parent Information - 6:00 p.m. - Library
5/24	Jean/Spirit Day Pancakes with the Padres 6th Grade Field Trip PreK Splash Day
5/25	First Friends Ice Cream Social Saints Families
5/26	All School Mass led by 2C / Alumni Mass & Reception

	Kindergarten Celebration Performance in Gym 8th Grade Graduation
5/29	Memorial Day / NO SCHOOL
5/30	Talent Show
5/31	All School Mass led by Faculty End of the 4th Quarter Last Day of School Early Dismissal 10:45/11:00 a.m.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Come and celebrate with us!
The Faculty, Staff, and 2017 Graduating Class of
St. Laurence Catholic School
 invite you to our
Graduation Mass on Friday evening,
May 26, 2017, at 6:00 PM.
St. Laurence Catholic Church
3100 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land, Texas 77479



COUNSELORS' CORNER

STANDARDIZED TESTING RESULTS -- UPCOMING IOWA/COGAT ASSESSMENTS PARENT MEETING



PARENT MEETING

Iowa Assessment scores for students in grades 1st-8th will be going home in students' red folders today. The Iowa Assessments measure student growth and progress in the content areas assessed from year to year. Your child's scores will indicate how he/she performed on the tests compared with students across the nation in the same grade during the same time of year. The Iowa Assessments help teachers identify a student's strengths as well as areas that may need additional emphasis. These results provide information that helps teachers in evaluating instruction.

Please take some time to read the narrative provided by the testing agency to assist you in interpreting your child's results. Please note additional information provided with your child's scores. You may want to discuss the test results with your child, and if you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. The teacher may refer you to the appropriate counselor if further assistance is necessary. The counselors will be offering an Iowa Assessments Parent Meeting on Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:00pm in the library. The presentation will focus on helping parents understand how to interpret the scores on the Student Profile Narrative. We invite you to join us if you would like to learn more about the Iowa Assessments. No RSVP is necessary.



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO



WE NEED YOU! PROGRAM OPENINGS FOR 2017-2018

- 8th grade - Fundraiser (8th grade parent)
- 8th grade - Luau (8th grade parent)
- 8th grade - Picture montage (8th grade parent)
- 8th grade - Awards (7th grade parent)

8th grade - Graduation (7th grade parent)
ECC Cafeteria Coordinator
Main Cafeteria Coordinator
Carpool Main Campus (PM)
Clinic Assistant
Family Mass Coordinators (2+ people)
Father/Daughter Dance (2 people)
ECC Field Day Coordinator

Please email Meg Thorburn [HERE](#) if you are interested.

MAY IS TEACHER APPRECIATION MONTH

We love our teachers at St. Laurence! The teacher appreciation committee works hard all year making our teachers and staff feel special and appreciated. The committee will make the month of May even more special for all the faculty and staff. They have catered lunches and breakfasts planned, gift card hand-outs and other special treats throughout the month. The teachers are also enjoying the PTO gift of an additional half day off.

END OF YEAR TEACHER APPRECIATION GIFT

Everyone should have received the letter about collecting money for the teacher and staff end of year gift. Please turn in your contributions to your teacher in an envelope labeled teacher appreciation. You are also welcome to drop it off at the ECC or main campus front desk. All donations are kept anonymous. If you have any questions please contact Kristin Holy at ckholy@windstream.net.

LAST PTO PRAYER GROUP OF THE YEAR

Let's join together in prayer to give thanks for this wonderful school year...and to pray for a safe summer! Please join the praying parents of SLCS at the PTO PRAYER GROUP Wednesday, May 24th at 8:15 am in the Ave Maria Center St Joseph room. ALL are welcome!

VIPS SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018

The St. Laurence Catholic School PTO is very excited to roll out their new automated volunteer sign-up process for the 2017-2018 school year! Get involved! Make a difference! All the activities/events available for sign-up are completely run by volunteers and that's why we strongly encourage 100% family participation. Please review and select any programs that you would be willing to help make a success [HERE](#). Access Code: SLCS. The school and children are depending on your support!



NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017 – 2018 LEO CLUB IS NOW OPEN.

The Leo Club is open to all current 6th and 7th graders. All members, including current members, must register for the 2017 – 2018 school year by May 26th. We hope to see you there next year! Please read the letter [HERE](#) and fill out the registration form [HERE](#) and return it, along with the registration fee, to Mrs. Washburn.

THANK YOU TO OUR FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS!

The P.E. department would like to thank all of the wonderful elementary and middle school volunteers who helped make our SLCS Field Days a great time for our students. We could not have done it without you. A special thank you goes to our Volunteer Coordinators, Andrea Cashiola – Elementary, and Sonhui Chung – Middle School. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. SLCS parents are the best!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS SELECTS BY WITS TO PARTICIPATE IN WATCHFUL EYE READING

Congratulations! Writers in the Schools (WITS) has selected 6th graders Eshaan Mani, Giulia Pacini, and Joy Stephan as readers for their annual Watchful Eye Reading at the Menil Collection. They were chosen out of thousands of students from schools and community centers from across our city. They will attend a special ceremony on May 18th, at the Menil Collection! Way to go!

KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION

What a year it has been! Please join us Friday, May 26th at 10:00 a.m. as we celebrate our kindergartners and their accomplishments. Come and listen to their joyful voices in song that day after Mass!

