

ST. LAURENCE
SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK**FEBRUARY 22, 2017****THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND JOINING THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TEAM!**

Thank you to everyone who registered for Steps for Students! We had perfect weather on Saturday and a great turnout! If you received a Steps for Students t-shirt, you may wear it to Mass this Friday with uniform bottoms! Due to the wonderful participation this year, ALL students will be attending the performance by Monty the Magician this Friday!

Congratulations to our top fundraisers:

1. Joseph Castillo
2. Jackson Cox
3. Lauren Wells
4. James Wyble
5. Gabriella Zezatti

GO, SAINTS!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents,

In keeping with our mission as a “pastoral instrument of the Church”, our Saints community continues to shine in the area of service to others. It is our “charism” and follows in the path of our patron, Saint Laurence, who was a deacon of the church and served the poor. I know you are probably aware of the service projects your child or family is involved in, but I thought it would be fitting, as we continue to celebrate 25 years as a Catholic School, to highlight the many ways our students and families reach out and help others in need.

PreK

Combined with 7th graders they provide lunches for hungry Fort Bend children

Kindergarten	Collect items for "Birthday in a Box" for the homeless shelter in Fort Bend
1 st Grade	Help bag rice and beans to feed the hungry-day laborers with Shade Tree Ministries
2 nd Grade	Create beautiful cards to sell in order to help our sister school Queen of Peace/also provide care packages for the sick in our community
3 rd Grade	Grow plants that produce seeds that the students string into chaplets for seniors at Mamie George
4 th Grade	Raise money from chores to buy wanted items for refugee families through Catholic Charities
5 th Grade	Conduct a Read-a-Thon in support of Queen of Peace to raise funds for combined writers project
6 th Grade	Work with Mamie George seniors to create beautiful tiles for sale in their facility
7 th Grade	Combine with PreK students to provide lunches for hungry Fort Bend children
8 th Grade	Share God's Bounty with the Parish by packing over 800 turkey dinner meals at Thanksgiving
Leos	Help with Parish-wide events such as Bazaar, Share God's Bounty, Fish Fries, Parish Mission, Heart of Worship, Shop til you Drop, works once a month with Mamie George Food Bank, PTO Hoops & Dogs, Lions Club Benefit, shopped for & delivered Christmas gifts for needy children, etc...
NJHS	Natl. Jr. Honor Society-serve as guides for large events, tutor struggling students & hold coke float sales for Book Award Scholarships
NEHS	Elem. Honor Society-Prayer Bandana project for marines & sock drive for military & homeless
STUCO	Collected gently used books and materials for needy schools per the NFL Super Kids Super Sharing
SHS	Spanish Honor Society-helped with Steps for Students, Habitat for Humanity & set up for Gala to raise money for Foundation for Life (pro-life), as well as conduct Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
School-wide	Quarter drive for 25 th Anniversary in January to raise money for Sr. Lisa-missionary working in the Dominican Republic

This is not all we do by any means, but I challenge you as a family to look for other ways to serve your community as we head towards Lent. Thank you for participating with us in forming future disciples of Christ! Please refer to your church bulletin for more ideas.

God Bless,

Suzanne Barta

IMPORTANT DATES

2/23	STUCO Meeting Go Texan Day Spanish Field Trip Choir Field Trip Box Top Reward Day
2/24	All School Mass led by NEHS 3 rd -5 th Elementary Archdiocesan Spelling Bee 3 rd Grade Living Wax Museum
2/25	HEART OF WORSHIP ♥
2/28	Father Jaison's Birthday
3/1	Ash Wednesday Mass Led by 3B SHS Meeting Saints Family Early Dismissal 10:45/11 AM
3/3	All School Mass Led by 1C Magician performance for Steps for Students change!
3/4 3/7	New Student Screening Leo Officers Meeting PTO Meeting Finance Committee Meeting



SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS



ARE YOU INTERESTED ON SERVING ON THE SCHOOL BOARD?

Did you know that several board members will have fulfilled their term limit of three years at the end of this school year, so we will be actively seeking new members? If you are interested please click [HERE](#) and send us your information. We will be happy to contact you!

SAVE THE DATES!

School Board Information Night – April 20
Discernment Night - April 22



INCENTIVES REMINDER

Friday, Feb. 24th

- Everyone who registered for Steps for Students may wear their event t-shirt with uniform bottoms! That means you “participated” in the event.

March 3rd

- Due to the wonderful participation this year, ALL students will be attending the performance by Monty the Magician!

BOX TOP COLLECTION

The count is in and we had a great collection for February! Thank you for all those who participated, especially the Catholic Daughters! We collected almost 5000 labels this month. Please keep on clipping Boxtops for our final collection in May 11.

1st place – 6C Mr. Bond - 2244

Students receive free shoes on Thursday, February 23rd, and the teacher receives free dress.

2nd place - 4A Mrs. Feagin - 437

Students will receive a Spirt store item on Thursday.

