

ST. LAURENCE

# SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK


MARCH 29, 2017

## FAMILY SURVEY

**IT'S SURVEY TIME**

Survey is available on EdLine starting  
Monday, March 27th and closing  
on Friday, April 7th, 2017

**FREE DRESS PASS on April 25th**  
if we have **90% School Family**  
Participation



**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!**  
**THE SURVEY IS REVIEWED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD AND FACULTY!**  
**THIS IMPACTS THE SUCCESS OF SLCS!!**

Our School Board wants to hear from you! We value and need your feedback! Help us reach 90% school family participation and children will receive free dress pass on April 25th !

Please answer our **Family Survey** [HERE!](#)

## IMPORTANT DATES

3/27-4/4	IOWA Assesments
3/31	All School Mass Led by 5A Family Retreat Starts <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MRS. BARTO!</b> 🎂
4/1	First Communion Retreat 1-4 p.m.
4/4	Leo Club Officers Meeting Finance Committee Meeting
4/5	Jean/Spirit Day SHS Meeting Spring Sports Picture Day
4/6	NEHS Meeting PK Field Trip
4/7	All School Mass Led By 1A

	Archdiocesan Science Fair KN-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
4/9	Palm Sunday
4/10-4/12	Classroom Oratoricals
4/11	Leo Club Meeting PTO Meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Seder Meal
4/12	Living Stations of the Cross
4/13	Holy Thursday Spring Conference Day



Dear Parents,

Things are pretty quiet in the hallways this week due to IOWA testing and I hope you are noticing a difference at home without the homework! ☺ I have found that many parents and students say that this is their favorite week of the year. To be fair, we have sent the parents a little “homework” in the form of the yearly parent survey. I appreciate you taking the time to fill this out and look forward to your constructive feedback. We are always looking for ways to improve educating our students. Your wonderful SLCS School Board will compile results and meet later this month to see whether we are sticking to our mission.

Speaking of feedback, if you have great ideas and want to really make a difference, you should consider joining our School Board or PTO. This is the time of year where we are searching for dedicated volunteers to fill the open spots on the PTO and School Board. We rely heavily on our parent volunteers at St. Laurence and if you really want to know where we are heading in the future, please consider getting involved with these two great organizations. See the information below if you have an interest in these areas or want any questions answered.

Many of you have inquired about and are eagerly awaiting the school calendar for next year. We appreciate your patience as we worked to compare and confirm our dates with the local public and Catholic high schools. You will find our one-page yearly calendar [HERE](#) with start/end dates and holiday breaks. We will send a more detailed monthly version out later once we have loaded everything on to our new RenWeb reporting program. Remember, next year there will be no more EdLine, so we will be learning a new system together. One major change you may notice on this calendar pertains to our early dismissal times. The school day will now end at 1:45/2:00, as opposed to, 10:45/11:00 due to the amount of instructional minutes required of a full school day. There will be a few other minor changes that we will roll out later as we head towards the summer. Please enjoy your week and keep the Family Retreat, School Board Discernment and Auction in your prayers!! Never a dull moment at SLCS!!!

God Bless,

*Suzanne Barto*



**SERVE ON THE SLCS SCHOOL BOARD- LAST CALL!**

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-LAST CALL!

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](mailto: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](mailto:cfh102198@gmail.com).



## NEWS

### NEXT LAGNIAPPE SOON!

Next session runs from April 10<sup>th</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup>. See your course flyer for details & course descriptions [HERE!](#) All payments should be to SLCS and returned to the front desk. Classes fill up quickly so first come, first serve!

### ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR

Thanks to all who participated in our SLCS Elementary Science Fair! A special congratulations to our 4<sup>th</sup> grade winners Kayla Rivera (1<sup>st</sup> place) and Gabbi Arenas (2<sup>nd</sup> place) and to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade winners Emily Zaccardo (1<sup>st</sup>) and Eshaan Mani (2<sup>nd</sup>). These students will be going on to participate in our Archdiocesan Science Fair on April 6<sup>th</sup> at Corpus Christi Catholic School. A special thanks to all of our judges who volunteered their time! It was a great learning experience for all!

### VIRTUS TRAINING AT ST. LAURENCE

If you would like to volunteer for the school and have not received VIRTUS training, visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and register for an upcoming training session. Now it the time! VIRTUS sessions are scheduled at St. Laurence soon!

