

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

JANUARY 11, 2017

STEPS FOR STUDENTS JOIN OVER 12,500 RUNNERS SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION!



WHY YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT?

This year Steps for Students is the PTO fundraiser. That means 100% of the money donated will go to funding fun PTO events like movie nights, PTO rosary, father/daughter dance, hoops and dogs, middle school dances, teacher wish lists and much, much more.

Yes! For you runners out there this can be counted as a true 5K race!

Your child can't get up that early? You can do a Virtual Registration under "Hit the Snooze for Students".

Just can't make it, but want to be an SLCS supporter? Please consider making a donation.

All money raised/donated (less fees) comes back directly to SLCS!!!

- Click on St. Laurence to make sure the funds go to our school.
- Click on the name of the child to get the donation counted for their incentives.

You can donate or register by January 31, 2017at:

STEPS FOR STUDENTS! See who's already signed up and who's created fundraising pages! You can create a page too! AND...

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN US AND SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION BY JOINING US AND/OR SUPPORTING YOUR PAGE!

All incentives will be completed on the week of February 21, 2017.

See the attached incentive flyer [HERE](#) for details.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Families,

In an effort to keep you updated on how we are doing in meeting our annual school goals, please read [HERE](#). These goals were shared with you at the beginning of the year and so far we are making great progress. I will share them again at the end of the year for your review.



Guess who came to visit SLCS today?

Sr. Lisa Valentini from the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. She spoke to the students on serving and vocations!

God Bless,

Mrs. Barto

IMPORTANT DATES

1/12	NJHS Meeting NEHS Meeting MS Science Fair Quiz Bowl First Communion Parent Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m.
1/13	All School Mass Led by 2A
1/14	Cheer Clinic KOC Free Throw Contest
1/16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-No School
1/17	School Board Finance Meeting
1/18	Jean/Spirit Day
1/19	Free Dress for Good Behavior in Middle School
1/20	All School Mass Led by 7B School-wide Geography Bee Archdiocesan Science Fair WCP Open House for Prospective Parents 10:00 a.m.
1/21 & 1/22	Plaid Bag Collection - Sign up HERE Reception for our new Deacon Dennis Henderson



SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS



PLAID BAG COLLECTION

The second collection at all St. Laurence Masses 1/21 and 1/22 will benefit the Financial Assistance Program for our School. We need your family's help with the "plaid bag" collection this weekend; the money collected will be used to help families who have experienced substantial, life-changing events (e.g., death in the family, medical crises, or job loss) that impact their ability to continue their child/children's education at SLCS. Here are some ways you can be of help:

- Please have your SLCS students **wear their "official" (Mass day) school uniform to Mass this weekend.** Seeing our children in uniform really helps our parish community to embrace the school and this cause.

Students who attend Mass in their official uniform will have a “**free dress**” day (please remember to follow free dress policy as specified in the school handbook) on Monday, 1/23/17.

- Volunteers as Greeter, Gift Bearers or Plaid bag collectors! Sign up [HERE](#)!



JOIN THE PTO PRAYER GROUP

Please join the PTO Prayer Group for the first prayer meeting of 2017! What a wonderful way to kick off this new year, praying for our faculty, staff, children and families! Thursday, January 25th at 8:15 a.m. Drop your children at school, park and come inside to the cafeteria for fellowship and prayer time!

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

Daddies get your dancing shoes ready for our annual PTO Daughter/Daughter Dance. This year's dance will be held on Saturday, February 4th from 7-9pm and be themed A Night in Paris! If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Aleini Lacombe at Aleini_Lacombe@yahoo.com or Tressy Garcia at tressyp@gmail.com.



INFORMATIONAL COFFEE FOR WCP OR PROSPECTIVE ECC PARENTS

St. Laurence Catholic School will host an informational coffee in the Ave Maria Parish Life Center, Guardian Angel Hall, on Friday, January 20th at 10:00 a.m. for WCP parents or those interested particularly in PreK or Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. We hope to see you there!

