

ST. LAURENCE
SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

APRIL 5, 2017

SLCS FAMILIES WERE BLESSED WITH A SPIRIT FILLED RETREAT!



SLCS FAMILIES ENJOYED QUALITY FAMILY TIME FILLED WITH CHRIST'S LOVE!

A BIG THANK YOU to the Gormley Family for your inspiring talks and to Debbie Haney for making all the arrangements! The planning committee consisted of Lala Arenas, Michelle Cashiola, Jackie deGroot, Debbie Haney, Christy Novak, Eric Painter, Kim Riebe, Jennifer Reyes, Cara Turner & Rebecca Wells. Thank you for this amazing experience! Hope you can join us next year!

IMPORTANT DATES

4/6	NEHS Meeting PK Field Trip
4/7	All School Mass Led By 1A Archdiocesan Science Fair KN-5 th Grade
4/9	Palm Sunday
4/10-4/12	Classroom Oratoricals
4/11	Leo Club Meeting PTO Meeting 2 nd Grade Seder Meal
4/12	Living Stations of the Cross
4/13	Holy Thursday Spring Conference Day In-Store Barnes and Noble BOOK FAIR . Read more HERE!
4/14-4/18	Online Barnes and Nobel BOOK FAIR . Read more HERE!
4/14	Good Friday – No School
4/15	Holy Saturday
4/16	Happy Easter
4/17	Easter Monday – No School



Dear Parents,

Your child may be relieved or a little sad (because homework starts up again) that testing in elementary and middle school has ended! Now it falls to our wonderful counselors to get everything boxed up and sent out for scoring. Once we have received the results, parents will be invited to an informal meeting with the counselors. This is a good time to learn about how to interpret your child's scores and learn about his/her strengths and areas of weakness. In case you were wondering how we use that data as a school, we compare scores to the Star Reading and Math online testing that was done throughout the year and classroom performance (which includes any observations or graded work done at school). All of this information helps teachers assess whether a student is grasping the concepts being taught, progressing adequately so that he/she is prepared for the next level and/or how to group students according to strengths and weaknesses.

Here are some other ways we use IOWA and CogAt scores:

- Determine whether school goals are being met in targeted areas such as math and informational text.
- Inform instruction - Make student-centric decisions about personalized instruction.
- Monitor growth - Measure change in student performance over time, both at the group and individual level, with a valid and reliable scale.
- Implement Response to Intervention (RTI) - Identify students who may benefit from intensive, systematic learning interventions.
- Inform placement decisions - Place students into appropriate groups, levels, and programs.
- Make comparisons - Compare student performance to that of local, archdiocesan, and national groups according to research-based evidence.
- Evaluate programs - Guide administrative evaluation of the effectiveness of instructional programs, professional development, and curriculum.
- Predict future performance - Apply current assessment results to project student performance on future assessments and adjust programs accordingly.
- Provide one factor in a plethora of sources of information as we determine eligibility for certain academic opportunities: placement in our enrichment program, nomination to DECATS, Duke Talent Identification Search acceptance, Middle School Math course placement, etc.

Have a great week!

Suzanne Barto



SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTS



Our School Board wants to hear from you! We value and need your feedback! Help us reach 90% school family participation and children will receive free dress pass on April 25th !

Please answer our **Family Survey** [HERE!](#)



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO



LUNCH ROOM DUTY, WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Parents we are in immediate need of lunch room volunteers. It is a great way to see your child and all their friends. It is also a great needed and appreciated role. If you are interested in even doing a day a month or more please email Crystal Helcel at cfh102198@gmail.com .



NEWS

NEXT LAGNIAPPE SOON!

Next session runs from April 10th – May 19th . See your course flyer for details & course descriptions [HERE!](#) All payments should be to SLCS and returned to the front desk. Classes fill up quickly so first come, first serve!



SAINTS FAMILIES ACTIVITY! THANK YOU FOR THE CARDS!

Mrs. McLaughlin took the Lenten Encouragement notes that our students wrote in their last Saints Family activity to St. Mary's Seminary last week for delivery to the seminarians. They were very appreciative and impressed with their commitment to prayer and study. They loved hearing about Saints Families, and offer their deepest expressions of gratitude for our support of vocations. Way to go, Saints!

VIRTUS TRAINING AT ST. LAURENCE

If you would like to volunteer for the school and have not received VIRTUS training, visit www.virtus.org and register for an upcoming training session. Now it the time! VIRTUS sessions are scheduled at St. Laurence soon!

- Protecting God's Children Classes being offered: April 1st and May 27th from 8-11 a.m.
 - Keeping the Promise Alive (Refresher): April 11th and June 5th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Both classes are being held in Marian Hall at the AMC. Register now!

