

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

OCTOBER 18, 2017

HELP YOUR FELLOW SLCS FAMILIES!

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL TUITION ASSISTANCE GOLF TOURNAMENT



Calling all SLCS parents! Calling all golfers--professional or amateur! Gather your friends and family and join us for our Annual Tuition Assistance Golf Tournament on Monday, November 13th, at Sweetwater Country Club. Form your own team, or register individually and we will pair you. Our scramble format this year will be fun for all! It promises to be a great day of golf and community for an excellent cause! We'll have great door prizes too! **Due to Hurricane Harvey we have had more needs than in years past, so come relax, enjoy your community and know that you are making a difference for our students right here at SLCS.**

Registration and sponsorship information
Buy your tickets online

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IMPORTANT DATES

10/18	Jean/Spirit Day High School Visit #2 for 8th grade Reconciliation for 6th grade Edge Gym Night
10/19	Living Rosary 8:30 a.m. in the Gym-Official Uniforms for 4th Grade
10/20	All School Mass led by 6C
10/21-10/22	Parish Bazaar Weekend (Hope to see you there!)
10/23	Red Ribbon Week starts - Pep Rally 10:00 -10:40 a.m. for students
10/24	School Board Meeting
10/25	Jean/Spirit Day ECC Carnival Spirit Store Sales Report Cards Go Home SPIRIT NIGHT - Chipotle in Town Center
10/26	STUCO MS Month of the Young Adolescent MS Mix It Up activity 1:45- 2:30 p.m.
10/27	Fall Conference Day

	Steps for Students Registration
10/28	First Reconciliation Retreat 1:00 -3:00 p.m. PTO Hoops and Dogs
10/30	Individual Picture Day (Make-up from Harvey cancellation)
10/31	NEHS Bake Sale
11/1	All Saints Mass Led by 5B SHS Meeting MS Choir Field Trip
11/2	All Souls Day Early Dismissal 1:45/2:00 p.m.
11/3	PTO Movie Night in the Gym



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the beginning of the second quarter of the school year! This is a perfect time to reflect with your child on their performance during the first quarter. Report cards are being prepared and will go home on October 25th in red folders. When you receive these reports, it is recommended that you have a discussion with your child about first quarter grades/performance and have your child work to set goals for the second quarter. These goals could be shared with teachers during Fall Conference Day (Friday, October 27) which both the student and at least one parent are required to attend.

What are some things that Middle School students and families can consider when setting goals to improve or maintain academic performance? At PIN night, I shared with you that through the years I've learned that two of the main areas of concern have been organization and communication.

Let's look first at organization. Developing good organizational skills is key to success in both school and life. Helping children plan a procedure for performing these life skills then practicing them until they become part of the child's natural routine is critical to success. Routines to consider are:

- Use to do lists
- Create a household schedule
- Establish a master calendar
- Set a regular time for homework completion
- Arrange for a quiet study place
- Organize homework assignments
- Use the school planner
- Conduct a weekly cleanout of binders, notebooks and backpacks
- Prepare for the day ahead
- Use sticky note reminders

Be patient, as organization does not happen overnight. Like learning to ride a bike, it takes practice.

Communication is encouraged on many levels: communication between parent and child, communication between student and teacher, and communication between parent and teacher. These are the key players in academic success. At St. Laurence we have always supported this trinity of parent, student, and school working together for the good of the child and want to continue this commitment.

There is one more topic that often presents concern and that is homework. Teachers assign homework for many reasons which may range from review/practice to extending classroom learning. Homework can help students to develop good study habits, encourages self-discipline and responsibility and helps them to gain a better understanding of the importance of time management.

During the second quarter of the year, students tend to become more involved in the various extra-curricular activities offered and this definitely has an effect on academic performance. The information students will be gaining in the classrooms will be new and more challenging material than in the first quarter. It will be more difficult. This combined with non-academic commitments will definitely add more stress to the lives of our students. As a middle school, we have an obligation to both the child and the parent to prepare the students for transitioning into local college preparatory high schools. In order to accomplish this, it will take work on the part of the student, the school and the parent. The decision will have to be made by the parent and child as to what sacrifices will be made to accomplish the end goal of getting into the high school of their choice. I ask that you work with us in putting academics first so that this can happen. May God bless our families and our schools as we strive to help our children become the best they can be!



