

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

MARCH 8, 2017

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SLCS FAMILY RETREAT
THERE ARE A FEW MORE SPOTS LEFT.....



The **ANNUAL SLCS FAMILY RETREAT** is a great way to spend time during Lent strengthening your relationship with your children and bonding with other families. Come and spend some quality time praying together, listening to great speakers and enjoying the beautiful outdoors. There are activities planned for every age group. Families that have gone in the past have watched their children form strong friendships with other SLCS students across different grade levels. They look forward to this weekend every year!!

There are only a few more spots left and you won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity. We hope to see you there!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

What do you do on a
Family Retreat?

Click [HERE](#) or on the picture
to read more...



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Families,

We are now officially in Lent and I have invited the staff to wear purple as an outward sign of the Liturgical Season. Like we did in Advent, students are welcome to wear purple accessories (hair & socks) on Wednesdays throughout this time of preparation for Easter.

I hope you have considered trying something new or “taken on” something during Lent as I mentioned last week. If you are still looking, the Family Retreat is a wonderful way to build strong bonds and memories as a family. See the information above if you are interested. There are great speakers lined up this year with activities for all ages!!

Please have a wonderful Spring Break next week and enjoy this time off as a family. You are in our prayers for a safe return on March 20th!

God Bless,

Suzanne Barto

IMPORTANT DATES

3/9	NEHS Meeting NJHS Meeting PK and 7 th Grade Service Project - Lunches of Love 1 st and 2 nd Grade Musical Program
3/10	All School Mass Led by 3A End of 3 rd Quarter
3/11	HAPPY SPRING BREAK!
3/12	Daylight Saving Time Begins Father Drew's Birthday
3/20	Welcome Back to School! Heritage Week Parish Penance Service
3/21	Leo Club Meeting 1 st Grade Service Project – Rice and Beans School Board Meeting
3/22	Jean/Spirit Day Pancakes with the Padres
3/23	HERITAGE DAY! Fill out your Heritage Survey HERE! STUCO Meeting
3/24	All School Mass by NJHS 4 th Grade Service Project Celebration
3/25	First Communion Retreat 1-4 p.m.
3/27	IOWA Testing Starts
3/31	Family Retreat Weekend



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? The SLCS School Board serves as an advisory group to the school administration and is responsible for facilitating the 5 year Strategic Plan. We are seeking parents who are committed to the future success of our school and can dedicate the time to meet monthly after hours. School Board members also serve on committees and give input regarding finances, policies, public relations, faith development and outreach through board relations. If you are interested please click [HERE](#) and send us your information. We would be happy to contact you if you have questions or come to our Information Night.

SAVE THE DATES!

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



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO



PTO BOARD

We are currently filling the 2017-2018 PTO Board and program chairs. If you are interested in being on the board and attend monthly meetings or would like to chair a program, please email Kristin Holy at ckholy@windstream.net. All are welcome! **Many hands make light work!**

LUNCH ROOM DUTY, WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!

Parents we are in immediate need of lunch room volunteers. It is a great way to see your child and all their friends. It is also a great needed and appreciated role. If you are interested in even doing a day a month or more please email Crystal Helcel at cfh102198@gmail.com.



NEWS

CELEBRATING
OUR HERITAGE

Heritage Week
March 20-24
We will be celebrating the many different cultures represented at SLCS!

- Special Culture Lessons in our different Auxiliary Classes!
- Share about your culture (by parents or students) on Heritage Day, Thursday, March 23rd!
*Students are welcome to decorate a multicultural paper doll at home and bring it to school to share or create a Culture Box for Show-and-Tell! (Optional, NOT required).
- If interested in visiting your child's class as a guest speaker to share about your heritage, please contact your child's teacher for time availability!
- Learn interesting facts about the different cultures represented in our school on our Social Media pages!
- Answer our Heritage Survey! We would love to learn about the different countries represented in our school and invite you to be part of future Home-School Connection opportunities!

Questions? Contact Adriana Gutierrez at agutierrez@stlaurence.org

Click on the picture to read the flyer!

