

# ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

AUGUST 31, 2016



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### WATCH YOUR MAILBOXES!

Our St. Laurence Catholic School Annual Fund letters were sent on Monday.  
**Commitment Day is September 23rd!**

Each family that participates will receive a pocket size directory later this fall; it is sure to be a hit! This will be our only printed directory this year and it will contain the much wanted emails!



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Well, the school year is certainly underway now and we are into the full swing of things. I love to see all the creative ideas used to incorporate our school colors in the students' shoes and accessories! It's very impressive, and shows a lot of school pride. I hope that you noticed many of our SLCS students in uniform if you attended Mass at St. Laurence this past weekend. It was amazing to see all the ministries represented at our parish. According to Fr. Drew, there are over 90 of them! There is definitely something for everyone and from what I saw, our families are involved in the majority of them. I would like to thank the School Board and especially, Keith Dolar for organizing the Ministry Parade and plaid bag collection for tuition assistance. It's not too late if you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause and help other families in need! We appreciate those of you that participated in the Ministry Celebration and hope that the students enjoyed free dress on Monday.

In an effort to partner with you, I would like to share our school goals for the year. These are based on the input of the staff, parent community (through the survey) and the Archdiocese. This year, we will be writing a new Strategic Plan with the help of the School Board and we will again, examine our strengths and determine areas for growth. As a school, we will never "arrive" but will always be looking ahead and striving for excellence. We appreciate your input and prayers as we reflect and build upon our strong foundation of the past 25 years educating future "saints". Click [HERE](#) to read the 2016-2017 School Goals!

God Bless,

*Mrs. Barto*

### IMPORTANT DATES

9/1	Individual Picture Day Chick-Fil-A Spirit Day All Day First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m.
9/2	All School Mass Led by PTO
9/5	Labor Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL
9/6	Student Council Campaign begins
9/7	Jean/Spirit Day



## SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS



### WELCOME FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Hello! I'm David Wells and I'm honored to serve this year as the School Board President. My wife and I have two girls here at SLCS, one in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and one in kindergarten. We call them our "bookends" at the school. I trust that, like us, your family is beginning to settle into our routines of school, homework, sports and all manner of extracurricular activities for the new school year.

As we celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, our school board will be especially focused on the next edition of our Strategic Plan. This plan will help to shape our school for the years to come. Our School Board serves to advise and consult with Fr. Drew and Mrs. Barto, with respect to planning and policy for the school. In other words, I often see the "business side" of the school.

As I attended PIN nights the last two weeks as a parent, I was once again struck by the wonderful, faith filled environment we enjoy here at SLCS. We are fortunate to have wonderful facilities here at SLCS. However, the true blessing is the dedication of the staff and faculty at SLCS. This is where the heart and faith of the school really shines. I hope your family enjoys a blessed school year.



## A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO



### SAINTS' BIRTHDAY CLUB

Celebrate your child's birthday this year in a special way at SLCS by joining the Birthday Club for only \$10.00! Your child will receive a birthday mylar balloon and enjoy free dress on their special day. Find the form [HERE!](#)

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

There are many different ways you can make a difference! Please review and select any programs that you would be willing to help make a success [HERE!](#) We are depending on your support! We are in special need of:

### VOLUNTEERS FOR ECC LUNCH DUTY

Are you looking for a way to get involved at the ECC Campus? Parent volunteers are needed for ECC Lunch Duty 10:40-12:00 p.m. during Pre-K and Kindergarten Lunch. All volunteers must be VIRTUS trained. To sign up, click [HERE](#) There are spots for 2 volunteers per day. Please only sign up for 2 times per month to allow for more parents to have a chance to volunteer for this fun activity! Feel free to pick the dates that work for you! There are more detailed instructions on the sign up site. If you have any questions, contact LeAnne Lundy at 979.257.8140 or [ecclunch@yahoo.com](mailto:ecclunch@yahoo.com). Please arrive at 10:30 a.m. to check in with Mrs. Chovanetz in the ECC Office.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR MAIN CAMPUS LUNCH DUTY

Volunteers are needed for Main Campus Lunch Duty. To sign up, click [HERE](#). Please sign up for as many spots as you would like. The shift is 10:40 a.m. - noon. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Helcel at 713.875.2242 or [cfh102198@gmail.com](mailto:cfh102198@gmail.com)

### MAIN CAMPUS AM CARPOOL VOLUNTEERS

We are in special need of carpool volunteers. Please consider being one of our amazing volunteers! We need YOU to get the day started off right!!