REFLECTION

*Too often we give children answers
to remember rather than problems
to solve. ~Roger Lewin*



NEWS

LAGNIAPPE TIME! EXTEND YOUR LEARNING!

We are gearing up for our next session of Lagniappe - Session 2 is October 30- December 15! See the course flyer [HERE](#) for details & course descriptions. All payments should be made payable to SLCS and returned to the teacher hosting the awesome class. Classes fill quickly. First come, first serve!

FALL BOOK FAIR

Join us for festive fun and support St. Laurence Catholic School at our autumn Book Fair!
Monday, Oct. 23 - Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017 for 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 27 - Fall Conference Day - 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Get your books, holiday gifts, and more! Win a \$25.00 gift card! See the Teacher's Wish List Binder and give the gift of lifelong learning and literacy. Thank you! We look forward to your support. See you at the book fair!

ADD YOUR COMPANY NAME TO THIS LIST

We are so grateful for our community that continues to support our efforts to develop future saints. Our golf tournament would not be a success without the support of:

Solvay
Tykes to Teens and Allergy and Asthma Care of Houston
Merc Medical Supplies
Hettig Construction Corp.
Knights of Columbus
Sun Air Conditioning
The Barry Family
The Jakubik Family
Ochoa Roofing and More
Newmark Homes
Southwest Surgical, LLP

Add your name here next week! We have sponsorships for every budget. . . sponsor a hole, a beverage cart, door prizes, a putting contest, and more. Check out the opportunities on the school website.

CALLING ALL SLCS MOMS!

Are you ready "fore" some golf? Grab a friend and come join us on the greens for our Annual Tuition Assistance Golf Tournament. Kendra Scott has graciously donated jewelry for a "ladies only" drawing! You do not want to miss this chance to help your community, have some fun and possibly walk away with a new accessory [HERE!](#)

OUR MOST IMPORTANT CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun of our team jersey/t-shirt day to kick off the SLCS Annual Fund. Watch your mailboxes this weekend because the fund letters have been mailed. This is a yearlong effort that supports our operating expenses, so your generosity touches the lives of all our students at SLCS. The Annual Fund is the single most important **CHARITABLE GIVING PROGRAM** at our school and your gift is a tangible vote of confidence in our school's future. We hope to count you among those who have given this year and ask that you prayerfully consider renewing or increasing your 2017 gift through **RECURRING PAYMENTS**. Contact the Advancement Office with any questions.

JOIN US FOR FESTIVE FUN AND SUPPORT SLCS AT OUR AUTUMN BOOK FAIR!

We are so excited about our Book Fair! Buy some great books and help support SLCS! Here is the schedule:

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Thank you! We look forward to your support. See you at the book fair!

TIRED OF BEING TARDY ON THE MAIN CAMPUS?

We are getting reports that parents turning left out of the parking lot on the main campus in morning carpool are really holding up the line. There have even been some close calls and concerns about walkers crossing that driveway; therefore, we are going to have to revert back to our “**right turn only**” rule in order to expedite carpool and avoid accidents. The policeman last year was hired by the city due to the construction any paying for this service is not in our budget. Please help us out by not turning left out of our parking lot in the morning.



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY!

Please join the PTO Prayer Group as we witness the living rosary sponsored by the 4th grade students of SLCS on Thursday, October 19th at 8:30am in the school gym. We hope you can join us as we lift up prayers of peace for our world and all of our special intentions.

HALLOWEEN SHIRTS TO SCHOOL?

Register for our Steps for Students fundraiser by Conference Day, October 27th [HERE](#), and your child will get to wear a Halloween-themed t-shirt to school on Tuesday, October 31st. No costumes or inappropriate (scary) themes, please! We will have the computer lab open all day on Conference Day for you to register online.

HOOPS & DOGS

Join our Annual Father and Son event, Hoops & Dogs, catered by James Coney Island, October 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please RSVP to PTOprograms@gmail.com. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Crystal Helcel [HERE](#) or Melanie Bilodeau at [HERE](#).

PTO FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT IS HERE

Come and enjoy the annual PTO Family Movie Night on Friday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Bring your own chairs and/or blankets and join us for a fun night with friends and family as we watch “Boss Baby”. As in years past, various clubs will be selling pizza, popcorn, drinks, and glow sticks for all to enjoy!

