

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

OCTOBER 26th, 2016

IT'S ELECTIONS TIME!



Middle School students in Ms. Gunter's Social Studies class recently participated in an unprecedented mock presidential debate. This particular student mock election venue has chosen the next president in the last five elections! Way to go St. Laurence Saints, informed voters in the making!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



On Friday, we will host Fall Conference Day, so I hope you have signed up for a slot with your child's teacher or plan on coming up to meet with the middle school teachers. This day counts as an attendance day for students and allows you and your child an opportunity to come and have a positive, face to face encounter with his/her teacher(s). Students will have a chance to share with you their strengths and areas to focus on in the next quarter. Please remember that students do come to the conferences and are counted absent for the day if they do not attend.

Here are some tips:

Ask your child how she feels about school. Ask your child if there is anything that he wants to talk about with his teacher. Prepare a list of questions such as:

1. What are my child's strongest and weakest subjects?
2. Does my child participate in class?
3. Does my child seem happy at school?
4. What can I do at home to help?
5. Please be on time (or early) for the meeting.
6. Ask your child's teacher for ways that you can help your child at home.

In addition to meeting with the teachers, you can also go to the Auxiliary classrooms and/or meet with the Resource staff, who are available to answer any questions you may have. Please stop by to register for Steps for Students in the computer lab if you have not already done so and visit our awesome Book Fair in the library.

We look forward to seeing you and your child on Friday!

God Bless,

Mrs. Barto

IMPORTANT DATES

10/27	STUCO Meeting MS Month of the Young Adolescent Event
10/28	Fall Conference Day Register for Steps for Students- Computer Lab
10/29	First Reconciliation retreat 1-4pm
10/31	Golf Tournament NEHS Bake Sales at lunches Lagniappe starts
11/1	All Saints Mass - Wear your official uniforms Leo Club Officers Meeting Coke Float Sale by NJHS
11/2	All Souls Day Jean/Spirit Day SHS Meeting Early Dismissal 10:45/11 AM
11/4	PTO Family Movie Night



SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS



MEET OUR SCHOOL BOARD SHAWN ST. JOHN



My wife Vivienne and I became parishioners at St. Laurence shortly after our first daughter was born in 2008, and both our daughters--Sarah (6th grade) and Laura (3rd grade)--have been enrolled at St. Laurence since the beginning of their school careers. St. Laurence has given so much to my family, and means so much to me personally. I did not grow up Catholic, but converted through the RCIA program, primarily because of the warm and welcoming church family I found at St. Laurence, and the real impact that I saw a Catholic education making on my daughters. Our family is stronger and more faith-filled because of the larger family we are a part of at St. Laurence.

I soon began feeling the desire to give back my time and talents to the church and school that had given so much to my family. Helping out my wife with school fundraising events and running sound every week for the 7:00 a.m. Sunday Masses during the "Journey to the Gym" were a good start, but I kept feeling compelled by the Holy Spirit to discern for the School Board. Finally this year I answered that calling. The discernment experience alone left me so very impressed with the School Board and how dedicated they were. To be discerned to the board that day was a surprising and humbling experience, and I look forward to serving SLCS through prayer, discernment and hard work.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK-HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BE HEARD REGARDING HOMEWORK!!

Please take a minute and answer this questions regarding homework [HERE](#).

Your feedback is really appreciated. [Please fill out one form for each child.](#)



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO



HOOPS & DOGS THANK YOU

A big thank you to Crystal Helcel, Melanie Bilodeau, and all the amazing group of volunteers for all their work planning a fabulous night for dads and sons! SLCS Boys had a great time!

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. Funds raised 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 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!!



PTO FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT IS HERE

Come and enjoy the annual PTO Family Movie Night on Friday, November 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Bring your own chairs and/or blankets and join us for a fun night with friends and family as we watch “The Peanuts Movie”. As in years past, various clubs will be selling pizza, popcorn, drinks, and glow sticks for all to enjoy!



NEWS

FALL CONFERENCE DAY THIS FRIDAY! ECC AND ELEMENTARY

Fall Conference Day IS THIS Friday! 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

1. Middle School conferences will be held in the gym on conference day.
2. Students are to attend with parents
3. Bring a signed copy of the report card to leave with one of the teachers with whom you meet.
4. Auxiliary and elective course teachers will be meeting in their classrooms not in the gym (i.e. Health, PE, Art, Choir, Spanish, Band, Enrichment). Ms. Gunter, the only elective course teacher who also teaches a core subject, will be in the gym. Mr. Pacheco, the Band Director, will not be available until 10:45AM after he is done with classes at Strake Jesuit.
5. We look forward to seeing you on Friday, October 28th any time from 7:30-11:30AM or from 12:15-3:45PMJ
6. Read more **HERE**

JOIN US FOR FESTIVE FUN AND SUPPORT SLCS AT OUR AUTUMN BOOK FAIR!

We are so excited about our Book Fair! Buy some great books and help support SLCS! See the Teacher's Wish List Binder and give the gift of lifelong learning and literacy. Get your books, holiday gifts, and **more!** Win a \$25.00 gift card. We look forward to your support. Conference Day we will be open from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

NOT CARPOOL AGAIN !!!!

We are still experiencing some problems with morning carpool that are holding up the line and causing safety issues. Please do not use the ECC line if you have a child that only goes to the Main Campus. You should not park and allow your child to walk over from the ECC Campus to avoid carpool lines. The main campus line goes much faster if cars turn right out on Austin Parkway, so thank you for adhering to the cones. We will be contacting parents personally from now on in order to ensure that things run smoothly for everyone and the children enter the building on time.