3rd place - 2A Mrs. Burgess -417

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GO TEXAN DAY

“Go Texan Day” is February 23rd! Students may wear western clothing, boots, and hats. Please remember that a button-down shirt with rolled up sleeves and a bandana with blue jeans is the attire for a true cowboy or cowgirl. Spurs and guns are not allowed. If a student doesn’t have western wear, he or she can wear a school uniform. Also, dresses and jean skirts are also allowed as long as they follow the handbook guidelines. * Please have a pair of tennis shoes in the backpack in case the boots “hurt” before the day is done.

Go Texan Day performances are done by 1st - 3rd graders and will be at the following times:

3 rd Grade	9:15 a.m.
2 nd Grade	12:15 p.m.
1 st Grade	1:00 p.m.

The performances will highlight our physical education dance program. We encourage all parents and grandparents or friends of 1st – 3rd graders to come, watch, and join in on the fun. Yes, parents will be invited to join in on the fun. We hope to see you, partner!

READ ACROSS AMERICA! A BIG THANK YOU TO CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS!

March 8th is Read Across America Day and a special day for our ECC friends! Catholic Daughters will be here reading to the children for Read Across America. What an amazing treat! Thank you, Catholic Daughters for visiting our ECC Campus and reading to our little ones!

JOIN US FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL SLCS FAMILY RETREAT! FINDING JESUS IN THE JOURNEY!

Enjoy spending quality time with your family the weekend of March 31st, 2017. The retreat brings SLCS families together to share community, fun, and practical wisdom, as we endeavor together to foster the domestic church in our homes. The retreat facility holds approximately 30 families, so space is limited to a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will be available through Friday, March 10th. Click [HERE](#) to print the registration form. For more information visit our website: <https://stlaurenceschool.org/family-retreat>



CALLING ALL UNDERWRITERS!!

This year's underwriting opportunities were sent home two weeks ago and we are excited about the response thus far. Click here to visit our website for more information. March 3rd is the deadline to ensure proper recognition in the catalog so do not delay! We are so grateful for everyone who contributes to the success of this night. This is a community event like none other, so don't miss your chance to make a difference. Questions? Contact Suzanne Byrne

WE NEED YOU!

Auction 2017 New York Nights...Celebrating 25 years of Excellence is April 29th at Sweetwater Country Club and giving a family donation is the easiest way to get involved. Do you have access to local sporting tickets, a weekend home, extra gift cards or religious art? These make great donations and our committee can turn into a wonderful package to be auctioned off at our big gala! We need 100% participation from our families to make it a HUGE success. All donations are due Friday, March 3rd to ensure proper recognition at the event. Click [HERE](#) for more ideas or contact Jennifer Dye questions.

ANNIVERSARY ADS

Here's your chance to have a shout out in the auction catalog for your favorite SLCS Saint, teacher or graduate! Click [HERE](#) for advertising opportunities for the anniversary event on April 29th at Sweetwater Country Club. Anniversary ads are just \$25 for 50 characters and are a perfect way to support our biggest fundraiser of the year. Have questions? Contact kikile@comcast.net All ads are due by March 24, 2017

FOLLOW SLCS AUCTION FACEBOOK PAGE [HERE!](#)



"ONCE A SAINT, ALWAYS A SAINT"

Alumni, submit [Class Notes!](#) We want to know what you've been up to! Please take a second to fill out this form so we can be in the know [HERE!](#) We love hearing from our alumni. Remember "Once a Saint, Always a Saint"!



SPRING SPORTS UPDATE

- Baseball will play their first game on Wednesday, February 22nd at 4:15 PM vs. St. Cecilia. The Saints play at the Pony League fields next to First Colony Little League on Austin Parkway.
- Softball plays St. Cecilia at the Sugar Land Softball fields on Hwy 90A Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. They will travel to Holy Family in Galveston on Thursday, February 23rd at 4:30 p.m.
- Track practice is underway preparing for their first meet in March.
- Tennis will open the season on Saturday, February 25th at First Colony Middle School.

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



PARISH NEWS

LOOKS LIKE A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR HEART OF WORSHIP!

This Saturday is our 14th annual [Heart of Worship](#) and check-in begins at 10:30am. Go [HERE](#) to see the schedule and get ready to hear [three dynamic speakers](#) on how Jesus makes all things new. [Online registration](#) will remain open until 8:00pm tonight. After that, please come to the parish office to register in-person. We are close to a sellout, but will also offer registration on-site Saturday morning. See you there!

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

MATH OPPORTUNITY THROUGH REDWOOD PREP! COURSES ARE TAUGHT AT STRAKE!

Upcoming Math+ course through Redwood Prep! This Spring's course will focus on the topic of Infinity. The six session course will be taught at Strake Jesuit on Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. starting on Tuesday, March 21st and ending on April 25th. Families can sign-up at www.RedwoodPrep.com.

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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