BOX TOP/TYSON COLLECTION 1 REPORT

The results for the first collection are:

Class	\$ Raised for Box Tops/Tyson
8A	\$ 65.50
6C	\$ 63.70
2A	\$ 48.00

On Thursday, October 19th, 8A will have free dress (students & teachers), 6C & 2A have free shoes (students & teachers). Special thanks for the Catholic Daughters for their box top contributions. We appreciate their help! The total amount raised for our first collection was \$647.90. Way to go Saints families!

EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

- **DO YOU SHOP AT KROGER?**

Help Us Earn Free Money While You Shop! Read more [HERE](#)!

- **SAVE YOUR BOX TOP AND TYSON PROJECT LABELS!**

If you have BOX TOPS or Tyson labels, please drop them by the school office and we will put them to good use. You can find more information and prizes [HERE](#)! Print the calendar [HERE](#)! The first box top collection deadline is this Thursday, October 12th!



The Saints Cross Country Team will host the GHCAA Championship meet at the St. Agnes Athletic Complex on Thursday, October 19th. The first race begins at 4:30 p.m. Please come out and support the three time defending Champion Saints runners!

FOOTBALL

The Saints Football team finished the season 3-2. They will play in the GHCAA Championship game on Saturday at noon at St. Thomas High School. Check Facebook for updates, if the weather is bad.

TENNIS

Varsity did not have a match, but the JV tennis team did great last Saturday. St. Laurence won 34 to 25 total games won by winning four of six matches! Great job and congratulations to: Benjamin Lara, Andrew Holifield, Emma Sjodin, and Ayo Cardozo, who each played doubles and singles.

SOCCER

The Varsity Soccer team finished the regular season 7-4-1. They had great wins over St. Anne and St. Cecilia last week. The JV won their final game of the season 4-0 at St. Anne yesterday. The JV had a great season. Varsity lost their game at St. Anne but will advance to the GHCAA playoffs. The first playoff game will be on Tuesday, October 24th. The location and opponent will be determined later this week.

VOLLEYBALL

The JV volleyball team played at the St. Ambrose Invitational last Saturday. After a long hot day and lot of great play the Saints finished 3rd in the tournament! JV and Varsity play at St. Anne Wednesday. Varsity completes the regular season at St. Cecilia on Thursday. The Varsity team will advance to the GHCAA playoffs. The first game is on Monday, October 23rd. The time and location will be determined later this week.

CROSS COUNTRY

At the AOS Dolphin Dash XC meet last Wednesday, Reese Vannerson finished 2nd in the Boys Division I team earning at top 15 medal. In the Girls Division I race top 15 medal performances were earned by Margaret Riebe (8th), Lynley Pace 11th, and Morgan Leaman (15th). The Saints earned 3rd place Team honors in the Girls Division 1 Team! There were 24 teams competing in this meet. The scoring Team members included Margaret Riebe, Lynley Pace, Morgan Leaman, Sydney Messersmith and Melissa Coppedge. Mia De la Garza finished in 14th place in the Girls Division II race earning at top 15 medal. We had many kids run Season best or Personal bests for the 1.5 mile distance at this meet.

On Saturday, the heat and humidity was a challenge for everyone, but they gave it their all! The St. John's Ramble had over 38 teams competing in the meet. Top 15 medalist in the Boys Black Race included Kody Smith 4th and Reese Vannerson in 8th. In the Girls Black Race Lynley Pace finished in 11th place to earn a top medal finish. No team results were given.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE SAINTS TEAMS!



BOOSTER CLUB

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING SPIRIT NIGHTS!

October 25 in - **Chipotle** Town Center - 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!](#)

PARISH BAZAAR IS THIS WEEKEND!

Come join us at the St. Laurence Parish Bazaar this weekend. Bring your family and help by volunteering for an hour or two. We really need Virtus-trained volunteers. Please sign up via this link [HERE!](#)

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! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES!

- **ST. AGNES:** Wednesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. Application deadline is December 15! **APPLY NOW!** Can't make it to Open House? **Join us for a parent led tour HERE!**
- **ST. JOHN XXIII:** Sunday, November 5th, 2017, 1-3:00 p.m.
- **FORT BEND CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:** November 14th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- **INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY:** Sunday, November 5th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Visit www.incarnateword.org to register!!
- **ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL:** Sunday, January 7, 1:00 p.m.

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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