

ST. LAURENCE
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SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

APRIL 19, 2017



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IMPORTANT DATES

4/20	NJHS Meeting KN Field Trip 4 th Grade Field Trip School Board Discernment Night - 7:00 pm Dining Hall
4/21	First Reconciliation Assessments All School Mass Led by 1B
4/22	School Board Discernment 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
4/23	Divine Mercy Sunday
4/24-28	Week of the Young Child NEHS Socks Drive All Week
4/25	School Board Meeting Free Dress for Survey participation
4/26	Jean/Spirit Day Booster Club Meeting ECC Carnival

	1 st Grade Field Trip 3 rd Grade Reconciliation 5 th Grade Puberty Talk
4/27	STUCO Meeting ECC Oratorical and Showcase 3 rd Grade Field Trip
4/28	All School Mass Led by 5C First Friends/New Parents Coffee Anniversary Ordination Father Drew
4/29	AUCTION GALA

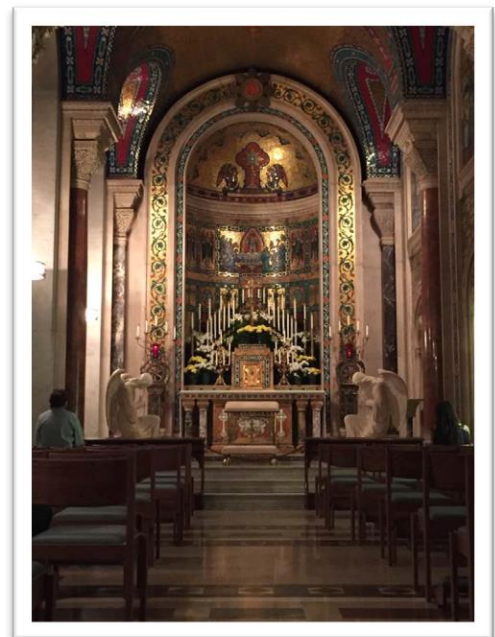


FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents,

Blessings from all of us that are attending the National Catholic Education Association(NCEA) in St. Louis, MO. We prayed for you this morning at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis!



Have a great week!

Suzanne Barto



SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS



AND THE SURVEY SAYS...

Thank you so much for the tremendous number of you that completed our yearly Annual Family Survey this year! We asked for an ambitious 90% participation this year! Last year, we were pleasantly surprised to receive close to 60%, which was a big improvement from the previous years. This year, we are now up to 75% ! Even though we didn't receive 90%, we are still so happy to have this much feedback **that we have decided to allow students to come in free dress on April 25th**. We appreciate those of you that took the time to answer the questions. This will

allow us to plan for the future and determine whether school communication is effective and being utilized correctly.



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO



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

NEXT WEEK DRIVE NEHS SOCK

Did you know that a pair of socks will only last about 1 day in a desert climate for a United States Marine? They are a little too busy protecting our country to go out and buy more socks. That is something we can do to support them! National Elementary Honor Society is collecting black crew socks to help our Marines.

We will also accept white crew socks to support Social Concerns ministries that helps the homeless. So please bring new black or white men's crew socks to school April 24th-28th. The grade that brings in the most will receive a special treat and most important of all, we will be performing Corporal Works of Mercy to help others.

FAMILY TUITION WORKSHEETS

Your family's 2017-2018 Tuition Worksheet were sent home today. Please look for it and return promptly as it is specific to your family. Reminder . . . all fees are due May 1, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Marie FLOWER FOR THE BROWN, mbrown@stlaurence.org. Thank you!

MAY CROWNING! PLEASE BRING A FLOWER TO MASS ON MAY 5TH!

You are invited to a beautiful May Crowning Mass on Friday, May 5th. Students are asked to bring a flower to offer our Mother, Mary.

ATTENTION! TALENT SHOW AUDITION INFORMATION!

