

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

OCTOBER 5, 2016

PTO ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL PTO PRESENTS:

+WORKS: A CATALYST FOR POSITIVE COMMUNITY CHANGE BY CO-FOUNDER AND CEO SARAH FISHER

October 11th, 9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.
St. Laurence School Dining Hall

Prior to Mrs. Fisher speaking, all are welcome to attend the St. Laurence PTO Board meeting beginning at 8:00 am in the school dining hall. See you there!

To learn more about Mrs. Sarah Fisher and +Works, go to www.positivethinkingworks.org

Read more [HERE!](#)



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Did you know that the Catholic Schools in our Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston serve approximately 20,000 students and we are the largest private school system in the state of Texas? These numbers come directly from our Catholic Schools Office and speak to the fact that there is a tremendous desire by parents to have their children educated in a Christian environment that challenges them academically and meets their social and emotional needs.

We believe that learning about morality and embedding faith within all the subjects is important. It isn't easy to fit in all the required minutes for each subject along with religion daily and Mass every Friday, but that is what sets us apart and makes us a Catholic School. Our day may seem more compacted and fast-paced, because it is. If you believe that stopping to pray for a stranger when you hear a siren or starting the day with intentions for those that need our prayers are important practices, then your child is in the right place. You should be very proud of the choice you have made because you are investing in your child's future, not just on Earth, but beyond.

I was blessed to be a part of the Life Chain this past weekend as I have had the chance to do for a few years now. It is always moving to stand along Hwy. 6 in union with so many other Catholics from many churches holding up signs and praying for the unborn. The whole time, we listen to cars honking in protest or to show support for the message that every stage of life matters.

I am so proud of the way our students demonstrate their faith through service projects, which become second nature to them by middle school and through their leadership roles in the many clubs and organizations available at our school. You can see some examples of how our students think of others and have gone on to serve outside of the school in our Spirit Magazine that just went home at the end of September. Just a couple of weeks ago a student was asking permission to form a group that collects food for the poor while another donated some of her own money to Annual Fund after recently graduating from SLCS to thank us for the great education she received. They truly

amaze me every day and I hope that you are proud to know that your children are among the 20,000 that will go out and make a difference in the world.

God Bless,

Mrs. Barto

IMPORTANT DATES

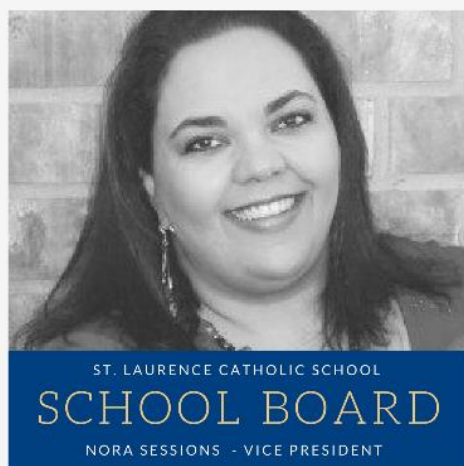
10/7	All School Mass Led by 6C PTO Rosary and Dinner
10/10	No School – Columbus Day
10/11	Leo Club Meeting PTO Meeting at 8:00 a.m. PTO Guest Speaker on Positive Works-9:00 a.m. Dining Hall
10/12	Jean/Spirit Day
10/13	NJSH Meeting NEHS Meeting
10/7	All School Mass Led by Resource Team



SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS



MEET OUR NEW SCHOOL BOARD VICE PRESIDENT NORA SESSIONS



I moved to the Sugar Land Area 8 1/2 years ago and always knew that I wanted my kids to have the same Catholic Education that I had growing up, after searching for the right school I knew that St Laurence was the place to be.

We received a warm welcome in the community starting with the Weekday Program and moving on to St Laurence where we were blessed by having, our now 7 year old, accepted in Pre-K.

The warm welcome we received by the staff and community confirmed to us that SLCS is about being united, teaching our kids to love, care and to live with God first in their hearts, giving us the opportunity as parents to follow that example with the knowledge that the way we act is the way our kids will. With all of this in mind my interest grew to become more involved and give back to our school at least a little of all that they give to our kids and community.

Together with my husband Trey, our 7 year old daughter Natalia who is now in 2nd grade and our 21 month old daughter Gloria whom one day will follow her sister's footsteps, we pray and hope the family unity we pursue guides us to accomplish the Trinity we believe in.

I look forward to many more years of being part of this community that has brought so many blessings to our lives.



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO



PTO FAMILY ROSARY & DINNER

The St. Laurence Catholic School PTO invites you to attend the Family Dinner and Rosary on October 7th. A delicious dinner by Lupe Tortilla, courtesy of the PTO will be served in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Rosary in the Church led by our school families. If your family would like to participate in this beautiful example of our Catholic

Identity, please RSVP with the number of people attending to PTOPrograms@gmail.com by Friday, September 30, 2016.

HOOPS & DOGS

Our annual father/son event, Hoops & Dogs, catered by James Coney Island, is Saturday, October 22 from 6:00-8:00. Please RSVP to PTOPrograms@gmail.com. And, if you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Crystal Helcel at cfh102198@gmail.com or Melanie Bilodeau at Melanie.bilodeau@barilla.com.



