

ST. LAURENCE
SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK - MAY 3, 2017

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR 25th ANNIVERSARY AUCTION GALA!



Find more pictures [HERE!](#)

What an amazing Auction Gala we had last Saturday! It was a true celebration and testament to the dedication of our SLCS community. A BIG THANK YOU to our hard-working Auction Chairs, Jennifer Dye, Rachel Leaman, Martha Rutledge and Susie Murray. You did an amazing job and everyone had nothing but high praise for your efforts. This event wouldn't be possible without a crew of outstanding volunteers who also put in countless hours and work into preparing for this special night.

**THANK YOU AS WELL TO
 OUR PARENTS, ALUMNI AND THE ENTIRE SLCS COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL!**

IMPORTANT DATES

5/4	Elementary Field Day Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m. Chick-Fil-A Spirit Day Read more HERE!
5/5	All School Mass Led by 2 nd Grade Student Council Officer Elections May Crowning -Bring a single flower to Mass
5/6	First Communion Group Mass 10:00 a.m.
5/8	Cheer Tryouts Practice 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Cheer Tryouts Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
5/9	Leo Club Meeting 3rd Grade Service Project Booster Club Coaches Dinner
5/10	Jean/Spirit Day Mom's Diner

	MS Field Day Early Dismissal 10:45/11 a.m. Cheerleading Tryouts 1:00-3:00 p.m.
5/11	NJHS Meeting NEHS Meeting 3rd Grade Field Trip Choir Concert Box Tops Collection Due
5/12	Holiday - NO SCHOOL
5/13	First Communion Group Mass 10:00 a.m.
5/14	Happy Mother's Day
5/15-5/18	8th Grade Exams
5/18	Student Council End of the Year Celebration 7:15 a.m.
5/19	All School Mass Led by 7th Grade 8th Grade Awards and Reception 8th Grade Luau



Dear Parents,

I really enjoyed seeing so many of you at the Auction Gala this past weekend. Everyone looked so amazing and I heard many of you say how much you enjoyed dressing up and having a chance to catch up with friends. Our Auction Chairs did a fabulous job and I can't thank them enough for putting together such a fun evening. I know an event this big isn't done without a ton of volunteers, so thank you to all of you that spent countless hours logging auction items, sending out mail, decorating the venue, etc. We have such a generous community and everyone came together to make this night successful for our students. As was stated in our parent survey, the Auction is our largest fundraiser of the year and the funds raised that night go directly to resources for the students, salaries, professional development for staff and operating costs. We really appreciate all of you that purchased and/or donated items.

This week we begin our last month of the school year with Elementary Field Day, Band Concert and May Crowning. There will be no slowing down now as we race on to the last day of school. I have had several questions about Friday, May 12th and the answer is, "yes", that it is truly a school holiday. Enjoy the long weekend. Don't forget our early dismissal that Wednesday, May 10th, as well.

Please remember to bring a single unwrapped flower for May Crowning Mass on Friday. Students wear their official uniforms unless they are in 2nd grade.

God Bless,

Suzanne Barto



PLEASE CONGRATULATE YOUR NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2017-2018

Nora Sessions
Jackie deGroot
Tish Cox
Marlene White
Svenya Elackatt
Christina Hinojosa

Shawn St. John
Silas Girgis
Newest Members
Tunde Cardozo
Maria Jorissen

These amazing new members heard the call and graciously participated in School Board Discernment on Saturday, April 22nd. Please pray for our new School Board for 2017-2018 and our officer elections, to be held at the May School Board Meeting.



WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR NEW 2017-2018 PTO BOARD!

- ★ **Presidents** - Jennifer Reyes and Cheryl Aramburo
- ★ **Fundraising** - Shannon Caldwell and Stephanie Limbacher
- ★ **Programs** - Meg Thorburn
- ★ **Secretary** - Jill Michael
- ★ **Treasurer** - Janet Rohrig
- ★ **VIPS** - Amy Bergman
- ★ **Teacher Appreciation**-Kelly Brege, Lundy Ly, Chrissy Miller, Becca Phillips, Melissa Socha, and Reinette Zezatti
- ★ **ECC Coordinators** - Lauren Drapp and Tressy Garcia
- ★ **Elementary Coordinators** - Kristin Holy and Martha Patino
- ★ **Middle School Coordinators** - Corrine Vandermeer
- ★ **Hospitality** - Cassandra Atme, Olivia Hughes, Valerie Meyne, Mary Phillipi, Autumn Phillips, and Tiffany Winkler
- ★ **Prayer Liaison** - Tammy Luster and Andrea Cashiola
- ★ **Service** - Julie Clay and Joan Fuchs