Protecting God's Children Classes being offered: April 1st and May 27th from 8-11 a.m.  
Keeping the Promise Alive (Refresher): April 11th and June 5th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Both classes are being held in Marian Hall at the AMC. Register now!

### 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/70A0545AF22A20-meals>



## AUCTION NEWS



### OUR AUCTION WILL BE HERE IN A NEW YORK MINUTE!

5 weeks and counting. Invitations [HERE](#) were mailed last week for our auction "New York Nights...Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence." Please get RSVP's in by April 14th. Read more [HERE!](#) Underwriting opportunities are still available and this promises to be a night to remember. Don't miss your chance to join in the fun.

### HAVE YOU BOUGHT RAFFLE TICKETS YET?

No worries! There's still time to purchase raffle tickets and be eligible for one of five fabulous prizes AND the EARLY BRID DRAWING AND INCENTIVE DAY on Thursday, April 20. The early bird winner will be announced Friday, April 21, and will receive a SLCS goodie bag and an AMC gift card. The child(ren) of families selling at least one raffle ticket will enjoy a Free Shoe incentive day on April 26, 2017. Read more [HERE!](#)

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



## SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

### TRACK

The Saints did an impressive job hosting the first GHCAA meet of the season. There were many outstanding performances by both the boys and girls. The Team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in both the Boys and Girls Large School Division. We were just 3 points out of 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for the Girls Team. It was our first meet of the season and 2 GHCAA League records were set by Reese Vannerson in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys 800m and 1600m breaking a record that has held since 2008 by Colin Thompson, and 4 New School Records. School Records were set by Luke Botard (8<sup>th</sup> grade Shot put), 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls 800m Relay team of Sydney Messersmith, Jaelyn Rodriguez, Hadley Boudreaux and Morgan Leaman, and Reese Vannerson (6<sup>th</sup> grade boys 1600m and 800m).

We also had Winning performances by Jaelyn Rodriguez (100m Hurdles), Kody Smith (800m, 1600m), and Sydney Messersmith (400m).

### SOFTBALL

The Saints softball team continues playing well. The Saints are now 5-3 on the season and heading for the GHCAA playoffs. The girls had an exciting win over Holy Family on Tuesday. This is the first win over Holy Family in recent years. The Saints won 3-1 behind strong pitching by Avery Jung and great hitting throughout the line-up. The girls play at St. Augustine on Thursday and will host St. Vincent DePaul on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Come out and support the Saints as they make their playoff run!

### BASEBALL

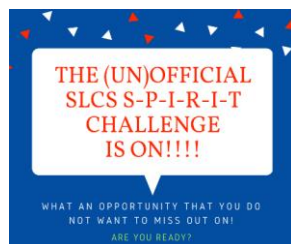
The Saints are currently 5-1 and fighting for first place in the GHCAA. The boys play at St. Vincent DePaul at 6:30 PM on Wednesday and will host St. Vincent DePaul on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:15 PM at the First Colony fields.

### TENNIS

The tennis teams had successful matches on Saturday. The C, JV and Varsity teams all played well. The players continue to improve. The next matches will be this Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### BOOSTER CLUB SPRING SPORTS GEAR

Needing to refresh your Blue Out Gear or want a new stadium seat, cushion or lawn chair for watching your kids participate in baseball, softball, tennis or track? Use this form [HERE](#) to order and purchase on/before next week Spirit Sale and we will have your gear ready to go home March 29<sup>th</sup> with your student!



**THE (UN)OFFICIAL SLCS S-P-I-R-I-T CHALLENGE IS ON!!!!  
ARE YOU READY?**

Complete your task and show your SLCS Spirit!  
Read more [HERE!](#)

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



## PARISH NEWS

**VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE [HERE!](#)**

### **NEW! MINISTRY FOR FOSTER FAMILIES**

Are you a foster or adoptive parent? A new ministry to support, educate and nurture families who are called to foster or adopt is being formed at St. Laurence. If you are interested in learning more or becoming a part of the core team to lead this new ministry, please contact [Martin Nguyen](#) at 832-419-4677.

### **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](http://www.kofc11343.org) on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup>, and winners will be announced by the end of May. Any further questions, please contact Nathan Raun at [nathan.raun@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.raun@gmail.com).

### **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!

### **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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