NEXT LAGNIAPPE STARTS SOON! REGISTER NOW!

Session runs from January 30 – March 10. See your course flyer for details & course descriptions [HERE](#)! Registration is online [HERE](#). All payments should be to SLCS and returned to the teacher hosting the awesome class. Classes fill quickly. First come, first serve!

CLASSROOM GEOGRAPHY BEE

Next week, classroom Geography Bee winners will participate in School Wide Geography Bee. We are consistently amazed at how much our students know about their world and the way our different countries work together for global awareness. Good luck!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TALENTED ARTISTS!

Congratulations to Ms. Buckle, Ms. Livesay, Mrs. Centanni, and Mrs. Dodson and their students for representing our school so well at the Houston Livestock Rodeo Art Contest. We are proud to announce that 24 students were recognized for their outstanding art abilities. Congratulations to William Moorhead, Brody Byrne, Emma Sjodin, Victoria Cortez, Carlota Guerra, Lillian Coppedge, Justine Bering, Carly Fann, Adriana Arcos, Jackson Cox, Isabella Cashiola, Cecilia Mendiola, Athena Charkalis, Olivia Nguyen, Giuliana Mendoza, Julia Yuen, Lilah Garcia, Tess Purdy, Maddie Love, Holly Alexander, Taylor Tran, Alyssa Rodriguez, Timothy Montemayor, and Molly Lootens! Special recognition to Tess Purdy! She earned a gold medal for her Rodeo Art "Summer Dreams"! We are extremely proud of all our students! We are so blessed to see God's gifts gracing our hallways and beyond.

4TH ANNUAL SLCS FAMILY RETREAT

Join us for the 4th Annual SLCS Family Retreat! Enjoy spending quality time with your family the weekend of March 31st, 2017. The retreat brings SLCS families together to share community, fun, and practical wisdom as we endeavor together to foster the domestic church in our homes. The retreat facility holds approximately 30 families so space is limited to a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will be available through Friday, March 10th. Click [HERE](#) to print the registration form. Contact Debra Haney [HERE](#) with questions.

SAVE THE DATES!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK-OFF

We are so pleased to be able to come together in worship on January 28th for our PTO Family Mass with our school community at the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass.

OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

We will offer an Open House for all Prospective Parents at the school on Thursday, February 2nd from 6-8 p.m. Share the invitation with your family and friends!

SLCS CHEER CLINIC

SLCS Cheer Clinic! Learn Chants, Cheer, and Dance to be performed at Catholic Schools Week Pep Rally on January 30, 2017. Registration Due By January 12th^h. Print attached form to register [HERE!](#)

REMINDER ABOUT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES BEGINNING JANUARY

Latest information has this construction beginning the last week of January

This is an important reminder regarding arrival and dismissal procedures beginning in January. The City of Sugar Land has informed us that there will be a major construction project involving the complete blockage of the two Sweetwater entrances to the parish complex for several months. This project will involve closing off the northbound lane of Sweetwater and Austin Parkway closest to the Church from Stephens Grant to Hwy. 6.

The southbound lane closest to the Ave Maria Center will become two-way. You can imagine the complexity of this plan, as it affects not only St. Laurence, but surrounding neighborhoods and schools. You are asked to look for routes to and from school that will allow you to enter the north driveway off of Austin Parkway (where main campus carpool begins and ends) for arrival and dismissal. **This now includes ECC carpool families.**

We have been working closely with the city and the parish to come up with a plan that facilitates alternative procedures that ensure the safe arrival and dismissal of our students. Understandably, this will involve complete cooperation from the entire school community in order to cause less disruption to your child's school day. This project has been planned for quite some time and will take place in several phases. For more details, you can access this link [HERE!](#)

We strongly urge you to come up with carpool arrangements and have included a list of neighborhoods [HERE](#) in order for you to coordinate with SLCS families that live nearby. I would suggest that you find a common meeting place (i.e. Chick-fil-A parking lot, Starbucks, etc.) along your route and elect one person to drive the students in to the school. Look at this as a way of building community! Having less cars in our carpool will be the **best** option in order to start and end school on time. Students will still be counted tardy, so please don't plan to be late to avoid carpool! We will make adjustments, if necessary once this new procedure has been in place.

