

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK - AUGUST 23, 2017

MAKE A DIFFERENCE! JOIN VIPS!



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

IMPORTANT DATES

8/24	Parent Information Night - ECC 6-7:30 p.m. Elementary 7-9:00 p.m.
8/25	All School Mass Led by 8C
8/26 -8/27	Ministry Fair / Plaid Bag Collection Wear Uniform to Mass and receive Free Dress on Monday
8/28	First Sacrament Parent Meeting 1:00-2:00 p.m.
8/29	Room Parent Meetings at Ave Maria Center First Sacrament Parent Meeting 6:00-7:30 p.m
8/30	Jean/Spirit Day Spirit Store Sales
8/31	Newk's Spirit Day Parent Information Night Middle School 6:30-9:30 p.m. First Sacrament Parent Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m
9/1	All School Mass led by 6C
9/4	Labor Day Holiday NO SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Welcome to week two! The students are still sharing that they love school, so we are off to a great start! I'm really looking forward to seeing all of you tomorrow night for our Early Childhood Campus (ECC) and Elementary Parent Information Night (PIN). The evening begins in the ECC Classrooms at 6:00 p.m., with a general assemble at 7:00 p.m. in the gym to hear about important things that are planned for this year. Parents with elementary students only, will start in the gym at 7:00 p.m. and then are dismissed to the classrooms afterwards. There will be a representative from the Parish in attendance to share some information about Sacramental prep (very important for 2nd graders) and you will have a chance to meet our wonderful School Board, PTO and Booster Presidents. Please be sure to come tomorrow night and hear directly from your child's teacher about expectations for the year, as well as have your questions answered.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at Mass this weekend in your uniforms to support tuition assistance. Don't forget the first free dress for the year to celebrate your participation in plaid bag; see below for more details!

God Bless,

Suzanne Barto



SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS

PLAID BAG COLLECTION



The second collection at all St. Laurence Masses August 26th and 27th will benefit the Tuition Assistance Program for our School. We need your family's help with the "plaid bag" collection this weekend. The money collected will be used to help families who have experienced substantial, life-changing events that impact their ability to continue their child/children's education at SLCS. We take this collection up twice a year.

Please have your student wear their official uniform to Mass this weekend to receive free dress on Monday, August, 28th. There are several ways you can help listed [HERE](#) . Be sure to have your student check in with the School Board volunteer

in the narthex prior to Mass.



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO



SAINTS' BIRTHDAY CLUB

Celebrate your child's birthday this year in a special way at St. Laurence Catholic School by joining the birthday club for only \$10! Your child will receive a birthday mylar balloon and enjoy free dress on their special day. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

PTO BOX TOP FUNDRAISER

Your trash can become our treasure. If you have BOX Tops that you are just throwing away, please drop them by the school office and we will put them to good use. This is an easy way to earn cash for your school.



NEWS

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETINGS

Our First Reconciliation Parent meetings are as follows:

- First option: Monday, August 28 from 1:00-2:00 pm in the Marian Hall OR

- Second option: Tuesday, August 29 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Marian Hall OR
- Last option: Thursday, August 31 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Marian Hall

There are NO exemptions this year as we are using a new curriculum.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL SPICE LUNCHEON!

You are cordially invited to attend our annual Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE) Luncheon on October 13, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. in the Ave Maria Center. We are honored to welcome Sister Lisa Valentini, MSC. as our featured speaker. If you have ever heard her talk at the Parish, you will know how committed she is to answering the call to help and serve all of God's children. Please see our our flyer and bring all of your friends to support families staying together and receiving a solid Catholic education through our SPICE Program. For more information, contact the Advancement Office at 281-980-0500.

LAGNIAPPE....Something given as a bonus

Our first session for the semester runs from September 11-October 20. See your course flyer [HERE](#) for details & course descriptions. All payments should be made payable to SLCS and returned to the front office. Classes fill quickly...first come, first serve!

