

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

AUGUST 24TH, 2016**GET INVOLVED! MAKE A DIFFERENCE! JOIN VIPS!**

The SLCS PTO is very excited to share with you their automated volunteer sign-up process. 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](#).



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

A NOTE FROM MRS. BARTO

As we enter the second week of school, I hope your child is beginning to settle into a good routine and is becoming more familiar with the expectations of a new grade level. Younger students may start to realize that they come to school every day and the excitement may begin to wear off. This is normal and it is important to keep them engaged by reading the teachers' EdLine pages and asking them questions about what they are learning. Older students will need a consistent routine for homework and may struggle to balance extracurricular activities with school work. Help them prioritize and set realistic expectations for how much time they should allot in order to complete projects. Most importantly, make sure your child is getting enough sleep each night.

I have been asked to mention a few little pointers about carpool in order to help things run a little more smoothly. It actually seems to be going fairly well for this early in the year, but we can always improve.

- Outside school doors will now close at 8:00 a.m. sharp. After that parents must walk students in and sign them in late. Students may not walk themselves in the building without a parent.
- Please do not park and walk your child through the carpool line in the morning unless you are a staff member or volunteering at school that morning. Carpool is the way to go!
- Please be courteous and allow parishioners and Parish Staff to leave the parking lot and cut through the line. Many of them are coming from Adoration in the Chapel or the Parish office and no one is stopping to allow them out!!

- Carpool A and Carpool B parents **MUST** enter off of Austin Parkway. Do NOT come in the exit or entrance off of Sweetwater, this is for ECC Carpool. When you do this it frustrates parents who have been waiting in line. No “cutting in line” as we tell the students ☺
- ECC parents are asked not to get out of the car and should place car seats on the side of the Parish Hall
- Parents should eliminate changes to the routine unless in the case of an emergency as this causes confusion; not to mention stressed children and teachers! Practice your carpool numbers please.
- Make sure your child understands each day whether they are going to BASC or not (if not daily) and reflect this on your BASC schedule! This really causes a delay in carpool and concern for your child.
- Parents picking up in carpool should display the official number clearly in the car window each day
- Lastly and most importantly, cell phones are not permitted in the carpool line! No talking/texting while driving. This is the LAW!!

If everyone follows the rules you will be amazed at how well our three carpools flow. Imagine getting over 600 children out of here in 30-45 minutes, which we do each day!! Thank you to our great carpool volunteers and if you are looking for an easy job in the morning, we could use a few more smiling faces opening car doors on the main campus! We start at 7:30 and are done by 8:00!

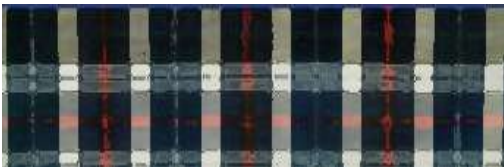
I look forward to seeing all the middle school parents Thursday night at 6:30 in the gym and pray that you all have a very blessed week!

God Bless,

Mrs. Barto

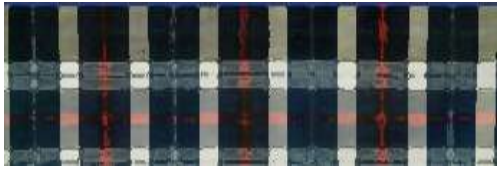
IMPORTANT DATES

8/25	Parent Information Night - Middle School + Works Kick Off	6:30-9:30 p.m.
8/26	All School Mass Led by 8C	
8/27 & 28	Ministry Fair / Plaid Bag Collection / Wear Uniform to Mass and receive Free Dress on Monday!	
8/29	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 1-2 p.m. Free Dress for students	
8/30	Leo Club Officer Meeting School Board Meeting First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 7-8 p.m.	
8/31	Annual Fund Kick Off – Wear your favorite team t-shirt/jersey!	
9/1	Individual Picture Day	



PLAID BAG COLLECTION

The second collection at all St. Laurence Masses August 27th and 28th will benefit the Financial 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 do this collection twice a year. **Please have your student wear their official uniform to Mass this weekend to receive free dress on Monday, August, 29th.** Please pick an area to help **[HERE](#)** and have your student check in with the School Board volunteer in the narthex prior to Mass.



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO

SAVE THE DATE!

Grandparent's Day is coming up very soon, so don't forget to mark your calendars for Friday, September 23rd. This celebration begins with a beautiful Mass and ends with student performances and a light brunch in the gym. There is an early dismissal that day so that you can enjoy time with your child and special guests. Stay tuned for more information in the next red Wednesday folder!

