WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! SO MANY HAPPY FACES!

HOPE YOU HAD AN AMAZING BACK TO SCHOOL!
Thank you so much for sharing your pictures!
Click HERE to watch a few of them!
ENJOY!

IMPORTANT DATES
FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year! We are off to a great start and I can’t thank our amazing SLCS school staff enough for all their hard work in preparing to welcome our students to LEAD the way this year. We were blessed as a staff to celebrate this year's Opening School Mass with Cardinal Dinardo on the Feast Day of our patron, Saint Laurence! The Mass even began with the hymn We Are Called, which we chose as our theme at the start of last year. I will take this as a sign that this year is already blessed.

Monday, we attempted something new by starting out with student assemblies in the gym for elementary and middle school. This gave the administrators a chance to speak to the students directly and outline our goals and expectations for the year. As an important part of our trinity of parent, child and educator, the students share in the implementation of our “calling” and mission as a Catholic School. We discussed various ways that they can be examples of servant leadership through our theme of loving, evangelizing, advocating and making a difference (LEAD).

This week, teachers began working with the students to create Classroom Covenants based on our theme. These covenants are promises the class makes in order to promote a safe, secure and loving environment at school. The staff also focused on safety during our in-service training last week. In fact, safety is one of our biggest goals this year, whether it pertains to safety within our building and physical environment or safety as it pertains to the emotional well-being of our community.

This year has started out full of promise and we truly appreciate your positive support and trust in us. I look forward to seeing you at one or both of our Parent Information Nights (PIN) coming up and wish all of you a blessed start to the new school year!

God bless,

Suzanne Barto
PLAID BAG COLLECTION AND MINISTRY FAIR WEEKEND

The second collection at all St. Laurence Masses August 25th and 26th (Ministry Fair Weekend) will benefit the Tuition Assistance Program for our school. The money collected will be used to help families who have experienced substantial, life-changing events that impact their ability to continue their child’s/children’s education at SLCS. We take this collection twice a year. **PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENT WEAR THEIR OFFICIAL UNIFORM TO MASS THIS WEEKEND TO RECEIVE FREE DRESS ON MONDAY, AUGUST, 27TH.**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO REPRESENT OUR SAINTS FAMILY THIS WEEKEND!**
- FAMILIES TO SERVE AS GREETERS
- FAMILIES TO BRING UP THE GIFTS
- CHILDREN TO ASSIST WITH THE PLAID BAG COLLECTION
- VOLUNTEERS TO CARRY THE SLCS BANNER AT THE MINISTRY PARADE

Please pick an area to help with [HERE](#) and have your student check in with the School Board volunteer in the narthex prior to Mass. Thank you for being amazing ambassadors for our school!

A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO

GET INVOLVED! MAKE A DIFFERENCE! JOIN VIPS!
The SLCS PTO is very excited to share with you their automated volunteer sign-up process. All the activities/events available for sign-up are completely run by volunteers and that’s why we strongly encourage 100% family participation. Please review and select any programs that you would be willing to help make a success [HERE](#). Access Code: SLCS

CARPOOL IS COOL! WE NEED YOU!
Carpool is cool! We need fabulous parent volunteers for ECC afternoon carpool. Help afternoon carpool move quicker by writing down carpool numbers! Only 20 minutes before pickup. If you can help out, text or call Sheri at 832.752.5178.

LUNCH DUTY IS A GREAT WAY TO GET INVOLVED AND HELP OUR TEACHERS!
What better way to get involved than volunteering at main campus lunch duty! Our students love to see a familiar face at lunch and the teachers greatly appreciate the help. Use the links below to sign up!
- **ECC** - Sign Up [HERE](#) - Coordinator: LeAnne Lundy [HERE](#)
- **MAIN CAMPUS** - Sign Up [HERE](#) - Coordinator: Lauren Drapp [HERE](#)

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF ROOM PARENTS FOR SEVERAL GRADE LEVELS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER!

SAINTS’ BIRTHDAY CLUB
Celebrate your child’s birthday this year in a special way at St. Laurence Catholic School by joining the birthday club for only $10! Your child will receive a birthday mylar balloon and enjoy free dress on their special day. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

PTO BOX TOP FUNDRAISER
Your trash can become our treasure. If you have Box Tops that you are just throwing away, please drop them
by the school office and we will put them to good use. We promise!

JOIN US FOR A GREAT PARENTING PRESENTATION - THE FAMILY AS A SCHOOL OF VIRTUE
Presented by Danielle Bean
Co-sponsored by SLCS PTO and St. Laurence Adult Faith Formation
Sunday, Sept. 9, 7-9 p.m., SLCS Dining Hall
Monday, Sept 10, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Marian Hall*
*Bring a brown bag lunch and stay for Q & A session 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Drawing upon words of wisdom from St. John Paul II, this practical, encouraging talk offers age-specific parenting inspiration and ways to overcome common obstacles to peace, balance, and joy in daily family life. With humor and a realistic understanding of everyday challenges of family living, Danielle reminds us to focus on the beauty, joy, and privilege of the family’s unique call to be a school of virtue. Click HERE for more information.

NEWS

PARTICIPATE IN OUR SCHOOL LIFE!
BE PART OF THE SAINTS YEARBOOK TEAM!

