

ST. LAURENCE SAINTS

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK - OCTOBER 11, 2017

YOU ARE INVITED TO WITNESS A LIVING ROSARY!



The Fourth Grade Class of SLCS invites you to join us in praying the Rosary as they present a Living Rosary honoring Mary, The Lady of the Rosary, on Thursday, October 19th at 8:30 a.m. in the gym. Our fourth graders will form a Rosary circle in the center of the gym and lead the prayer. We look forward to your joining us as we lift up our prayers for peace in the world and for all the special intentions of our St. Laurence Catholic School Family.

IMPORTANT DATES

10/11	Deadline to RSVP for SPICE Luncheon HERE and Family Rosary HERE Saints Families
10/12	NEHS Meeting NJHS Meeting
10/13	All School Mass Led by the Leos Club SPICE Luncheon - Ave Maria Center Marian Hall 11:30 a.m. PTO Family Rosary and Dinner - Dining Hall 6:00 p.m. End of the First Quarter
10/14	First Reconciliation Retreat 1-3 p.m
10/17	Fall Sports Picture Day Booster Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
10/18	Jean/Spirit Day Edge Gym Night High School Visit #2 for 8th grade Reconciliation for 6th grade
10/19	Living Rosary 8:30 a.m. in the Gym
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 - Pep Rally
10/27	Fall Conference Day
10/30	Individual Picture Day (Make-up from Harvey cancellation)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents,

Do you love your child? Of course you do, and I'm sure, like me, you want only the best for him/her. All of us want to do everything we can now while our children are young in order to make sure they grow up to be strong successful adults. If we all share this as our ultimate goal, then we need to take a look at whether we are "helping" them or hampering them. It is very surprising to me to hear how often parents feel like they are being helpful by "rescuing" their children. The abundance of anxiety and lack of resilience or coping skills seen in today's youth is a clear result. I know we all feel like we are not one of those "helicopter parents", but ask yourself if you spend a lot of time at home "doing homework" or "asking" other parents for copies of study guides or information that your child was supposed to bring home. You might even be the helpful parent who creates new study guides or sends out copies of things to the other parents. Why do we feel like we need to reteach or preteach absolutely everything covered at school the entire day? If your child comes home and has no idea how to do something or acts like the teacher never told him/her about that, then you need to simply ask them what they were doing when the information was shared or what would the teacher say if you asked. If you have been helping a lot over the years, it will take a few times for your child to learn that **THEY** are responsible for taking notes or listening in class. They won't be able to turn to you to find out what they are missing and that will be tough. Yes, it may be rough at home initially because they have learned to rely on you a lot, but eventually, you will find yourself no longer reliving elementary or middle school. I'm sure you don't want to go back there! Jim Fay, one of the authors of the parenting program, Love and Logic says, "Wise parents take simple actions early on so that they can avoid having to take painful ones later."

Over the years, we have had parents take screenshots of other child's work and take the time to "white out" answers, retype entire worksheets, or create their own study guides in order to avoid their child losing points or getting Zapped. I always wonder where the child is in that trinity and I truly worry about them. They seem so confident and capable at school. As a parent, I know they come home tired after all those hours playing sports or extracurricular activities, but I'm sure parents are also tired since they are the ones shuttling them all over the place. As a school, we stand by our mission and **academics** will always come first. If you are exhausted and frustrated constantly doing "school", then we are happy to work with you in order to take yourself out of the mix. Believe me, teachers teach all day and when I observe in classes, students are all responding and answering questions, showing that they are grasping concepts. They are truly amazing! Let them show you what they are capable of and allow them to grow. Allow them to experience a consequence and see what happens if they don't study or forget a paper. At this point, it is not going to keep them out of the high school or college you have in mind for them. If you really want to help your child, then have them call a friend or problem-solve how to get the work done, so that at least the responsibility is on them. If this problem is habitual, then that is when you need to meet with the teacher and work out a plan for success. No teacher wants to see a child unsuccessful or purposefully cause a conflict with a parent.

When you do your child's work or don't **trust** that he/she knows what to do, you are sending the wrong message and actually working against us. If you don't believe me, then talk to parents with children who are in high school and beyond. We often hear that those schools love getting our students because of our strong focus on responsibility and organizational/executive functional skills. At some point--and it will be sooner than you think--you won't be able to be there and your child will be at a loss compared to the ones who were allowed to grow from their mistakes. If you are still not convinced, take a look at our successful track record over the years. "If we never let our kids struggle to get something they want or work through a problem for themselves, then when things get difficult later in life, they won't suddenly turn tough and get going; instead, they'll just quit." (Love and Logic on parenting and teaching responsibility) Please know that if we didn't care for your child and if we didn't firmly believe in our commitment to excellence in education, we'd make it much easier on everyone and not require so much of our students and our teachers. **Do you love your child?** Of course you do, and so do we.

We will start including some tips for parents in our upcoming newsletters. I hope you will read them and learn how to help your child get organized and practice those important "life skills". The actual subject matter of the test may not be as important as the skill it took to learn the material.

God Bless,

Suzanne Barto



NEWS

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL SPICE LUNCHEON! THE LAST DAY TO RSVP IS TOMORROW!

