

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

OCTOBER 12th, 2016

**CHECK OUT THE BEAUTIFUL LESSON EXTENSION FOR
PK LESSON: JESUS TEACHES US TO SHARE!**



Students in Mrs. Centanni, Mrs. Dodson and Mrs. Jonas' Pre-K classes delivered food to Social Concerns! This was an extension of their lesson concerning the poor man, Lazarus, and the rich man. This was the gospel reading at church on the week previous to the lesson, Sunday, 9/25. We are proud of our youngest students!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



October is a month dedicated to Mary, the mother of our Lord thanks to Pope Leo XIII many centuries ago. One of the ways we celebrate our Blessed Mother is to pray the rosary, which is a devotion she entrusted to St. Dominic in the 13th century according to tradition. Did you know that "rosary" means garland of roses in Latin and is one of the most recognizable symbols of our Catholic Identity? During this month, we take time to pray this beautiful prayer in several ways, beginning with our Family Rosary that took place last Friday. If you did not get a chance to attend, I hope that you will join us next year. We had a very large turnout this year thanks to the hard work of our PTO volunteers, Aleini Lacombe, Jenna Coda, Tracy Geyer, Cheryl Aramburo, and Valerie Meyne. You can see the beautiful pictures on Facebook of the balloon rosary floating up to the sky and the families joining together to pray in the church. Later this month, we will come together as an entire school body to pray the Living Rosary in the gym. This moving event is led by our 4th grade class and is truly inspiring. I strongly encourage you as the primary educators of your child's faith to take some time to pray the rosary as a family, especially in the month of October. What a beautiful way to thank our Mother for her intercessions and to pray for our intentions.



God Bless,

Mrs. Barto

IMPORTANT DATES

10/13	NJHS Meeting
	NEHS Meeting
	Chick-Fil-A Spirit Day
10/14	All School Mass Led by the Resource Team
10/15	St. Laurence Parish Bazaar
10/16	St. Laurence Parish Bazaar
10/18	Fall Sports Picture Day & Retakes
10/19	Jean Spirit Day
10/20	Living Rosary by 4 th Grade 8:30 a.m. in the gym.



SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS



MEET OUR SCHOOL BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR TISH COX



Howdy! My name is Tish Cox. David and I have been St. Laurence parishioners for over 11 years. Our two boys, Preston (6th Grade) and Jackson (3rd Grade) began attending SLCS after “graduating” from the St. Laurence Weekday Children’s Program. We both feel so blessed to be part of the St. Laurence community and have our boys in a school that nourishes all aspects of their person, especially our Catholic faith. This is my third year serving on the SLCS School Board, presently I am the Finance Committee Chair.

My family has received so many blessings from being part of SLCS. Not only are my boys receiving an amazing education, but the school has fed our faith and brought us all closer to Christ. I am so grateful for leadership of Father Drew and Mrs. Barto, and with that decided to discern for the School Board in a small effort to give back to the school. A few hours a month seemed like such a small commitment for how much we have received! I humbly pray to be an asset to the School Board. I can honestly say, I have enjoyed every minute!



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO



HOOPS & DOGS

Our annual father/son event, Hoops & Dogs, catered by James Coney Island, is Saturday, October 22 from 6:00-8:00. Please RSVP to PTOPrograms@gmail.com. And, if you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Crystal Helcel at cfh102198@gmail.com or Melanie Bilodeau at Melanie.bilodeau@barilla.com.

PTO FAMILY ROSARY & DINNER THANK YOU!

Thank you to the awesome PTO hospitality committee for a wonderful and beautiful family rosary night. The committee is made up of Aleini Lacombe, Jenna Coda, Tracy Geyer, Cheryl Aramburo, and Valerie Meyne. This a wonderful tradition at our school that brings the whole family together along with our SLCS families. It was so beautiful! Thank you ladies for your time and talents!

PTO FUNDRAISER

Steps for Students is replacing Yankee Candle as the PTO fundraiser this year. We are kicking it off early with a **“Wear a Halloween Shirt (must be appropriate for school) to School”** on October 31st, if you register by October 28th, Conference Day. All registrations both snoozers and walkers will receive a T-shirt. Unlike Yankee Candle almost 100% of the money comes back to St. Laurence. Which will be used to pay for Family Rosary, Family Movie Night, Hoops and Dogs, Father Daughter Dance and much, much more. Please go to <http://steps4students.org> and register. See the flyer [HERE](#) for all the incentives for this fundraiser.

PTO PRAYER GROUP

October is the month of the rosary! Please join us for our monthly PTO Prayer Group session followed by the rosary. Our next prayer meeting is 10/26 at 8:15 in the St Joseph room - Ave Maria Center. It's a wonderful way to start your day, praying for our school, staff and teachers, our families and our precious children! Since this is the prayer group meeting before the election, let's pray strongly for our nation! We pray that you can join us! Little ones are always welcomed.



NEWS

AMC PARKING WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW!

AMC parking will be closed beginning tomorrow due to the Bazaar. Enjoy the Bazaar this weekend!

