

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

PASTRIES WITH THE PRINCIPALS!

Please join us after our School Mass this Friday for our Pastries with the Principals. Come meet new friends, share your insights and experiences, and enjoy some refreshments as we continue excellence in Catholic education.

We will meet in the Corpus Christi room immediately after the 8:15 AM Mass!

Please RSVP [HERE!](#)



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents,

By now you will have received our Annual Fund letter, in which we ask you to prayerfully consider a donation towards helping us reach our goal of \$195,000. This important fund allows us to accomplish our mission as a Catholic School, which includes hiring and training qualified teachers, maintaining our beautiful facilities and purchasing the best resources available for instruction. Today, you will also be receiving a copy of our *Spirit* magazine that we provide annually in order to keep you up to date as to what was accomplished in the prior year. You will be amazed at all the wonderful things that happened and continue to happen at SLCS through the hard work of our parents, students and staff.

In an effort to partner with you and communicate the various ways that your generous donations are utilized throughout the year. I have attached a spreadsheet [HERE](#) that outlines the events, use of funds and timeline of the various fundraisers utilized at our school. Each one of these activities is essential in helping us to fulfill our mission as non-profit organization. We truly understand the sacrifice that you make in sending your child to a tuition-based school. We have always been blessed by your generosity in the past and remain humbled by the trust you place in us with your precious child each day. We are partners on this journey to create future "saints" and would not be the amazing school that we are without your help.

God Bless,

Mrs. Barto

IMPORTANT DATES

9/15	NJHS Meeting Box Top Collection Date
9/16	All School Mass Led by 8B Pastries with the Principals after Mass
9/19	Lagniappe starts
9/20	School Board Meeting
9/21	Jean/Spirit Day
9/22	STUCO Meeting Box Top Prize Delivery for the winners!
9/23	All School Mass Led by PTO Grandparents' Day Annual Fund Ends Early Dismissal 10:45/11 a.m.



SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS



MEET OUR SCHOOL BOARD 2016- 2017

David Wells, President
Nora Sessions, Vice President
Tish Cox, Treasurer
Christina Hinojosa, Secretary

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A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO



PTO BOX TOP COLLECTION DAY IS TOMORROW!

Your trash can become our treasure. We began fundraising with BOXTOPS in 2002 and have raised more than \$25,000 so far. If you have BOXTOPS that you are just throwing away, please drop them by the school office and we will put them to good use. We promise! Our first collection day for the new semester is September 15th! You can find more information and prizes [HERE!](#) Print the calendar [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 PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS!

DUKE TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

Congratulations to seventh grade students who have qualified to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP)! In order to participate, students must score at the 95th percentile or above in specific areas on the most current standardized test (i.e. IOWA Assessment, CogAT). Students who have earned this opportunity are:

7A

Lilianna Garcia
Sophia Haller
William Lindsey
Abigail Malish
Veronica Offner
Colin Pham
Kaitlyn Sexton
Kody Smith
Andrea Vargas
Ricky Zubizarreta

7B

Rose Barry
Erin Fuchs
Oliver Kennedy
John Kilboy
Connor McSorley
Adrian Pomer
Taylor Tran
Jacob Murray

7C

Elena de la Mora
Christopher DeMoor
Anna Eckelkamp
Abigail Fiedler
Ireland Ga-an
Anthony Hurtado
Kent Knowles
Margaret Riebe
Peyton Rohrig
Derek Wong



ANNUAL FUND NEWS

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has already committed to our Annual Fund. As you heard at P.I.N., this is essential for our operating expenses. Please help us reach 100% participation by **DONATING ONLINE** or turning in your remittance envelope by September 23rd! Each family that participates will receive the only printed version of our directory complete with emails; it is sure to be a hit! Click here to view the incentive **FLYER**. We are at about 20% of our goal and a few of our classes are really close to receiving extra recess during this awesome weather! Let's go for it SLCS!