MEAL TRAIN FOR MR. STONE

Mrs. Lootens is coordinating some meals for Mr. Stone while he is going through his treatment. She has set up a sign up genius for volunteers to bring them meals...please consider helping if you can! Click the link below for the dates and details: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0545AFAF22A20-meals>



AUCTION NEWS



OUR AUCTION WILL BE HERE IN A NEW YORK MINUTE!

4 weeks and counting. Invitations [HERE](#) were mailed for our auction "New York Nights...Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence." Please get RSVP's in by April 14th. Read more [HERE!](#) Underwriting opportunities are still available and this promises to be a night to remember. Don't miss your chance to join in the fun.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT RAFFLE TICKETS YET?

No worries! There's still time to purchase raffle tickets and be eligible for one of five fabulous prizes AND the EARLY BRID DRAWING AND INCENTIVE DAY on Thursday, April 20. The early bird winner will be announced Friday, April 21, and will receive a SLCS goodie bag and an AMC gift card. The child(ren) of families selling at least one raffle ticket will enjoy a Free Shoe incentive day on April 26, 2017. Read more [HERE!](#)

READ AUCTION WEEKLY NEWSLETTER [HERE!](#)
FOLLOW SLCS AUCTION FACEBOOK PAGE [HERE!](#)



SAINTS SPORTS SCOOP

SPORTS UPDATE

TENNIS

This past Saturday our JV Tennis Team and C Teams had matches. C team played a great match the Fort Bend Tennis Center Racquets. We managed a win in singles by Emma Sjodin and a tie break in singles by Finn Dhamija. Congratulations to them and the other players: Madison Stout, Kristie Volmert, and Elena Yepsen!

Our JV team won against the Fort Bend Tennis Backboards by a total score of 38 to 32 games won! Congratulations to Zander Andrzejak, Andrew Wong, Avery Leaman, Leah Elackatt, Jessica Michael, and Haley Deroche! Zander, Andrew, and Haley had wins in doubles and singles! Congratulations tennis teams!

TRACK

The track team will participate in the second meet of the season this Saturday, April 8th at Barnett Stadium. Field events begin at 8:00 AM and running events begin at 10:00 AM.

BASEBALL

The baseball team continues to win with victories this week over St. Vincent DePaul, 13-5 and St. Cecilia, 14-3. The boys play St. Thomas More at home on Thursday at 6:15 and travel to SVDP on Friday and to St. John Paul II on Monday. The Saints are now 7-1 and in first place in the league.

SOFTBALL

The Varsity girls softball team had an amazing come from behind win on Tuesday! The Saints were down 6-5 and down to their final out against St. Vincent DePaul. The team all persevered and loaded the bases. Ashley Florence hit a game winning double into center field scoring 2 runs and securing the victory for the Saints! The girls play at St. Augustine on Wednesday and host St. Francis de Sales on Thursday at 4:30 PM. The Saints are now 6-3 and looking to finish the season strong on the way to the playoffs.

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS



**THE (UN)OFFICIAL SLCS S-P-I-R-I-T CHALLENGE IS ON!!!!
ARE YOU READY?**

Complete your task and show your SLCS Spirit!
Read more [HERE!](#)

SPRING SPORTS GEAR

Needing to refresh your Blue Out Gear or want a new stadium seat, cushion or lawn chair for watching your kids participate in baseball, softball, tennis or track? Use this form [HERE](#) to order and purchase on/before next week Spirit Sale and we will have your gear ready to go home March 29th with your student!

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



PARISH NEWS

VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE [HERE!](#)

MINISTRY FOR FOSTER FAMILIES

Are you a foster or adoptive parent? A new ministry to support, educate and nurture families who are called to foster or adopt is being formed at St. Laurence. If you are interested in learning more or becoming a part of the core team to lead this new ministry, please contact [Martin Nguyen](#) at 832-419-4677.

ST LAURENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The Reverend John T. Weyer Knights of Columbus Council 11343 is once again offering FOUR scholarships to the students of our parish. You do not have to be enrolled in Catholic school at this time to qualify, just a member of the parish. We will award TWO \$1,000 scholarships to eighth grade students of St. Laurence Parish who will attend ANY of the Catholic high schools in the area for the first time in the fall of 2017. We will also award TWO \$2,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are members of St. Laurence Parish entering college for the first time in the summer or fall of 2017. Scholarship applications will be available on our website www.kofc11343.org on Sunday, March 12th. The deadline for entry will be Sunday April 9th, and winners will be announced by the end of May. Any further questions, please contact Nathan Raun at nathan.raun@gmail.com.

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!



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

BODIES IN MOTION SUMMER PROGRAM

Bodies in Motion Summer Program is designed to educate students and their families on the importance of an active lifestyle and healthy eating. Read more [HERE!](#)

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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