SMILE FOR THE CAMERA! PICTURES RETAKES!

October 18th is Individual Picture Retake day. If your child was absent, please make sure they are camera ready next Tuesday. In order to have your child's picture retaken, please send in the original picture package you purchased to receive full credit for your package. Smile for the camera!

EXTRA GLASSES? SUPPORT LEOS AND LIOS CLUBS!

Leos & Lions Clubs are collecting glasses. The Lions will be sorting and packing them up on October 20th! Please turn them in by the 19th! Thank you for your support!

8th GRADE CALENDAR

Wow! Can you believe our kids are 8th graders? Many of our kids have been at SLCS for 11 years! This was the last class to have attended PreK 3. Well, needless to say this is an exciting year for our kids with a lot of activities and events. We need your help to make this a great year for them. Because there are so many events, we wanted to give you an 8th grade at a glance calendar [HERE!](#)



WE NEED YOU FOR THE GOLF TOURNAMENT!

Time is ticking! We need you for the golf tournament! We still need 60 golfers! Join in the fun of this awesome community event! Registration includes breakfast, a day of golf, awesome goodie bag with Under Armour golf shirt and an awards reception with food! Fill out the registration form [HERE](#) today!

IMPORTANT GUESTS MAKE CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR ALL A PRIORITY!

You are invited to attend our annual Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE) 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 a Disneyland trip and memorabilia celebrating our very own Houston Texans. Tickets are \$60 and reservations may be made through the Advancement Office at 281-980-0500.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR 25th ANNIVERSARY!

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.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is a way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. SLCS will celebrate Red Ribbon Week with a kick off pep rally on Monday, Oct. 24th at 2:15! The Student Council has designated a special theme to each day of the week to promote making healthy choices and maintaining a drug free lifestyle.

YOU ARE INVITED TO WITNESS A LIVING ROSARY

The Fourth Grade Class invites you to join us in praying the Rosary as the class presents a Living Rosary honoring Mary, The Lady of the Rosary, on Thursday, October 20th at 8:30 A.M. in the gym.

FALL CONFERENCE DAY...Friday, October 28th

Fall Conference Day will be here before you know it... ECC and Elementary parents were able to sign up for a conference time on Parent Information Night in August. If you have not done so, we ask that you call the front office at the school to see what appointment times are still available. These conferences are held in the child's classroom, are led by the student, and last for 15 minutes.

Middle School conferences for grades 5th through 8th will be held in the gym on Friday, October 28th from 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Teachers will be having lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., at which time they will not be available for conferences. There is no need to sign up for a conference time for middle school students. Simply come to the gym at a time that is convenient for you.



SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT DAY!

Come support your school at Chick-fil-A Sugar Land! Place your receipts in the labeled containers in the Dining Room or Drive-thru. 20% of all sales from receipts collected (before tax) will be donated to our school!

SPORTS UPDATE

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

St. Laurence will play at St. Vincent De Paul in the GHCAA semifinal on Wednesday, October 12th at 4:30 p.m. at St. Thomas High School. Hope to see you there!

VOLLEYBALL

The final home game of the regular season will be a **Pink Out Game** to support breast cancer awareness on Thursday, October 13th.

There will be 3 games, C team at 4:30 p.m., JV at 5:15 p.m. and Varsity at 6:15 p.m.

SOCCER

The final regular season soccer game is Thursday, October 13th at St. Cecilia at 4:30 p.m.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR SAINTS TEAMS!

BOOSTER CLUB SPIRIT STORE!

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



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

INVITATION FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS AT ST. AGNES ACADEMY

The Association of Parents of African American Students at St. Agnes Academy cordially invites you to an informational meeting for African American Prospective Students and families, Sunday, October 16, 2016.

3:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. Read more [HERE.](#)

PARISH BAZAAR THIS WEEKEND!

Behold, the Bazaar is BACK! The bazaar will be held THIS WEEKEND October 15-16th at the Ave Maria Center. There are **MANY, MANY opportunities for volunteers** – both adults and older kids – high school students can get YES hours for their service!! Please consider signing up for a 2 hour shift and go to **SIGNUP GENIUS** if you can help. We still need many Virtus trained volunteers to help supervise the bounce houses, rides and inflatable games as well as the new teen/tween room "THE HOT SPOT"!!

Once you have worked your shift, enjoy the variety of food, games and entertainment scheduled! Hours are 5-10pm on Saturday and 10am-5pm on Sunday. For further information, please contact Les Fuchs at 832-360-3104 or Tom Barry at 281-545-4112.

2016-2017 AFF SPEAKER SERIES

Join Deacon Larry Vaclavik, deacon at St. Theresa's in Houston and Adjunct Lecturer at the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Theology, for an exploration of what the bishops of the United States teach about faithful citizenship, conscience formation and voting. For more information, click [HERE!](#)

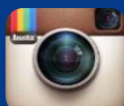
WANT TO CONTINUE LEARNING ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH OTHER ADULTS?

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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