NEWS



CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR MR. STONE

Mr. Stone is currently undergoing treatment at MD Anderson and we ask that you continue to keep him and his family in your prayers. He contacted us just yesterday to say that he is feeling joyful and blessed as he prepares for his surgery. He made me promise to thank you for being such a supportive and loving community **and** appreciates all your prayers and thoughts as he embarks on this path to recovery.

IMPORTANT REMINDER . . . SEE BELOW AND PLEASE RETURN YOUR REPORT IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

Please log on to your Edline account, go to My Edline and then Private Reports. Choose your child and then click on the "Demographic" report and review the information presented. If changes need to be made to your contact information, please print this report and NEATLY make the changes directly on the page. We will update our database with the new information. Additionally, if you would prefer to NOT have your email address or other information published in the directory, please note that at the bottom of the page and include the specific information you do not wish published. Please complete and return to Marie Brown by October 1, 2016.

Note: The space marked "Directory Incl." means that you DO WISH to be included in the directory.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Help Us Earn Free Money While You Shop. Every year this helps the St. Laurence PTO raise money for lots of fun things at our school: Family Movie Night, Hoops & Dogs, Father-Daughter Dance, Middle School Dances and much, much more. Please register or re-register your card using the directions [HERE!](#)



GOLF TOURNAMENT HELP NEEDED

Here's a chance for anyone to help make our event a success! We are currently seeking donations to purchase gifts for our famous awards ceremony! No gift is too small! Academy, Amazon, Target, Walmart, or any local restaurant gift cards would be VERY helpful! Please send to the front office marked to the attention of the golf tournament.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

Registration and sponsorship information went home in the red folder last week for the **21st Annual SLCS Tuition Assistance Golf Tournament** scheduled for Monday, October 31st at Sweetwater Country Club. The tournament is the primary fund raiser for the Tuition Assistance Program. This program aids currently enrolled families that experience major unexpected financial hardship during the course of the school year so that their student(s) may continue at SLCS. Last year 19 students from 11 families benefitted from this event. For more information visit our new website [HERE](#) or contact Victoria Haddad at vzhaddad@yahoo.com with any questions! Thank you to those who have already registered, it is going to be a **GREAT** day for our students!

SPICE LUNCHEON, NOVEMBER 11th

You are invited to attend our annual Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE) 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.

25th ANNIVERSARY NEWS!

We are so blessed to be celebrating 25 years as a parish school! Please mark your calendars for our Mass & Celebration on January 28, 2017! It will be a fun day at the school with food trucks, activities and reminiscing! We will conclude our day with Mass with the Cardinal and our very own Father Drew! If you would like to assist in making this a day to remember, please contact the Advancement Office at 281.980.0500



SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

SPORTS UPDATE

SOCCER

Congratulations to the Varsity Soccer Team for a 2-0 win over St. Thomas More on Tuesday. The team will host St. Francis de Sales tomorrow, Thursday, at Colony Bend Park, JV at 4:30, Varsity at 5:30.

VOLLEYBALL

Varsity Volleyball is now 9-1 and tied for first place in the GHCAA South. All 3 Volleyball teams will host a PINK OUT to support Breast Cancer awareness on Thursday, October 16th against St. Francis de Sales, C Team at 4:30, JV at 5:15 and Varsity at 6:15.

FOOTBALL

The Varsity Football team defeated St. John Paul II by a score of 30-6 to qualify for the GHCAA playoffs. St. Laurence will play in the GHCAA semi-final game on Wednesday, October 12th at 4:30 PM at St. Thomas High School.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR SAINTS TEAMS!

BOOSTER CLUB SPIRIT STORE!

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



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

INVITATION FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS AT ST. AGNES ACADEMY

The Association of Parents of African American Students at St. Agnes Academy cordially invites you to an informational meeting for African American Prospective Students and families, Sunday, October 16, 2016. 3:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. Read more [HERE](#).

PARISH BAZAAR

Behold, the Bazaar is BACK! The bazaar will be held October 15-16th at the Ave Maria Center. We will have a lot of the same great items you expect from the bazaar, many different food, activities and a new Art Gallery! We are looking for YOU to submit a piece of art to showcase in the Gallery during the bazaar. Please bring your original work to the Parish Office by September 30th. It should be representative of the parish theme, "Behold, I make all things new". It can be 4x6, 5x7, 8x10 or 11x14 in size. There are also MANY opportunities for volunteers. Please check the [BAZAAR WEBSITE](#) or go straight to [SIGNUP GENIUS](#) if you would like to help. We still need many Virtus trained volunteers to help supervise the bounce houses, rides and inflatable games. Be sure to check back often as more opportunities will be added. For further information, please contact Les Fuchs at 832-360-3104 or Tom Barry at 281-545-4112.

2016-2017 AFF SPEAKER SERIES

Join Deacon Larry Vaclavik, deacon at St. Theresa's in Houston and Adjunct Lecturer at the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Theology, for an exploration of what the bishops of the United States teach about faithful citizenship, conscience formation and voting. For more information, click [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.

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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