

ST. LAURENCE
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SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 28th, 2016**PTO FAMILY ROSARY & DINNER**

The St. Laurence Catholic School PTO invites you to attend the Family Dinner and Rosary on October 7th. A delicious dinner by Lupe Tortilla, courtesy of the PTO will be served in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Rosary in the Church led by our school families. If your family would like to participate in this beautiful example of our Catholic Identity, please RSVP with the number of people attending to PTOPrograms@gmail.com by Friday, September 30, 2016.

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear Parents,

A huge thank you is in order for our two wonderful organizers of Grandparent's Day; Maria Jorissen and Megan Kliebert. They did a tremendous job in planning this special event for our grandparents and guests. Countless hours were spent preparing for this day and I think everyone that came would agree that it was a beautiful celebration. The students did an amazing job leading Mass and performing and everywhere you looked, it was nothing but smiling faces. Thank you to Sr. Joanna Dinh, Johanna Bonno and Richard Stone for leading our talented students along with the many other volunteer and staff members that made this day possible.

I would like to invite all of you to a few upcoming special events taking place in the school and parish.

- * Thursday, September 29th 7-9 p.m. Our Parish will be showing The Original Image of Divine Mercy film in Marian Hall at the Ave Maria Center. Come and celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy with your family by watching this documentary.

- * Saturday, October 8th is the annual *Blessing of the Animals* on the Parish Hall lawn with Fr. Jaison presiding. You are asked to bring a donation of dog or cat food to the City of Sugar Land Animal Center. (see the St. Laurence bulletin for more details)
- * Tuesday, October 11th –Our PTO is sponsoring a guest speaker who is one of the founders of Positive Works. Come and hear her message of positive communication in the Dining Hall from 9-10 a.m.
- * Saturday and Sunday, October 15th & 16th is the Parish Bazaar. They still need a lot of volunteers if you can help. See the information at the end of the newsletter to sign up! Our school is sponsoring a few booths along with a display celebrating our 25th Anniversary. Come join in the fun and fellowship!

Father Drew has encouraged the parishioners of St. Laurence to read one of the gospels during the month of October. Considering all the negative things we hear day in and day out in the media and all the stressful things we encounter daily in our effort to be the best parents we can be, see if you can find a moment to sit and quietly reflect on His words with your family. Here is a verse that should give you some comfort and may help get you started.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

God Bless,

Mrs. Barto

IMPORTANT DATES

9/29	A Walk Through Reconciliation 5-6 pm Divine Mercy Film 7-9 pm. Ave Maria Center.
9/30	All School Mass Led by 7C
10/1	School Board Retreat - please pray for our School Board Members
10/4	Leo Club Officer Meeting Finance Committee Meeting
10/5	Jean/Spirit Day Spanish Honor Society Meeting Saints Family Activity
10/7	All School Mass Led by 6B PTO Family Rosary and Dinner



SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS



YOUR 2016-2017 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS!



Please tell us the main reason why you chose SLCS for your child's education by ranking these areas from 1-5 (1 being the most important). Click [HERE](#)! Your feedback will help us better serve our students as we begin work on our new 3 year Strategic Plan.



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!



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING!

SLCS is grateful for the support in which we have received for the **St. Laurence Catholic School Annual Fund**. Your participation is overwhelming, and we thank you for your contributions! Every gift matters and will help us to continue the trinity of parent, child, and educator. If you have not made a commitment, there is still time, as the Annual Fund is a yearlong campaign. Please visit our website or click here for the remittance envelope.

We are excited to announce that we have had 100% participation from our faculty and staff for our annual fund! We appreciate their dedication to our school and students. It takes a village to create the fabulous school that we know as SLCS and we truly value this support.

Please take time to pray our Annual Fund Prayer as this effort runs until the close of fiscal year.



WHY IS CARPOOL TAKING SO LONG? MY CHILD WILL BE LATE!

Parents, we need your help in order to ensure that everyone gets to school on time and safely in the building each morning. If you are dropping your child off on the main campus, here are some important things you should know.

1. No child may be dropped off prior to 7:30. There are no staff members on duty before 7:35, so you may not let your child out of the car and leave until that time.
2. Please do NOT cut the line short and turn in the parking lot prior to going all the way to Sweetwater, even if you are one of the first cars. I know it seems like it is not affecting the line but eventually it will back up. No one wants to be the first one to go all the way down if others will cut them off in the middle of the parking lot. You are also causing everyone at the end of carpool to be late.
3. We ask that you please turn right on Austin Parkway in the morning due to the backup with people turning left.
4. Lastly, please leave space and use the lines on the driveway to allow for volunteers and your child to exit the car safely. Please don't hug the curb.

Thank you so much for following these guidelines. This will really help us move the line along and get all the children in the building safely and on time! We could still use help in the morning opening doors beginning at 7:30 if you have the time!



NEWS



GOLF TOURNAMENT HELP NEEDED

Here's a chance for anyone to help make our event a success! We are currently seeking donations to purchase gifts for our famous awards ceremony! No gift is too small! Academy, Amazon, Target, Walmart, or any local restaurant gift cards would be VERY helpful! Please send to the front office marked to the attention of the golf tournament.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

Registration and sponsorship information went home in the red folder last week for the **21st Annual SLCS Tuition Assistance Golf Tournament** scheduled for Monday, October 31st at Sweetwater Country Club. The tournament is the primary fund raiser for the Tuition Assistance Program. This program aids currently enrolled families that experience major unexpected financial hardship during the course of the school year so that their student(s) may continue at SLCS. Last year 19 students from 11 families benefitted from this event. For more information visit our new website [HERE](#) or contact Victoria Haddad at vzhaddad@yahoo.com with any questions! Thank you to those who have already registered, it is going to be a **GREAT** day for our students!

25th ANNIVERSARY NEWS!

We are so blessed to be celebrating 25 years as a parish school! Please mark your calendars for our Mass & Celebration on January 28, 2017! It will be a fun day at the school with food trucks, activities and reminiscing! We will conclude our day with Mass with the Cardinal and our very own Father Drew! If you would like to assist in making this a day to remember, please contact the Advancement Office at 281.980.0500

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!](#)



SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

**SLCS BOOSTER CLUB WILL BE SPONSORING BLUE OUT GAMES THIS WEEK FOR FALL SPORTS.
Wear your Blue Saints Spirit Shirt to the game and come and support St. Laurence Athletics!**

Tuesday, September 27th
Wednesday, September 28th

Football vs. St. Cecilia at Strake Jesuit at 7:00 p.m.
Volleyball vs. St. Vincent DePaul at HOME Varsity game at 6:15 p.m. preceded by JV (5:15 p.m.) and C Team (4:30 p.m.) games.

Thursday, September 29th

Soccer vs. St. Vincent DePaul at HOME played at the Colony Bend Soccer Field Varsity- time TBA

Friday, September 30th
Saturday, October 1st

Cross Country competes at Houston Christian at 4:00 PM
Tennis Match at First Colony Middle School Tennis Courts

BOOSTER CLUB SPIRIT STORE!

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, many different food, activities and a 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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