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

Do you love to take photos? This could be your call to share your talents with our school! Participate at our school activities and support our school taking pictures for our yearbook! We need a few photographers to be part of the **SAINTS YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHERS TEAM!** If you are interested, please contact Adriana Gutierrez [HERE](#).

HELP US KEEP OUR ROOMS SANITIZED!

Please send a container of Clorox Wipes to the school office(both campuses) to be used to wipe down desk and door handles. We were so grateful last year with your donations of wipes; it truly helped contain the spread of germs! We would like to start the year off HEALTHY and HAPPY... please send your wipes for distribution to each of the grade levels! THANK YOU!

CARPPOOL AND TARDIES BEGINNING!

We are now in our second week of school and have allowed for late arrival due to the beginning of school, road construction and public school starting. Next week, we will begin counting students officially tardy after 8:00 a.m. Parents will be required to park and walk their child to the office and sign them in after the bell rings and the doors close. Please do not send your child into the building by themselves! Here are some other important things to note in order to facilitate a safe and quick carpool each da

- Main campus carpool should loop all the way down the parking lot to the Sweetwater entrance in order to avoid back up into the street. Main campus parents should only enter from the Austin Parkway driveway. The Sweetwater entrance is for ECC parents only. Please no cutting in line!
- To keep carpool moving and safe for everyone, we also ask that you please **do not turn left** exiting the driveway on the main campus. This holds up the entire line and can be dangerous with walkers crossing from the neighborhood.
- A reminder that there is no use of the cell phone, talking or texting allowed in carpool. Not only is it dangerous it is against the law!!!
- Parents should have their carpool number prominently displayed the entire time they are in carpool. We do not release students to an unofficial carpool number or to someone else without a parent note.
- We always welcome carpool volunteers if you have the time in the morning or afternoon. The commitment is no longer than half an hour and we truly appreciate your help!
- Walkers must live within a mile of the school as this option is intended for them to "walk" home.
- Remember to be consistent and stay in the same carpool line. We do not honor requests to alternate carpool lines. Notify your child's teacher and carpool@stlaurence.org of any **emergency** changes before noon. Thank you!
- Please view the carpool video [HERE](#) if you are unsure of your route.



FALL SPORTS

Look for cross country, volleyball, football, and soccer schedules on RenWeb next week. Tennis tryouts will be after Labor Day. Watch the newsletter for information.

SOCCER

Parent meeting for JV and Varsity soccer parents is Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall.

FOOTBALL

The Saints open the season at Fort Bend Christian on Thursday, August 24th, at 4:30 p.m. Come out and support the Saints!



BOOSTER CLUB

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SPIRIT NIGHTS!

August 30 - **Newk's** - 4:00-9:00 p.m.
September 21 - **Chick-Fil-A** - All Day
October 5 - **Urban Air** - 6:00 -8:00 p.m.
November 9th - **Chick-Fil-A** - All Day
November 15 - **El Pollo Loco** - 4:00-8:00 p.m.

NEWK'S EATERY SPIRIT NIGHT

Newk's for dinner on Wednesday, August 30! Come join in the fun of dinner being cooked for you and support your Booster Club! Just mention you are with SLCS while you purchase and they will graciously donate a portion of their sales to our athletics department.

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



PARISH NEWS

VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE HERE!

YOU CAN TEACH THEM!

In just a few weeks, religious education will start up again and we still need a few adults to step up to serve as catechists, especially for Grades 3, 4 and 5. If you have the time after school hours on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, we can use your help and will provide all the training and materials. It's a meaningful way to serve and you will help to move a number of children off the waitlist and into classrooms. Please contact Joan Hastreiter for more information at 281-265-5774.

WANT TO CONTINUE LEARNING ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH OTHER ADULTS?

Click [HERE](#) for the upcoming speakers in Adult Faith Formation. There is truly something for everyone.



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

MATH+ COURSE AT STRAKE JESUIT.

This six session course will be taught at Strake Jesuit on Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. , Tuesday, October 3rd - November 7th. This Fall's course will focus on Probability. Families can sign-up at www.RedwoodPrep.com.

MISSION STATEMENT

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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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