**We have a Middle School Coordinator opening for the 2017-2018 Board.
Please email Kristin Holy at ckholy@windstream.net if interested.**

PROGRAM OPENINGS FOR 2017-2018

8th grade - Fundraiser (8th grade parent)
8th grade - Luau (8th grade parent)
8th grade - Picture montage (8th grade parent)
8th grade - Awards (7th grade parent)
8th grade - Graduation (7th grade parent)
ECC Cafeteria Coordinator
Main Cafeteria Coordinator
Carpool Main Campus (PM)
Clinic Assistant
Family Mass Coordinators (2+ people)
Father/Daughter Dance (2 people)
ECC Field Day Coordinator

Please email Meg Thorburn at mthorburn12@gmail.com if interested.

END OF YEAR TEACHER APPRECIATION GIFT

Everyone should have received in your child's red folder last week the letter about collecting money for teachers and staff's end of year gift. Please turn in the money to your teacher in an envelope labeled teacher appreciation. They will not look inside but they know to take it to the office. You are also welcome to drop it off at the ECC or main campus front desk. All donations are kept anonymous. If you have any questions please contact Kristin Holy at ckholy@windstream.net.

MAY IS A TEACHER APPRECIATION MONTH

We love our teachers at St. Laurence! The teacher appreciation committee works hard all year making our teachers and staff feel special and appreciated. The committee will make the month of May even more special

for all the faculty and staff. They have catered lunches and breakfasts planned, gift card hand outs and other special treats throughout the month. The teachers are also enjoying the PTO gift of an additional half day off.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY RAISED BY PTO GO?

Every year the PTO Board votes where the bulk of the funds raised (through membership and Steps For Students) will be used. This year, with your generous donations, we were able to donate \$42,000 to the following areas:

- \$ 5,000.00 Family Retreat
- \$ 3,000.00 Faculty Christmas Luncheon
- \$17,000.00 Faculty Wish List Items-like iPads, extra resources, online subscriptions, etc.
- \$ 7,000.00 New Marquee for the school
- \$10,000.00 SLCS Endowment (this is double the amount normally allocated for the future)

The rest goes to fund PTO events and other expenses, so that there is no further charge to our families!



NEWS

NEWS FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL SPANISH CLASS

Every year some of our great students in 7th and 8th challenge themselves by taking the Spanish National Exam. This is a standardized assessment tool for Grades 6-12, given voluntarily by more than 3800 teachers throughout the United States to measure achievement and proficiency of students who are studying Spanish as a second language.

National awards are determined by the total percentile as follows:

Gold - Students scoring at or above the 95th percentile

Silver - Students scoring from the 85th through the 94th percentiles

Bronze - Students scoring from the 75th through the 84th percentiles

Honor - Students scoring at or above the 50th percentile (national average) through the 74th percentile.



We are so proud of our award winners:

Gold – Lily de Groot and Abigail Malish

Silver – Loren Arzayus

Bronze – Sophia Lykidis, Isabella Grau, and Anna Rutledge

Honor –Carys Hall, Lauren LaRue, Allison Larkins, Taylor Le, Adriana Doganieri, Josie Reyes, and Natalia Flores.

WAY TO GO! KEEP PRACTICING THIS AMAZING LANGUAGE!

GREAT NEWS FROM WRITERS IN THE SCHOOLS! CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNING AUTHORS!

Writers in the Schools would like to congratulate the following young writers from SLCS for having their work selected for the 2017 Young Writers Reading: Whitney Bratton, Angela Casuga, Caroline Jakubik, Emma Sjodin, and Elizabeth Vu . The winning authors were chosen out of thousands of students from schools and community centers across our city. They will attend a special ceremony this Saturday, May 6th, at the Menil Collection. Congratulations! We are very proud of you!

ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY

Elementary Field Day (Grades 1-4) will be held Thursday, May 4th, at the Main Campus.

- Teams are designated by colors. We encourage your child to wear something to show his or her team color and spirit: T-shirt, cap, hair accessories, and socks.
- 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.
- Students not purchasing lunch will need to bring a sack lunch for a picnic after the morning activities.

- Field Day donations needed! We are still in need for donations of oranges, one case of water bottles, and one cooler of ice for Field Day on Thursday, especially oranges! Please click [HERE](#) to volunteer!

MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD DAY

Middle School Field Day (Grades 5-7) will be held next Wednesday, May 10th. This is an early release day. The games will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 10:45 a.m.

