

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK • SEPTEMBER 13, 2017



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL SPICE LUNCHEON!

You are cordially invited to attend our annual Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE) Luncheon. This year, we are honored to welcome Sister Lisa Valentini, MSC as our featured speaker. If you have ever heard her speak at the Parish, you will know how committed she is to answering the call to help and serve all of God's children. Please bring all of your friends to support families staying together and receiving a solid Catholic education through our SPICE Program. Learn more about how our school is making a difference and help our SLCS families. For more information, contact the Advancement Office at 281-980-0500.

IMPORTANT DATES

9/14	NEHS Meeting NJHS Meeting Middle School Parent Information Night- 6:30-9:30 p.m.
9/15	All School Mass Led by 8B
9/18	NJHS Officers Meeting Room Parent Meetings 8:15 MS, 9:15 ECC, 10:15 Elementary
9/19	School Board Meeting High School Visits to Strake, St. Agnes and St. John XXIII
9/20	Jean/Spirit Day PTO Speaker on Social Media Safety - 6:45- 8:00 p.m - School Gym
9/21	Chick- Fil-A Spirit Night - All Day! Prayer Group - Ave Maria Center - St. Joseph Room - 8:15 a.m.
9/22	All School Mass Led by 7C Middle School Dance 6:30-9:00 p.m.
9/25	A Walk Through Reconciliation 6-7:00 p.m.
9/29	Grandparents' Day with noon dismissal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents,

This week we are slowly getting back to normal and are working on rescheduling a few events that were postponed due to the storm. Please keep checking your google calendar for the latest information. At this time, we continue to pray for the families and staff members that suffered extensive damage due to flooding. Thank you for the overwhelming support through your prayers, labor and donations. This week, we were able to hand out some funds and multiple gift cards to those in need thanks to the request by our wonderful PTO.

There are two very important dates coming up that I want to make you aware of. One involves our guest speaker from Crime Stoppers on Wednesday, September 20th. As those of you that have been here know, we decided last year that all of our students and parents could benefit from understanding how to better protect our children from online dangers. In a couple newsletters I mentioned bullying and how essential it was for parents to monitor their child's usage of cellphones and internet access. This is a very important topic and there are serious consequences for the abuse of social media that you and your child need to be aware of. We have even updated our family handbook with more specific information about what constitutes cyber bullying and harassment. Since we are all "called" to protect our youth, parents from our parish have been invited to attend as well. We ask that all of our parents make a serious effort to attend that evening. You will be amazed at what you do NOT know about what your child is seeing and participating in. Homework passes for each student will be passed out to parents that are in attendance that night. Please see the flyer below in the Counselor's Corner for more information.

The second event is our SPICE Luncheon, which takes place October 13th. I was very surprised at how many of our families are not knowledgeable about this amazing program and exactly who it benefits. We currently have 12 students in our SPICE program and these are students in families that have been at our school. These parents want to keep their child in a Catholic environment with their siblings and friends but also want their specific learning needs met. We are the ONLY Catholic school in our archdiocese that customizes instruction with a dedicated staff and ensures that these students achieve appropriate level goals. St. Laurence is very proud to be the leader in this area but it comes at great financial cost to these families. In order to provide teachers for individual or small group instruction for SPICE students and not increase the cost to others, these families often pay double and triple tuition. We would love to have as many of you as possible come to the luncheon to learn more about SPICE and hear from these families, as well as the inspiring words of Sister Lisa. We are called to serve all God's children and SPICE is one important example of how we do this at SLCS.

I will see all our middle school parents this Thursday for our rescheduled Parent Information Night (PIN) beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

God Bless,

Suzanne Barto



SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS

Did you know that your hard working School Board has been reviewing school policies and forecasting the school's financial needs for the future? Please keep these men and women that perform an invaluable service to our school in your prayers.



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO



GRANDPARENTS' DAY COMING SOON!

Grandparent's Day is Friday, September 29th from 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please watch for the invitation in your RED FOLDERS. Due to the large crowd of grandparents in attendance, this celebration is reserved for grandparents or special friends ONLY. Special friends are adults attending in place of grandparents who are unable to attend. We cannot accommodate parents or siblings.

NEW! PTO BOX TOP & TYSON PROJECT A+ FUNDRAISER! YOUR TRASH CAN BECOME OUR TREASURE!

This year we will be combining Box Tops and Tyson labels! If you have BOX TOPS or Tyson labels that you are just throwing away, please drop them by the school office and we will put them to good use. We promise!

- You can send unexpired Box Tops and Tyson labels in all year, but we will have three collection periods with class prizes. class Prize winners are based on dollar value not count.
- Our first collection day for the new semester is October 12th!
- You can find more information and prizes [HERE!](#) Print the calendar [HERE!](#)



DUKE TIP CONGRATS

Thirty-three seventh grade students have qualified to participate in the Duke Talent Identification Program for 2017-18! Students who scored at the 95th percentile on specific tests/subtests on the most recent IOWA Assessment, CogAT or State STAAR Test in Reading or Math are invited to participate. Those students who received letters of invitation are as follows: Anna Bergman, Dominic Botard, Hadley Boudreaux, Bailey Brzezinski, Arielle Caranto, Angela Casuga, Gavin Cruz, Matthew Deshon, Ruby Garza, Andrew Holifield, Caroline Jakubik, Luke Jakubik, Lauren Jonas, Avery Jung, Zachary Knight, Molly Lootens, Sean Miller, Aidan Murray, Stephen Murray, Noelle Nguyen, Lynley Pace, Giulia Pacini, Evan Pedraza, Joson "Sonny" Perez, Jaelyn Rodriguez, Sarah St. John, Joy Stephan, Christopher Steward-Garcia, Jacob Tice, Ethan Tran, Roman White, Elizabeth Vu, and Gabrielle Zezatti. **SLCS is proud of you!**