GRADUATION INVITATION

We would like to invite our parish family to the graduation of the Class of 2017! Please join us at Mass at 6:00 p.m. on May 26th as we celebrate our 8th graders! It is such a joyful celebration and we would love for you to be part of it! We wish them all many blessings as they move forward into their high schools and we will miss them on campus!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TALENT SHOW PARTICIPANTS

The have judges viewed all of the auditions and the numbers have been tallied. We are announcing the 2017 Talent Show participants [HERE!](#) **Congratulations to our participants and thank you to all who auditioned! You were all great!!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR!

All of the candidates gave amazing speeches to the student body. Elections for Class representatives will take place after school starts in the fall.

2017-2018 Student Council Officers

President	Anthony Hurtado
1st Vice President	Stephen Murray
2nd Vice President	Katie Volmert
Treasurer	Nicole Bouchez
Secretary	Ireland Ga-an
Publicity Chairperson	Rose Barry



FOURTH / FIFTH GRADE DUKE TIP ENROLLEES

Congratulations to fourth grade students who qualified academically to enroll in the Duke Talent Identification Program. Students choosing to enroll are as follows: Gabriela Arenas, Abigail Bergman, Christopher Dangel, Finn Dhamija, Danica Garza, Joseph Henry , Michael Hoelscher, Pierson Kliebert, Sebastian Mendoza, Lydia Morehead, Anna Nguyen, Michelle Nguyen, Marcus Rohrig, Christian Suarez, Mark Vann, Samuel Winzerling, John Yates, and Alexis Youssef. We look forward in a few more years seeing these students listed as Seventh Grade Duke TIP Participants!

SEVENTH GRADE DUKE TIP PARTICIPANTS

Please join us in congratulating the 2016-2017 Seventh Grade Duke Talent Search participants! Eligibility in the talent search is based on academic performance and scores earned on the ACT/SAT College Entrance Exam. A total of 25 students qualified to participate. This is one-third of our seventh grade class! The following students have earned the honor of being recognized at the State Awards Ceremony to be held at Texas A&M University later in May: Rose Barry, Christopher DeMoor, Lilianna Garcia, Abby Malish, Veronica Offner, Adrian Pomer and Kody Smith. Eight students qualified for the Academy for Summer Studies and they are: Rose Barry, Abigail Fiedler, Erin Fuchs, Anthony Hurtado, Connor McSorley, Margaret Riebe, and Peyton Rohrig. Six students qualified to participate in the Center for Summer Studies and they are: Christopher DeMoor, Lilianna Garcia, Abby Malish, Veronica Offner, Adrian Pomer and Kody Smith. We know that we will continue to hear great things about these students in the future!

BOX TOPS WINNERS

Here are the results from the box top collection:

Class	Count
6B	2060
2A	419
7A	413

The total box tops collection was 5996.

First Place will receive Free Shoes Day on May 18. Second & Third Place will receive a small prize from the spirit store on May 18. Special thanks to Mrs. Sheri Cass for helping us with the collection this year! We appreciate you!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Annual Golf Tournament for Tuition Assistance will be Monday, November 13th at Sweetwater Country Club. Please help us to determine the start time by take this short survey [HERE](#). Mark your calendars because you do not want to miss this amazing day of fellowship and golf. Sponsorship and registration information will be available in mid-June. Please contact the Advancement Office with any questions at 281.980.0500.

PICTURE REQUEST

We are working on our 2016-2017 yearbook and we need your pictures! We want to have an awesome representation of all our students and can't do that without your help! Please email your pictures to Adriana Gutierrez [HERE](#). All pictures are welcome!

STAYING ON TRACK DURING THE SUMMER

- ❑ Summerbook Company: This is a way for your child to stay on track and not lose valuable academic progress over the summer. These workbooks are grade specific. We will honor completion with an automatic grade of A in the first quarter if your child brings in the certificate of completion! For online access, please use www.summerbookcompany.com.
- ❑ University of St. Thomas Reading Skills Program Camp: Classes take place in Missouri City and Richmond. If you feel like your child needs the reinforcement, please contact them at 800-903-0162.
- ❑ Check our website for **SUMMER READING LIST and SUMMER CAMPS!**



8TH GRADE CHAPLETS

ATTENTION ALL 8TH GRADE PARENTS! This is the opportunity that you do not want to miss in all your hustle and bustle of the end of year activities. Your student chose their chaplet beads along with a special saint medal and cross. Each chaplet is meant to serve as a reminder of their faith as they graduate SLCS. These beautiful pieces can be purchased through the Advancement Office for \$50.

END OF YEAR AUCTION PARTIES!

A huge thank you to all the host families for the end of the year parties that support the auction efforts. We still have availability for all grades except kindergarten. Please contact Suzanne Byrne in the Advancement office to secure your spot. All parties are \$50 each.

SAINTS PHOTO PROJECT

Did you see the Saints Photo Project at auction? These beautiful 8X10 photo prints of your child, or of your child and their friends are still available at the main campus! These priceless photos were taken throughout the school year by SLCS's very own, talented moms Claudia Bouchez, Cindy McEnaney, Michelle Cashiola, and Janette Lapus. They were able to capture unique times throughout your Saint's school day. Don't miss this chance to own one of these fabulous prints.



The St. Laurence Athletic Department will be offering summer camps and clinics for the following sports: soccer, basketball, football, volleyball and SAC fitness camp. Please click [HERE](#) for dates and times. For additional details and to register please go to www.stlaurenceathletics.org. If you have questions please email Betsy Brown at bbrown@stlaurence.org or Glen Fucik at gfucik@stlaurence.org.

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