It is that time of year to sing, play instruments, dance, juggle, joke or tumble your way into the 2017 Talent Show. That is the reason we have a Communications Coordinator, whose job is to make sure our community is well-informed. Information passed on through other sources, though well-meaning at check with your child's Show on Tuesday, May 30th! We love unique acts too! Auditions are open for grades 2nd - 8th grade. Once again we are using the same format for the audition process because so many of the students have busy after school schedules. Instead of holding live auditions in the gym on a certain day, each student wishing to audition will send in an audition video of no longer than 3 minutes by Tuesday, May 2nd. The audition video may be dropped off at the front office as a DVD or flash drive labeled with the student's name and marked TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS OR email Ms. Bonno at jbonno@stlaurence.org with a video or youtube link attached. A group of performance experienced judges outside of St. Laurence will then view the audition videos and acts will be chosen for the show on June 2nd. The results will be posted at end of day on Monday, May 15th. An audition form **HERE** must be filled out, signed by a parent and turned in may be found below or on the Music bulletin board located by the Music Room 112. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Bonno

ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY

Elementary Field Day (grades 1-4) will be held *Thursday, May 4th* at the main campus. Teams are designated by colors. Therefore, we encourage your child to wear something to show his or her team color and spirit, for example: T-shirt, cap, hair accessories, and socks. Be creative, you may have soccer, basketball, dance or baseball shirts in the appropriate color or trade with friends. Students must wear the uniform shorts and appropriate footwear. Shirts should meet handbook requirements.

Field Day is a fun, non-competitive, outdoor activity. Please be sure that your child will be comfortable and protected while participating in Field Day. SUNSCREEN SHOULD BE APPLIED AT HOME. Water bottles, hats

and sunglasses are recommended IF the child will keep them on. We do ask that parents NOT follow their child from station to station. Thank you. This year, children may purchase a sack lunch from Sami's cafeteria. Sack lunch will include a ham or turkey sub, chips, drink and a cookie. Cost is \$3.75. Students wishing to purchase the sack lunch must preorder [HERE](#) by Monday, May 1st. Students' not purchasing lunch will need to bring a sack lunch for a picnic after the morning activities.

OPPORTUNITY FOR TEST TAKING STRATEGIES HELP

Mrs. Schurman will be offering 4 morning sessions on test-taking strategies. Students in grades 5th-7th grade may sign up. Students that have difficulty following test directions, answering objective type test questions, and make low test grades are the students I am targeting. Mrs. Schurman will also check with the child's teacher(s) for input.

These sessions will take place from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings, April 27th - May 18th. Students must return the permission slip to me [HERE](#) by April 24th. I will be able to take 15 students that need this help. To participate the students must meet me at the front doors downstairs by 7:30, be well behaved and participate in the lessons. Please be advised that students may not come late to the sessions. If you have any questions, you may contact Mrs. Schurman at lschurman@stlaurence.org.

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ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR

Thanks to all who participated in our SLCS Elementary Science Fair! A special congratulations to our 4th grade winners Kayla Rivera (1st place) and Gabbi Arenas (2nd place) and to our 5th grade winners Emily Zaccardo (1st) and Eshaan Mani (2nd). These students will be going on to participate in our Archdiocesan Science Fair on April 6th 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 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: May 27th from 8-11 a.m.
 - Keeping the Promise Alive (Refresher): June 5th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Both classes are being held in Marian Hall at the AMC. Register now!

STAYING ON TRACK DURING THE SUMMER

We are sending home flyers in the red folders today from the Summerbook Company. This is a way for your child to stay on track and not lose valuable academic progress over the summer. There is one page a day with math/science on one side and Reading/Social Studies on the other. These workbooks are grade specific and many of our parents have found them helpful. As usual, we will honor completion with an automatic grade of A in the first quarter if your child brings in the certificate of completion! For online access, please use summerbookcompany.com.

We are also including a flyer from the University of St. Thomas regarding a Reading Skills Program Camp offered over the summer. Classes take place in Missouri City and Richmond. If you feel like your child needs the reinforcement, please contact them at 800-903-0162.

Check our website for [SUMMER READING LIST and SUMMER CAMPS!](#)



READ AUCTION WEEKLY NEWSLETTER [HERE!](#)

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



SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

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!](#)

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.

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

TIME FOR A CATHOLIC FAMILY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK! GET YOUR TICKETS!

Celebrate Catholic education and come out to the ballpark on Sunday, April 30 @1:15pm for Catholic Family Day at the Astros. A portion of each ticket sold goes to Catholic education. Groups of 20 or more can contact Christian Liebenow [HERE](#). Click [HERE](#) for additional information!

BODIES IN MOTION SUMMER PROGRAM

Bodies in Motion Summer Program is designed to educate students and their families on the importance of an active lifestyle and healthy eating. Read more [HERE!](#)

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMPS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

Join IWA this summer to experience team-building fun at Incarnate Word Academy's Falcon's Nest! We offer volleyball camps to help middle school students develop leadership skills, practice athletic fundamentals and connect with other students! Register [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.

CONNECT WITH US!