STUDENT COUNCIL CLASS REPRESENTATIVE ELECTIONS

The election for Student Council representatives will be on Friday, September 22nd. Students will campaign the week beginning Monday, September 18th. This year, Student Council representatives will be elected by grade level for 4th – 8th grade and represent their entire grade level on the Student Council. All candidates will give a speech to their grade level on Friday, September 22nd. The class will vote after the speeches. The four candidates with the most votes will be the representatives for that grade level. Candidates may hang one poster in the hallway during the campaign week. No other flyers or stickers are allowed. Each candidate must turn in a form signed by a parent. Find the form [HERE](#) or can be picked up from Mrs. Betsy Brown or Mrs. Suzanne Garcia. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Garcia (in 6th grade hallway) and turn in your forms to Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Garcia by Tuesday, September 19th.



UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER-PARENT'S GUIDE TO SOCIAL MEDIA BY CRIME STOPPERS OF HOUSTON



Parent's Guide to Social Media

Discussion on social media apps, hidden apps, online dangers, what to watch for, safety settings & laws.

Where: St. Laurence Catholic School Gymnasium

When: 6:45-8:00 p.m. on September 20, 2017

(First 15 minutes Counselors will address Positive Works Mindset)

St. Laurence Catholic School Families:

- Bring one dollar for your student(s) homeroom donation to Crime Stoppers
- Attendees will receive a one subject/one time homework pass for your student(s)



SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

- **FALL SPORTS UPDATE**

The Saints will kick off the GHCAA season in three sports on Wednesday! All the teams are ready to play!

- **SOCCER**

The Varsity soccer team will host St. Thomas More at 4:30 P.M. at the Colony Bend Field.

- **FOOTBALL**

The Football Saints will play at St. Anthony of Padua in The Woodlands at 5:00 p.m.

- **VOLLEYBALL**

All 3 Volleyball teams will play at St. Thomas More; C Team at 4:30 p.m., JV at 5:30 p.m. and Varsity at 6:30 p.m.

- **TENNIS**

Tennis tryouts will be this Friday and Saturday at the Sweetwater Country Club tennis courts. Tryouts are open to all 5th-8th grade boys and girls. Please bring your racquet, towel and water to the tryout. Contact Coach Marie Brown for more information at mbrown@stlaurence.org.

Tryouts at Sweetwater Country Club

Friday, September 15 - 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 16- 10:00-11:30 a.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

The first Cross Country meet scheduled for Thursday has been postponed. The Saints will run in their first meet at St. Agnes on Wednesday, September 20th.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE SAINTS TEAMS!



BOOSTER CLUB

SUPPORT OUR BOOSTER CLUB! SEE YOU AT CHICK-FIL-A NEXT THURSDAY!

Come support your Booster Club and don't worry about cooking dinner! Chick-Fil-A is hosting their first Spirit Day for us next Thursday--all day! Just mention you are with SLCS while you purchase and they will graciously donate a portion of their sales to our athletics.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SPIRIT NIGHTS!

September 21 - **Chick- Fil- A** - All Day
October 5 - **Urban Air** - 6:00 -8:00 p.m.
November 9th - **Chick-Fil- A** - All Day
November 15 - **El Pollo Loco** - 4:00-8:00 p.m.

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



PARISH NEWS

VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE [HERE!](#)

IMMEDIATE FLOOD RELIEF

The devastation in the wake of [Hurricane Harvey](#) is enormous in scale, affecting the lives of people all across southeast Texas and as close as a few blocks away from the church. If you or a loved one or neighbor need immediate assistance, please contact the parish office at 281-980-9812 or socialconcerns@stlaurence.org. We are here for you.

LOTS OF WAYS TO HELP

The [St. Laurence Harvey Relief](#) page is the place to go to learn all the ways you can help. There are links to other agencies around [Fort Bend County](#). Social Concerns Director Pennie DeGroot conferences with 20 people from Fort Bend government and charities to coordinate and collaborate in this relief effort.

WANT TO CONTINUE LEARNING ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH OTHER ADULTS?

Click [HERE](#) for the upcoming speakers in Adult Faith Formation. There is truly something for everyone.



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS! ST. JOHN XXIII'S IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- Open House - Sunday, November 5th, 2017 from 1-3:00 p.m.
- Due date for the Online Admission Application - Friday, December 15th, 2017 with Teacher Recs and School Records due by Monday January 15th, 2018. We would like to receive the online application prior to the school records.
- We will host ISEE testing on both Saturday November 11th, 2017 and Saturday February 3rd, 2018 and HSPT testing on Saturday January 20th, 2018. Any additional HSPT testing after the group testing date will be scheduled on an individual basis here at St. John XXIII.
- We will host 3 Official Shadow Days that will allow students to experience a full day of shadowing paired with a school pep rally. These will be offered Friday September 15, 2017, Friday October 6th, 2017, and Friday October 27th, 2017. All other shadow days will be half days.

MISSION STATEMENT

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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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