SAINTS' BIRTHDAY CLUB

Celebrate your child's birthday this year in a special way at SLCS by joining the Birthday Club for only \$10.00! Your child will receive a birthday mylar balloon and enjoy free dress on their special day. Find the form [HERE!](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

There are many different ways you can make a difference! Please review and select any programs that you would be willing to help make a success [HERE!](#) We are depending on your support! We are in special need of:

VOLUNTEERS FOR ECC LUNCH DUTY

Are you looking for a way to get involved at the ECC Campus? Parent volunteers are needed for ECC Lunch Duty 10:40-12:00 p.m. during Pre-K and Kindergarten Lunch. All volunteers must be VIRTUS trained. To sign up, click [HERE](#). There are spots for 2 volunteers per day. Please only sign up for 2 times per month to allow for more parents to have a chance to volunteer for this fun activity! Feel free to pick the dates that work for you! There are more detailed instructions on the sign up site. If you have any questions, contact LeAnne Lundy at 979.257.8140 or ecclunch@yahoo.com. Please arrive at 10:30 a.m. to check in with Mrs. Chovanetz in the ECC Office.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MAIN CAMPUS LUNCH DUTY

Volunteers are needed for Main Campus Lunch Duty. To sign up, click [HERE](#). Please sign up for as many spots as you would like. The shift is 10:40-noon. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Helcel at 713.875.2242 or cfh102198@gmail.com

MAIN CAMPUS AM CARPOOL VOLUNTEERS

We are in special need of carpool volunteers. Please consider being one of our amazing volunteers! We need YOU to get the day started off right!!

ECC AFTERNOON CARPOOL

We need a few volunteers to help out with ECC afternoon carpool this year! If you can help, contact Tania Magnabosco at 513-608-4977 or tmagnaboscordh@yahoo.com.

NEWS

CELEBRATE 25 YEARS

It has been a big 25 years and we have our best **Spirit Shirt** yet ready to celebrate! Join in the celebration and wear your SLCS colors with pride. Please note this shirt is a comfort colors t-shirt that is so popular! These shirts feel like you have owned them for years. It is a classic, comfortable, relaxed style. It is all of the love a cotton tee but a little softer and the navy pictured might not be true replica of the actual color. Orders are due by September 5th and this shirt can be worn any Wednesday as a Spirit Shirt. Find your order form [HERE!](#)

KICK OFF THE SLCS SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND!

Join in the fun as we kick off the St. Laurence Catholic School Annual Fund on **Wednesday, August 31**. Students encouraged to wear a team shirt/jersey of choice with jeans showing your team spirit. Grab your favorite collegiate or professional jersey/shirt, little league team or soccer shirt/jersey, or a SLCS shirt/jersey and wear it with spirit! This is a great to rally around this important cause while having a little fun too! Contact Suzanne Byrne in the Advancement Office with any questions! **GO SAINTS!**

STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ELECTIONS

Do you have great ideas? Do you want to represent your classmates and St. Laurence Catholic School? One great way to be involved is to become a Student Council Class Representative for your 4th thru 8th grade classmates. There will be 4 representatives elected from each grade level. If you are interested in running, you must turn in the nomination form with your parent's signature. The form is [HERE](#). Elections will be held on September 9th. Turn in the form by

September 6th. Mrs. Betsy Brown and Mrs. Suzanne Garcia are Student Council sponsors. You can email one of the sponsors if you have any questions.

COMING SOON TO SLCS....DAN YACCARINO!

We are so excited! We will be hosting Dan Yaccarino, author of the highly anticipated, *I am a Story* at SLCS on Thursday, September 8, 2016. Students in grades 1-3 will explore the evolution of storytelling while pondering the power of stories to bring us together and make us feel happy, sad, excited, and much more. Stories enrich our lives! The author will sign pre-purchased copies of the book after the presentation. Order forms are available on the library webpage and will also be sent home in students' folders closer to the date. If you would like to purchase a signed copy of the book, please complete the order form and return it with payment to your child's homeroom teacher on or before Tuesday, September 6, 2016. For more information about this author and his work, please go to the Classroom Visit Video [HERE](#).

WANT TO HELP US KEEP OUR ROOMS SANITIZED?

Please send a container of Clorox Wipes to the school office 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!

SAFETY PATROL

Join our Safety Patrol! We will have a meeting next Tuesday, August 30th, in Ms. Perkins Room from 3:10 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. Safety Patrol is only available for Carpool B and BASC students. We will begin after Labor Day on Sept. 6th!

SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL TUITION ASSISTANCE GOLF TOURNAMENT!

10.31.16 Sweetwater Country Club 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start. More details to follow!

SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

JOIN OUR BOOSTER CLUB!



The advertisement features the St. Laurence Saints logo on the left, the text 'BOOSTER CLUB' in large blue letters in the center, and 'BLUEOUT' in a blue slanted box on the right. Below the logo is the heading 'Who We Are:' followed by a paragraph describing the club's purpose. To the right of this is the heading 'What We Do:' followed by a list of activities. Below the list are images of a Saints merchandise store and a concession stand menu. On the far right is an image of a 'Blue Out' event calendar. At the bottom right is the heading 'How You Can Help:' followed by a list of ways to support the club.

Who We Are:
The purpose of the Boosters is to promote athletics at Saint Laurence Catholic School in an atmosphere that is consistent with the educational philosophy of the school community. The goals of the Boosters include raising funds, providing equipment and sports facility improvements, soliciting members, offering activities for members promoting participation in athletics, encouraging attendance at athletic events, providing necessary funds to make athletic participation available to all, and assisting the Athletic Director(s), Coaches, and Administration.

What We Do:
Spirit Store
Spirit Nights
Blue Out Events
Concession Stand
Discount Cards

How You Can Help:
Memberships
Gym Sign Sponsors
Volunteers for Spirit Store & Concessions

GET YOUR BOOSTER SHIRTS TODAY!
Find the Booster Club forms [HERE](#)!

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.

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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St. Laurence Saints Newsletter is published weekly.

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