What a great opportunity to participate in our school events! If you have any interest in joining our fabulous YEARBOOK TEAM to help create our 2018-2019 yearbook and special memories...we want to hear from you! If you are interested, please fill out your information HERE and we will contact you soon!

LIBRARY BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB
The Library Birthday Book Club is a way to honor your student for their birthday with a $20.00 contribution to the St. Laurence Catholic School Library. Each year, the support of our school families via the Birthday Book Club helps the school library grow by adding to the collection of books. New this year, the $20.00 payment will be accepted through our secure online store, which utilizes PayPal. For other ways of payment, please contact the front office.

- Around the time of your student's birthday, he/she will select a book from a collection of new books set aside for this project. All students with June, July, or August birthdays will select books in April.
- A sticker with your student's name will be placed inside the book showing it has been donated in his/her honor.
- Your student will get to check out the book to read at home and upon returning the book, it will be in the permanent collection of the school library for other students to enjoy as well. For PreK students, the birthday book will be checked out to their class and the teacher will read it aloud to them.
- Parents will receive a letter informing them of which book their student selected.

Foster the love of reading by joining the Library Birthday Book Club for 2018-2019 by completing the form HERE and paying $20.00 to the Online School Store by Friday, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2018. Please complete a SEPARATE FORM for each student.

CARPOOL NOTES
We ask that everyone please review the carpool procedures again in order to ensure a safe and quick dismissal for our students. So far, everything is going well and we appreciate your patience as we work out a few kinks. Here are some reminders for those of you that are new or may have forgotten.

1. Main campus morning carpool line should wind all the way through the parking lot past the Church to Sweetwater before looping around (do not cut through the middle of the carpool as this creates a backup onto Austin Parkway).
2. No one can park a car or get into carpool line in the afternoon until 2:30 p.m. We cannot block cars that are parked in order to get in carpool early. You must also remain in your car while in the carpool line.
3. Cell phones are not permitted once the carpool line has begun. This is against the law!
4. Please display your carpool tag we issued to you on Visiting Day in the front window of your car. This will help us ensure that your child is in the right place and please do not cut or change places in line.
5. When exiting carpool on the main campus between 7:35 a.m. and 7:55 a.m., we ask that you please turn right only. Turning left creates a long wait the parking lot and causes others to be tardy.

VIRTUS TRAINING
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. VIRTUS sessions are scheduled at different locations.

WANT TO HELP US KEEP OUR ROOMS SANITIZED?
Please send a container of Clorox Wipes to the school office (both campuses) to be used to wipe down desks and door handles. We were so grateful last year for your donation of wipes; it truly helped contain the spread of germs! We would like to start the year off HEALTHY and HAPPY. Please send your wipes for distribution to each of the grade levels! THANK YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHEERLEADERS! WAY TO GO!

Our SLCS Cheerleaders participated in the National Cheerleaders Association Camp this week. In the final competition, the Saints took first place. The girls also received the Team Spirit Award and first place for Team Chant. Ashlee Allen was named an All American Cheerleader! Congratulations to the Saints Cheer Squad! Great job! We are proud of you!

FALL SPORTS PARENT MEETINGS
● CROSS COUNTRY - Thursday, August 16th - 6:30 p.m. - Dining Hall
● VOLLEYBALL - Monday, August 20th - 5:45 p.m. - Dining Hall
● SOCCER - Monday, August 27th - 6:30 p.m. - Dining Hall

FALL SPORTS PRESEASON AND tryOut SCHEDULE:

SOCCER
● 5th-8th graders - Boys and Girls
● Preseason Clinic including drills and play - OPEN TO ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
● August 13th – 16th
● 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. - Colony Bend Elementary School
● Soccer Tryouts for JV and Varsity
● Monday, August 20th and Tuesday, August 21st - Colony Bend Elementary School - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
● Soccer parent meeting for all those who make teams will be Monday, August 27th - 6:30 p.m. - Dining Hall.
VOLLEYBALL
- Volleyball Parent meeting for those who make the teams - Monday, August 20th - 5:45 p.m. - Dining Hall
- Tryouts for 7th and 8th grade girls
  - August 13th 1:00-3:00 PM and August 14th 4:00-6:00 p.m. –Bring a lunch and practice clothes - Stay after dismissal
- Tryouts for 6th grade girls
  - August 14th and August 15th - 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Tryouts for 5th grade girls
  - August 14th and August 15th - 6:30 a.m.

CROSS COUNTRY
- 5th-8th grade - Boys and girls
- Cross Country Parent Meeting - Thursday, August 16th - 6:30 p.m. - School Dining Hall
- Practice begins Monday, August 20th - 4:30-5:45 p.m. - Sugar Land Memorial Park
- Practice days will usually be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30-5:45 p.m.

TENNIS
- Tennis - 5th-8th grade - Boys and girls
- Tennis Tryouts
- Wednesday, September 5th; 4:00-5:15p.m. and Friday, September 7th 4:00-5:30 p.m. - Tryouts and practices will be held at Sweetwater Country Club

BOOSTER CLUB SPIRIT STORE! Find the Booster Club forms HERE!

VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE 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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