- Students are encouraged to dress in their team colors or themes. Shirts and shorts must follow the handbook guidelines. Girls may wear Nike/athletic shorts as long as they are the appropriate length.
- We will have water activities, therefore, your child may not want to wear items that may be ruined by water or muddy conditions. Tennis shoes or water shoes must be worn to help ensure their safety while playing the various games.
- Students are encouraged to bring a disposable water bottle and a towel with their name on it.
- Please apply sunscreen before coming to school on Wednesday.

***We are still in need of parent volunteers to help supervise the morning's activities. Please sign up [HERE](#) and come join the fun!!!

KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION

What a year it has been! Please join us Friday, May 26th at 10:00 a.m. as we celebrate our kindergartners and their accomplishments. Come and listen to their joyful voices in song that day after Mass!

GRADUATION INVITATION

We would like to invite our parish family to the graduation of the Class of 2017! Please join us at Mass at 6:00 p.m. on May 26th as we celebrate our 8th graders! It is such a joyful celebration and we love for you to be part of it! We wish them all many blessings as they move forward into their high schools and we will miss them on campus!

CLOROX WIPES NEEDED

If you can, please send a container of Clorox Wipes to the ECC and/or the main campus to be used to wipe down desks and door handles. We would like to keep everyone HEALTHY and HAPPY...THANK YOU!

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

Order your 2017 yearbook today! Yearbooks will only be sold online for a limited time at \$55. Order now before it is too late. Yearbooks will be delivered in late August. Go to www.balfour.com and type St. Laurence, and purchase using a credit or debit card.

CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT DAY TOMORROW!

Plan to go to Chick-Fil-A tomorrow! While you are there, please ask the cashier for your receipt and place it in the labeled containers provided either inside the dining room or at the drive-thru. Chick-Fil-A will graciously donate a portion of the sales to the Booster Club!

SERVE AS A "HOST FAMILY" FOR NEW FAMILIES ENTERING SLCS!

Would you like to serve as a "Host Family" for new families entering SLCS? Our First Friends Program can use your help! Please email Nora Sessions [HERE](#), for more information or if you would like to volunteer!

BOX TOPS DUE NEXT THURSDAY!

Please send in BOXTOPS and Campbell's labels to school with your child (or you can drop them off in the office marked with their class) for our collection contest. Our next collection day is Thursday, May 11th. We will recognize the top three classes on May 18th!

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

- ❑ Summerbook Company: This is a way for your child to stay on track and not lose valuable academic progress over the summer. These workbooks are grade specific. 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 www.summerbookcompany.com.
- ❑ University of St. Thomas Reading Skills Program Camp: 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!**



SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2017-2018 BOOSTER CLUB OFFICERS!

President	Jessica Barry
Vice-President	Rita Jonas
Secretary	Julie Clay
Treasurer	Les Fuchs
Membership	Reinette Zezatti and Veronica Messersmith
Fundraising	Ashley Jung and Brook Morello

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Show your school spirit by being an SLCS Cheerleader or Leo the mascot! This is open to girls and boys currently in the 5th, 6th & 7th grades. All interested cheerleaders or mascots must attend a meeting with a parent on Monday, May 8, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. in the school gym. A parent must be present. Tryout practice will be held Monday, May 8th from 4:00-6:00pm. Tryouts will be on Wednesday, May 10th from 1:00-3:00pm. Please click [HERE](#) for additional information and print the forms that need to be turned in.

Summer Camp information will be coming out in the next few weeks!

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



ALUMNI NEWS

HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER THAT GRADUATED FROM SLCS? SHARE THIS NEWS!

Attention all SLCS Alumni! Join your alma mater for an end of the year Mass on Friday, May 26th, at 8:15 a.m. Be there to send off the 8th graders. Fr. Drew will bless the SLCS Class of 2013 (2017 graduating seniors) and afterwards the PTO will host a small reception in your honor! Parents are most welcome, too. It's a great chance to reconnect with SLCS friends and teachers, tour the school to see how it has changed since you walked the halls, and (who knows?) you may even record a segment in the new TV Studio! Please RSVP to advancement@stlaurence.org.

JOIN OUR ALUMNI FACEBOOK GROUP [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

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR 6th AND 7th GRADE STUDENTS

What an exciting opportunity for your 6th and 7th grade students at St. Pius High School on Saturday, May 6th, from 9:00 a.m. until 12 p.m. Panther Pawlooza is a chance for middle school students to experience all the fun St. Pius X has to offer through hands-on activities and events in the areas Science & Technology, Fine Arts, Athletics, and more. Click [HERE](#) to read more!

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!](#)

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