CORPORATE SUPPORT

MATCHING GIFTS to our Annual Fund is easier than you think! Last year we had 33 generous companies honor their employee's request to match their gift made to SLCS! That's like free money that benefits all 715 of our students! Let's increase that number this year. Check out the attached **FLYER** or contact your employer's human resource department to see if this is an option for you to double the impact of your gift. Thanks for supporting SLCS! Every gift truly makes a difference. Any questions contact [Suzanne Byrne](#) in our Advancement Office



NEWS

LAGNIAPPE COURSES START NEXT WEEK! SIGN UP NOW!

Our first session for the semester runs from September 19-October 28. See your course flyer **HERE** for details & course descriptions. All payments should be made payable to SLCS and returned to the teacher hosting the awesome class. Classes fill quickly...first come, first serve!

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day is Friday, September 23rd. Please RSVP to **PTO** if your grandparent or special friend will be able to attend and needs assistance. Dismissal is at 11 a.m. following the programs and visits to the classroom!

Please be aware this day is especially for Grandparents and Special Friends. Click **HERE** for the program of the day!

We are in need of volunteers for set up, take down, and to drive. Please sign up to volunteer **HERE**!

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 Mrs. Gutierrez at agutierrez@stlaurence.org.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Help Us Earn Free Money While You Shop. Every year this helps the St. Laurence PTO raise money for lots of fun things at our school: Family Movie Night, Hoops & Dogs, Father-Daughter Dance, Middle School Dances and much, much more. Please register or re-register your card using the directions [HERE!](#)

ARE YOU READY "FORE" SOME GOLF??

The 21st Annual St. Laurence Golf Tournament is set for October 31st at Sweetwater Country Club! We need players and sponsors...Player fees are \$225 and include a 9am shotgun start with breakfast, an awesome goodie bag with an Under Armour golf shirt and awards reception for everyone at 2pm. There are amazing sponsorship opportunities for nearly every budget...sponsor a hole, a beverage cart, door prizes, a putting contest and more. Check out the opportunities on the [school website](#) or contact the Advancement Office at 281.980.0500 to register or sponsorship opportunities.

SPICE LUNCHEON - NOVEMBER 11th

You are invited to attend our annual Special People in Catholic Education Luncheon and Silent Auction on November 11, 2016 at 11:30 in the Parish Hall. We are honored to welcome Charlene Katra Associate Director from the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston. It is a luncheon you will not want to miss with catering by Pappas BBQ and auction items featuring Disneyland and our very own Houston Texans. Tickets are \$60 and reservations may be made through the Advancement Office at 281-980-0500.



SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

SUPPORT BOOSTER CLUB! Raising Cane's for dinner TONIGHT!

Come join in the fun of dinner beginning cooked for you and supporting your Booster Club. Raising Cane's Missouri City is hosting their first spirit night for us THIS Wednesday. Sienna, Riverstone, Lake Olympia and Quail Valley saints this is for you! Just mention you are with SLCS while you purchase and they will graciously donate a portion of their sales to our athletics.

GET YOUR BOOSTER SHIRTS TODAY!

Find the Booster Club forms [HERE!](#)



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

PARISH BAZAAR

Behold, the Bazaar is BACK! The bazaar will be held October 15-16th at the Ave Maria Center. We will have a lot of the same great items you expect from the bazaar like the different food and activity booths as well as Bingo. We will also have a lot of NEW items like a new obstacle course for kids, a room with games for teenagers (though all are welcome) but most exciting of all, is the new Art Gallery. We are looking for YOU to submit a piece of art to showcase in the Gallery during the bazaar. Please bring your original work to the Parish Office by September 30th. It should be representative of the parish theme, "Behold, I make all things new". It can be 4x6, 5x7, 8x10 or 11x14 in size. There are also MANY opportunities for volunteers. Please check the [BAZAAR WEBSITE](#) or go straight to [SIGNUP GENIUS](#) if you would like to help. We still need many Virtus trained volunteers to help supervise the bounce houses, rides and inflatable games. Be sure to check back often as more opportunities will be added. For further information, please contact Les Fuchs at 832-360-3104 or Tom Barry at 281-545-4112.

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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