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- **Answer our CULTURE SURVEY**, to learn about the countries represented at our school, and future Home-School Connection opportunities **HERE!**

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CONGRATULATIONS TO GABRIELA ARENAS!

SLCS 4th grader, Gabriela Arenas was selected as the first place winner in the fourth grade division of the annual Duke University Talent Identification Program 4th-6th grade Writing Contest! More than 800 students participated in this first part of the contest and the judges were extremely pleased with the overall quality of the story submissions. Part two of this contest involves a two-dimensional artwork piece that illustrates a scene in the first place story from the student's same grade level!! These winning stories and illustrations will appear in the March and May 2017 issues of the online Navigator magazine. Gabriela will receive a \$200 check recognizing her achievement and participation in the contest. Congratulations Gabriela, we are very proud of you!!

CALL FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES

We are recruiting judges for our fair on Wednesday, March 22nd and would like to invite engineers, geologists, health care experts, and community members with a background in science to consider serving on our judging panel. Judging will take place after school beginning at 4:00 p.m. Parents and family members of current 4th and 5th graders are not eligible to judge. Please contact Mrs. Nelson at bnelson@stlaurence.org, if you are interested in serving on our judging panel. Thank you for your support of our Science program!

HELPING HANDS! SECOND GRADE CARD SALES

Second Grade children have been working on with prayer cards and packages to comfort and acknowledge individuals needing some form of care and/or attention. This program, called Heaven's Hands, is now on its second stage: selling prayer card kits to raise funds to support our sister school, Queen of Peace in Houston. Please see the proof sheet [HERE](#) to see what children's packages of "class cards" will look like! If you are interested, complete the form below designating the number of sets you would like to purchase for yourself or a loved one. These cards make great thank you notes for First Communion & Graduation and the perfect little Mother's Day gift for a special mom in your life. All orders will be delivered to you with envelopes via your child's backpacks.

SLCS CINEMA! "LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!"

This Thursday, March 9th at 8:30 am you are invited to the gym to see the 1st and 2nd grade spring musical program, "Let's Go to the Movies!" a performance of songs from Hollywood and Disney movies we know and love! Hope to see you there!

ATTENTION 1ST AND 2ND GRADE PARENTS!

The time has arrived and we are well on our way to a wonderful performance that will take you to Broadway! On Thursday, March 9th in the evening; we will have our big 7pm performance. It is Important for each student to participate in both morning AND evening performances if possible, but if your child is unable to attend for some reason, please send an email to myself or their home room teacher. Parents and guests are welcome to attend the morning show at 8:30 am if unable to attend the evening performance but Sweetwater Video will be filming that night and you are going to want a copy of this fantastic show!

For the morning performance, students should arrive dressed as follows:

- 2nd grade students are to wear a Solid WHITE t-shirt and jeans.
- 1st grade students are to wear a Solid BLACK t-shirt and jeans.

I will provide some cute accessories for the students to wear!

Please bring a uniform shirt to change into after the morning performance...but they can keep on their jeans to so their star quality!

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!

CARPOOL REQUEST-MORNING DROP-OFF AND AFTERNOON PICKUP REMINDERS



Please do not drop students off in carpool in the morning before 7:30 without an adult **or** park early in line, waiting for carpool prior to 2:30 in the afternoon! You are blocking other cars and interrupting the flow of carpool to the main campus. We will be contacting you about this and asking you to come in and pick up your child.

We have also been experiencing some dangerous situations in the afternoon with cars attempting to come in the exit lane of the North drive after carpool has started!! Once the cars are moving, you must stay at the end of the line and follow the entire route through the parking lot. I promise you will get there. Please do not attempt to drive around carpool B cars waiting in line to get to ECC or carpool A. We have tried to create a third lane at the far end of the parking lot to allow ECC parents to have a head start, but they are now blocking Carpool A and creating a huge back-up! Some of you are in such a hurry that you have come close to hitting our wonderful afternoon carpool volunteers!