We have placed a new video with the carpool arrival and dismissal information on the website. You will need to view this and share it with anyone who may be picking up or dropping off students. Here are a few things that are **VERY** important in order for carpool to work safely:

- There is **NO** cutting through the parking lot or turning early in the middle to avoid driving all the way down to Sweetwater. This will only back up traffic onto the street.
- **We will now open all doors to the school at 7:30 a.m.** (including ECC) to allow students inside the buildings. Main campus students will sit quietly outside their classrooms, while ECC students will sit in the Parish Hall until 7:40 when they can proceed to their rooms. This will begin the second week in January.
- Please limit coming back up to the school unless you are asked to volunteer or pick up your child. You are not supposed to bring forgotten items anyway. **The ONLY entrance open during the school day is the Chapel Drive.** We will still close the North entrance due to students on the playground.
- You **MUST** have your carpool number prominently displayed so that the volunteers and staff can see it easily! Leaving it at home, having it laying on the dashboard or trying to hold up the correct number of fingers will only delay carpool for everyone! ☺ If you need a new number please let us know.

Please practice your new route over the break if necessary and make arrangements with families that live near you so that we will all be ready once this construction occurs. Thank you for your patience as we work together to facilitate

a workable solution to this temporary inconvenience.

WATCH UPDATED CARPOOL PROCEDURES VIDEO [HERE!](#)

SCHOOL CHOICE RALLY


On January 24, 2017 the School Choice Rally will take place at the capitol in Austin! You are invited to attend and represent the largest private school organization in the state of Texas. See the flyer from the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops (TCCB) [HERE!](#)



We are back with some more trivia that just might help you on Saturday, January 28th! Mark your calendars to join in the fun from 2-4 p.m.

1. Ms. Landrito is the 6th person to assume the role elementary AP. Her were predecessors : Marie Thome, Jackie, Keithan, Debra Haney, Elaina Satsky and Suzanne Barto.
2. Did you know that BASC is the second name for our after school care? Originally it was EDP-Extended Day Program
3. When our doors opened in 1992 ALL classes from PK3-4th grade were located in the Parish Courtyard.
4. Have you ever heard of "Saints in Training?" This was our nursery for staff children from 1996-2001!
5. Channel 2 used to give out a Sunshine Award on their morning show. Mrs. A and Mrs. Bauer were both recipients of the award and we welcomed Channel 2 to our campus with open arms.

*Current and former students, parents and staff,
as well as SLCS friends are invited to join us in
the celebration of*



*St. Laurence Catholic School
Anniversary Open House
Saturday, January 28, 2017
2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.*

*PTO Family Mass
celebrated by
His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo,
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston,
and concelebrated by
Fr. Drew Wood, St. Laurence Catholic Church Pastor
Fr. Jaison Thomas, St. Laurence Catholic Church Parochial Vicar
5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.
RSVP to advancement@stlaurence.org*

WE NEED YOU HERE!

1.28.17

2:00 p.m.

We are so blessed to be celebrating 25 years as a parish school! Please join us for our Mass & Celebration on January 28, 2017! It will be a fun family day at the school with scavenger hunts, photo booth, food trucks, reminiscing and fellowship! We will conclude our day with Mass with the Cardinal and our very own Father Drew and Father Jaison!

If you would like to assist in making this a day to remember, please contact the Advancement Office at advancement@stlaurence.org or 281.980.0500.

HAVE YOU BEEN SAVING YOUR QUARTERS??