You are cordially invited to attend our annual Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE) Luncheon. This year, we are honored to welcome Sister Lisa Valentini, MSC as our featured speaker. Please bring all of your friends to support families staying together and receiving a solid Catholic education through our SPICE Program. Click [HERE](#) for more information, or contact the Advancement Office at 281-980-0500. Buy your tickets [HERE!](#) Are you unable to make the event but would like to support SPICE? Check out our online auction open until Friday, October 13 [HERE!](#)

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. This day of fellowship and golf will assist our families that find themselves in need of unexpected financial assistance. We are experiencing more requests for aid this year due to Hurricane Harvey and are hoping to make this tournament one for the record books! 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 walk away with a new beautiful accessory! For tickets and sponsorship information, please click [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.

LAGNIAPPE TIME!

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!

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.



A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FAMILY DINNER AND ROSARY! TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO RSVP!

The St. Laurence Catholic School PTO invites you to attend the Family Dinner and Rosary this Friday, October 13th. A delicious dinner by Lupe Tortilla, courtesy of the PTO, will be served in the Dining Hall at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Rosary in the Church led by our school families. If you would like to participate in this beautiful example of our Catholic Identity, please RSVP [HERE](#) with the number of people attending, by TONIGHT..

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, 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](#).

BIRTHDAY BALLOONS!

Don't forget to get your birthday balloons delivered this year and support your PTO! Please turn in your form [HERE](#) - one per child - with \$10/child. We haven't had as many forms turned in this year, so don't miss the chance to bring a smile to your child's face on his/her special day.

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!



WHERE IN RENWEB PARENTSWEB CAN YOU FIND...?

School Directory

- Under School Information
- Click Directory
- Click Family Tab

Combined Classroom Calendar

- Under School Information
- Click Calendar
- Click My Classrooms

Classroom Information

- Under School Information
- Click Classes
- Choose the Class you wish to view
- There, you can view grades, class calendar, newsletters, documents and links (Resources tab)

NOTE: PK-4 parents: newsletters, resources, documents and links should be posted to the Homeroom (HR) class Under the Resources Tab). Grades will be posted in each individual class.



SOCCER

The Saints continue their winning ways this season! The Varsity team now has a record of 5-2 and is working towards a seed in the playoffs. The team has a very busy week with 4 games. Tuesday the Saints played at St. Cecilia. The JV team won 4-2 and Varsity lost a close 2-1 defensive battle.

Wednesday both JV and Varsity will play St. Vincent De Paul at home at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. . On Thursday the Saints travel to St. Francis de Sales for both JV and Varsity games. On Friday the Varsity team will play St. Anne at 4:30 p.m. at home and it would be great to have a crowd to give us home field advantage! Come out and CHEER for the Saints!

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the SAINTS that all ran a MEDAL performance at the HBU XC Meet this past Saturday! GREAT JOB! The Saints had top finishers in every category. This was a great warm-up for the GHCAA Championship which will be the same distance. Both the boys and girls teams are defending GHCAA Champions and plan to repeat again this year. The GHCAA Championship will be on October 19th at St. Agnes Sports Complex.

This week the Saints runners are at the AOL meet at TC Jester Park on Wednesday and at the St. John's Ramble on Saturday, October 14th.

VOLLEYBALL

All 3 volleyball teams will play at home both Wednesday and Thursday this week. C Team plays at 4:30 p.m., JV at 5:15 p.m. and Varsity at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday the teams will play St. Francis de Sales. On Thursday Volleyball will host their annual PINK OUT game to support Breast Cancer awareness and honor breast cancer survivors. Please come to the game Thursday to pray for a cure as the team takes on St. Cecilia. EVERYONE SHOULD WEAR PINK! JV Volleyball will play at the St. Ambrose invitational on Saturday, October 14th.

FOOTBALL

The Football team defeated St. Elizabeth Ann Seton last Wednesday and are now 2-2 in the GHCAA. The Saints will take on St. Vincent DePaul on Wednesday, October 11th at 6:00 p.m. at Strake Jesuit. The Saints need a win to keep their playoff hope alive. Come out and support the Saints!

TENNIS NEWS

The Varsity team did very well! They won by two points 30/28. Abigail Lavery won her singles line for eight points. All the players received points to help us with the win: Korede Cardozo, Haley Deroche, Kent Knowles, and Andrew Wong

The JV team played hard and lost by two points 33/35! Brady Michael and Mack Dolar both won their singles lines for eight points each. Benjamin Lara and Alexander Pereira won their doubles line as well, for eight points. All the players got points to help get to 33: Ayo Cardozo, Carlota Guerra, Emma Sjodin, and Alexander Pereira.

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!](#)

BRING ON THE BAZAAR!

Our great Parish Bazaar is a little over ONE WEEK AWAY, on October 21-22. Look for the table on the plaza to sign up to work a 2-hour shift at a booth. This is a great way to connect to the parish and there are still lots of openings available. Or go [HERE](#) now to sign up. Talk to your friends and family about working a shift with you. It's fun!

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! SAVE YOU CALENDAR FOR HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES!

ST. JOHN XXIII: Sunday, November 5th, 2017, 1-3:00 p.m.

KINKAID SCHOOL: Thursday, October 12th, at 9:30 a.m.

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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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