MEAL TRAIN FOR MR. STONE

Mrs. Lootens is coordinating some meals for Mr. Stone while he is going through his treatment. She has set up a sign up genius for volunteers to bring them meals...please consider helping if you can! Click the link below for the dates and details: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0545AFAF22A20-meals>

ST LAURENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The Reverend John T. Weyer Knights of Columbus Council 11343 is once again offering **FOUR** scholarships to the students of our parish. You do not have to be enrolled in Catholic school at this time to qualify, just a member of the parish.

We will award **TWO \$1,000 scholarships to eighth grade students** of St. Laurence Parish who will attend ANY of the Catholic high schools in the area for the first time in the fall of 2017.

We will also award **TWO \$2,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors** who are members of St. Laurence Parish entering college for the first time in the summer or fall of 2017.

Scholarship applications will be available on our website www.kofc11343.org on Sunday, March 12th. A link to the applications will be posted on the home page. All instructions can be found on the application. The deadline for entry will be Sunday April 9th, and winners will be announced by the end of May.

Any further questions, please contact Nathan Raun at nathan.raun@gmail.com.



COUNSELORS' CORNER

Counselor's Corner— Information on Upcoming Testing

Reminder standardized standardized will start on Monday, March 27th

- IOWA Assessments - These tests measure achievement in several content areas.
 - Given to students in grades 1 – 8
- CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) - This test measures students' learned reasoning abilities.
 - Given to students in grades 2, 4, and 6
- ACRE (Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education) published by the National Catholic Educational Association - This test assesses the knowledge of Catholic faith as well as opinions, beliefs and attitudes about the Catholic faith.
 - Given to students in grades 5 and 8

Testing Schedule:

Grades 1-4: March 27th -31st and April 3rd and 4th

Grades 5-8: March 27th- 30th; Grades 5, 6 and 8 will also test on April 3rd and 4th

Parents can help students prepare for testing by:

- Teachers will begin testing procedures after the morning bell rings. Testing will take place from 8:00-10:45 a.m. **BE ON TIME TO SCHOOL!**
- Making sure appointments are not scheduled on these dates.
- Making sure your student gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast each morning.
- Keeping your routine as normal as possible.
- Letting your child know that you have confidence that he or she will do his or her personal best on the tests.



AUCTION NEWS

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We have had an overwhelming response for family donations! If you have not had a chance to turn yours in it is NOT too late! We are looking for 100% participation!

Here are some last minute ideas...

* Toys/ Kid Items

* Jewelry or Ladies Accessories

- * Home and Garden
- * Tickets to Sporting Events
- * Cash \$\$\$

* Men items- Fishing, Hunting, Golfing, Yeti items...

OR you can simply go to Williams Sonoma, Pottery Barn and Pottery Barn Kids and pick an item from our registry and it will be shipped directly to the school!

Go to - Williams Sonoma online

Click on Registry (Top Left Side of Screen)

Enter First Name: St.Laurence

Last Name: Auction

Event Month and Year: April 2017

State: TX

Please turn in all items/donations by this Friday, March 10, 2017.

Happy Spring Break Everyone and thank you for your continuous support! It's going to be a memorable evening celebrating our 25th Anniversary as we raise money for our school!

RAFFLE TICKET TIME

Raffle tickets have been distributed! If you did not receive them, please stop by the front office so you can join in the fun! All raffle tickets turned in with either cash or a check made payable to St. Laurence Catholic School to the main office by Thursday, April 20th, will be eligible for the early bird drawing on April 21st and students will receive FREE SHOES on Wednesday, April 26th. Our early bird winner will get a SLCS goodie bag with an AMC gift card. New this year! We've modified the traditional raffle to two different drawings with five fabulous prizes! Don't miss this opportunity to support this year's auction. Questions? Contact Cecilia Garcia, Elizabeth Volmert or Catherine Yepson.

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 County 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!](#)



SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

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



PARISH NEWS

VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE [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

INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY PRESENTS: SHREK
MARCH 3-5TH

Falcon Theatre invites you to attend its spring production of Shrek! Performances will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday March 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Tickets can be purchased at the door or ahead of time [HERE!](#)

MISSION STATEMENT

CONNECT WITH US!



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