### ECC AFTERNOON CARPOOL

We need a few volunteers to help out with ECC afternoon carpool this year! If you can help, contact Tania Magnabosco at 513-608-4977 or [tmagnaboscordh@yahoo.com](mailto:tmagnaboscordh@yahoo.com).



## NEWS

### **VOLUNTEERING AT THE SCHOOL**

Just a gentle reminder that while you are up at the school volunteering, we ask that you please not approach teachers for “impromptu conferences” or travel about the school other than where you are signed in to work. This is for safety reasons, as we need to know who is in the building and where they are located at all times. We also don’t want to interrupt instruction, so please allow your child’s teacher to use their planning time in preparing for the students. Parents are always welcome to schedule a conference with the teacher to answer questions or discuss concerns. Please don’t forget to stop by the front office and sign in every time you are up at school.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Grandparent’s Day is coming up very soon, so don’t forget to mark your calendars for Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. This celebration begins with a beautiful Mass and ends with student performances and a light brunch in the gym. There is an early dismissal that day so that you can enjoy time with your child and special guests. Stay tuned for more information!

### **PASTRIES WITH THE PRINCIPALS**

Please join us after our School Mass on September 16th for our Pastries with the Principals. Come meet new friends, share your insights and experiences, and enjoy some refreshments after Mass as we continue excellence in Catholic education. We will meet in the Corpus Christi room immediately after the 8:15 AM Mass! Please RSVP to [advancement@stlaurence.org](mailto:advancement@stlaurence.org).

### **CELEBRATE 25 YEARS**

It has been a big 25 years and we have our best **Spirit Shirt** yet ready to celebrate! Join in the celebration and wear your SLCS colors with pride. Please note this shirt is a comfort colors t-shirt that is so popular! These shirts feel like you have owned them for years. It is a classic, comfortable, relaxed style. It is all of the love a cotton tee but a little softer and the navy pictured might not be true replica of the actual color. Orders are due by September 5th and this shirt can be worn any Wednesday as a Spirit Shirt. Find your order form [HERE!](#)

### **STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ELECTIONS**

Do you have great ideas? Do you want to represent your classmates and St. Laurence Catholic School? One great way to be involved is to become a Student Council Class Representative for your 4th thru 8th grade classmates. There will be 4 representatives elected from each grade level. If you are interested in running, you must turn in the nomination form with your parent’s signature. The form is [HERE](#). Elections will be held on September 9th. Turn in the form by September 6th. Mrs. Betsy Brown and Mrs. Suzanne Garcia are Student Council sponsors. You can email one of the sponsors if you have any questions.

### **SPICE LUNCHEON - NOVEMBER 11th**

You are invited to attend our annual Special People in Catholic Education Luncheon and Silent Auction on November 11, 2016 at 11:30 in the Parish Hall. We are honored to welcome Charlene Katra Associate Director from the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston. It is a luncheon you will not want to miss with catering by Pappas BBQ and auction items featuring Disneyland and our very own Houston Texans. Tickets are \$60 and reservations may be made through the Advancement Office at 281-980-0500.

### **COMING SOON TO SLCS....DAN YACCARINO!**

We are so excited! We will be hosting Dan Yaccarino, author of the highly anticipated, *I am a Story* at SLCS on Thursday, September 8, 2016. Students in grades 1-3 will explore the evolution of storytelling while pondering the power of stories to bring us together and make us feel happy, sad, excited, and much more. Stories enrich our lives! The author will sign pre-purchased copies of the book after the presentation. Order forms are available on the library webpage and will also be sent home in students’ folders closer to the date. If you would like to purchase a signed copy of the book, please complete the order form and return it with payment to your child’s homeroom teacher on or before Tuesday, September 6, 2016. For more information about this author and his work, please go to the Classroom Visit video [HERE](#).

### **SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL TUITION ASSISTANCE GOLF TOURNAMENT!**

10.31.16 Sweetwater Country Club 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start. More details to follow!



## SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP



### CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT DAY IS TOMORROW!

Our first Chick-Fil-A Spirit DAY is **TOMORROW!** That's right! 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Drive-thru, dine-in and take out! Breakfast, lunch and/or dinner! Hope to see you there! Read more [HERE!](#)

### GET YOUR BOOSTER SHIRTS TODAY!

Find the Booster Club forms [HERE!](#)



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### 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.

### 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!



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