If we all work together and follow the rules, the line moves very quickly.

Lastly, the crossing guard ladies who are kind enough to cross our student walkers are experiencing many of our families not following the laws pertaining to “no right turns on red” in a school zone or failing to remain at a full stop while students cross in the crosswalk. Please keep our children safe!!! If your child is a walker to the corner and not all the way home, you must get out of your car and personally meet the group at the corner. **We will not send students through the Ave Maria parking lot to find your car or enter the building without an adult.** Thank you for understanding!

LAGNIAPPE! WE START NEXT WEEK!

SLCS offers a variety of mini-courses after school in different areas interests for our students. Our next session of Lagniappe will begin October 31st! Click [HERE](#) for the list of awesome courses and for online registration!

1. Please fill out this online registration form.
2. Please send a check to the school front office for \$120/course with the name of the courses in the Memo line.
3. Please note a minimum/maximum number of students is required to have classes.
4. Online Registration and check must be received by **October 28, 2016**.

THE TIME HAS COME!



Our Golf Tournament is this MONDAY and we need you! It is a fun day of fellowship and community! We are excited to celebrate Halloween on the course with a costume contest and a few other treats up our sleeves! Gather your friends and do not miss this chance to make a difference! This day make an immediate impact on our families that find them in unexpected financial need! Go [HERE](#) for the registration form. Please note: We will be able to accepted credit cards for registration or donations over \$200 on fall conference day!

- Not a golfer, but you would like to contribute in some way? Cash donations and gift cards in any amount are very much appreciated.
- Please add our Tuition Assistance Golf Tournament to your prayer intentions! Thank you!!!

SHARE GOD'S BOUNTY

SLCS is proud to assist in this HUGE Thanksgiving food drive! Our 8th graders play a significant role as they will assist in the collection process and host the hospitality desk for this Parish wide service project. This year the school has been asked to provide all the pantry items for Share God's Bounty! See flyer for donation requests [HERE](#). All donations may be sent to school with your child. Questions? Contact Adriana Gutierrez agutierrez@stlaurence.org.

HELP MAKE CATHOLIC EDUCATION AVAILABLE FOR ALL

Make plans now to join us for our 4th annual SPICE fundraising luncheon, Friday, November 11th at 11:30 a.m. Charleen Katra, Associate Director with the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston will be the keynote speaker at this amazing event, and very own Ms. Bonno will perform with our students. This is always a very special day for our school and you do not want to miss it! Tickets are \$60 and include lunch by Pappas BBQ. Please RSVP to Suzanne Byrne [HERE!](#)

BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION DUE TOMORROW

The second box top collection date is tomorrow, October 27th, with the prize date of November 3rd.

FAMILY DIRECTORY

Our preliminary Family Directory is now posted on Edline! Please review your family's information and if you have changes, email Mrs. Marie Brown, mbrown@stlaurence.org.

RED RIBBON WEEK

This week we are uniting and take a visible stand against drugs. Read the plan for the rest of the week [HERE!](#)

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!](#)

Please get your child's shirt in for the 8th grade quilt and their baby/child picture for the yearbook and end of year video .These are both due November 4th!

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.



ALUMNI NEWS

Once a Saint, Always a Saint

SAINTS' SCOOP

Preparation is underway for our next edition of the Saints' Scoop. We want to know what our Saints been up to since leaving SLCS. Please send any information you might have on any alum to our Advancement Office [HERE!](#) Please be sure to include the graduation year in your description. Thank you!



SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

WE ARE CHAMPS! ST. LAURENCE WINS TWO CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ONE WEEK!

- Congratulations to the Football team for winning the GHCAA Championship for the second year in a row. St. Laurence defeated St. Anthony of Padua 14-12. Great Job Saints!
- Congratulations to the Cross Country team for winning the GHCAA Championship. St. Laurence has won the Championship for the 4th consecutive year! Way to go Saints!

VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS

The Varsity Volleyball team defeated St. Anne Houston on Monday in the first round of the GHCAA playoffs. St. Laurence will host the semi-final against St. Anne Tomball TODAY at 5:00 PM at the St. Laurence Gym. If we advance the Championship game will be on Saturday at noon at St. Pius High School.

Wear your spirit shirt and come support the Saints.

BASKETBALL

Basketball tryouts continue this week. Please check the Edline calendar for times.

The parent meeting for girls' basketball will be Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:00 PM.

The parent meeting for boys' basketball will be Thursday, November 3rd at 6:00 PM.

SPIRIT SALES DURING CONFERENCE DAY

Our Spirit Store will be open conference day in the main hallway. Come check out the spirit store!

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



PARISH NEWS

ST. LAURENCE PARISH MISSION

Fr. Dave Pivonka returns to St. Laurence to invite parishioners of all ages into a more profound life giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship marked by the love of God which breathes life into our daily existence that will take us on the greatest adventure imaginable — a journey to the very Heart of God. For more info click [HERE!](#)

WANT TO CONTINUE LEARNING ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH OTHER ADULTS?

Our Adult Faith Formation team has some amazing opportunities for our parents. Click [HERE](#) for the upcoming opportunities and speakers. There is truly something for everyone!



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

INVITATION FROM ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL! OPEN HOUSE! Find more information [HERE!](#)

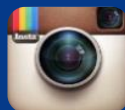
2016-2017 AFF SPEAKER SERIES

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!](#)

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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