DRIVE FOR 25

While you are gone
save your quarters and donations

to help us celebrate our
25th Anniversary
on January 25, 2017,
our 100th day of school!

Our Drive for 25 will be a
25 Hour Online Giving Day and
Student Quarter Drive
that you won't want to miss!



1.25.17



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Our Drive for 25 is just
2 weeks away!
You can help us get school
supplies
for a local school!
Every little bit counts and
will make a difference!



AUCTION NEWS

**SLCS 25th Anniversary Gala & Auction
SUPERBOWL BONANZA!!!**

WE HAVE 2 SUPERBOWL TICKETS TO AUCTION OFF!!!
Bidding will begin SOON and will be open *for a limited time!*
Proceeds go to St. Laurence Catholic School
in celebration of the 25th Anniversary Gala & Auction

More details forthcoming! Like our new St. Laurence Catholic School Auction FB page, check SLCS weekly newsletter and website, parish bulletin and listen to school and Mass announcements to stay up to date with the latest information and find out when bidding will go LIVE!!!! Questions contact Rachel Leaman [713-299-3278](tel:713-299-3278)



**ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL AUCTION
HAS IT'S OWN FACEBOOK PAGE!**

Like us, follow us, and share us [HERE](#) with your friends and family so you all can stay up to date with "All Things Auction"! As auction nears we will post sponsors, live, big board and silent packages for you to preview, and will be posting pictures from the VIP party and events leading up to the big night...."New York Nights....Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence!" We can't wait to celebrate with you!

GREAT AUCTION OPPORTUNITY

For the first time in our 25 year history you have the opportunity to support your auction with sponsorships that will directly defer the expenses of this fabulous event and give you a tax write off in 2016! Don't delay! Click [HERE](#) to see what is still available. Please note sponsorships are separate from underwriting. Sponsorships are a great way to advertise your business and help the school at the same time. Underwriting information will be sent home to all families in January. Questions? Contact one of the 2017 Auction Chairs.



ALUMNI NEWS

Once a Saint, Always a Saint

CALLING ALL ALUMNI BASKETBALL PLAYERS!

We are looking to have a little fun during our 25th anniversary celebration and need you for our alumni vs current player basketball scrimmage! Come reminisce about the good 'ol days, catch up with old friends, visit your beloved SLCS and see what is happening at your alma mater. Contact Coach Fucik or the Advancement office if you are interested in joining in the festivities on Saturday, January 28th at 2 – 4pm. Scrimmage to begin about 2:30pm. Please share with your former classmates, your parents, and your siblings! The event will be family friendly and will include food trucks, a scavenger hunt, tours, and other great activities.



SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

BASKETBALL

- The boys and girls teams both took on St. Thomas More this week. All the teams played well. The Varsity boys and girls both remain in first place in the GHCAA after convincing wins over St. Thomas More.
- The next home game is on Tuesday, January 17th when the girls JV and Varsity play St. Cecilia at 4:30 and 5:15.
- Playoffs will begin on Monday, January 30th. Watch for details and come out and support the Saints!

BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, TRACK, AND SPRING TENNIS

Please register your child for baseball, softball, track and spring tennis on the athletic website stlaurenceathletics.org

Parent meetings will be held later in January and more information will be posted on Edline.

All spring sports are open to 5th-8th grade students. Please email Betsy Brown bbrown@stlaurence.org if you have questions.

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



PARISH NEWS

KOC FREE THROW CONTEST

This Saturday, January 14, the Knights of Columbus will host their annual Free Throw Championship at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Laurence School Gym. The competition is divided into groups by age and gender, open to all girls and boys, age 9 to 14. Get more info and sign your kids up [HERE](#). Good luck!

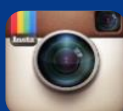
WANT TO CONTINUE LEARNING ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH OTHER ADULTS?

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!

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!



St. Laurence Catholic School

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