Weekly Newsletter

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"And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been."

~ Rainer Maria Rilke

The Week in Review:

- It was great to have the students and staff back after the long Christmas break! We hope everyone had a very joyous Christmas, and we are grateful that the New Year holds many blessings for all of us.
- Congratulations to the 7/8th Grade Girls Basketball Team and Coaches for winning the St. Francis of Assisi Holiday Basketball Tournament over the break! This is the second year running that the girls have been named champions, the only team ever to have back-to-back victories in the history of the tournament. Members of the team include Ania E., Nia G., Anna G., Alaina L., Megan L., Brooke M., Corea M., Corleica M., and Taylor T.



- The preschool students returned to school to learn about tempo (speed), grooving to the Monster Bash and playing instruments in music class. This was the first time the preschool students used the Boomwhackers ("just like the big kids!").
- The Kindergarten through 4th grade students enjoyed their reading time with Sugar and her trainer Patty Hampton, as well as our newest WAGS team members, Teddy and his trainer Karen Bickel this week. Karen, excited to be part of the pet ambassador team, said, "This is such a nice school—the children are great! I would feel so safe sending my children here."









The Week Ahead:

Monday 1/8

• 2018-19 Student Registration Opens on Sycamore

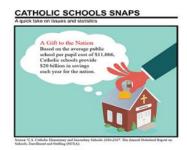
Tuesday, 1/9

- Wake2Walk/Rise2Run, Gym, 7:30-7:45 am
- Wednesday, 1/10
 - Wake2Walk/Rise2Run, Gym, 7:30-7:45 am
 - PTO Meeting, Library, 6:00-7:00 pm

Thursday, 1/11

Wake2Walk/Rise2Run, Gym, 7:30-7:45 am

Friday, 1/12



Did you know??... Our PreK 3 and PreK 4 students love learning about the Winter season! They will be comparing the clothes they wear to how animals stay warm in the winter. They will even simulate the blubber on Arctic animals by having their hands coated in Crisco and placing them in cold water; the Crisco will protect their skin from the cold!

SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- Open Registration for the 2018-19 school year begins Monday, January 8th. The \$50/per student non-refundable registration fee is payable through Sycamore's Pay Junction. No credit card information will be stored. eCheck (ACH withdrawal) payment is also available. All families who complete registration with payment by Wednesday, January 31st will be rewarded with FREE DRESS FRIDAYS for the month of February!
- IMPORTANT: The FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications for the 2018-19 school year are now open ONLINE.
 Families interested in financial aid must use their 2016 Tax Returns and W-2 forms and apply online through FACTS at https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3W8W3. Applications must be completed and verified with FACTS by February 28, 2018 for priority consideration. Contact Monika Vowels, Business Manager, 897-2595 for more information or call Mrs. Stubblefield, 897-5265 if you would like to use a school computer to apply. See our website http://www.stleonardlouisville-school.org/financial.html for information regarding financial aid.



- The Lurline Jochum Scholarship requires an additional paper application. Please click on the link here or on our website above to download or contact the school or parish office for a paper copy.
- Time to get those early morning steps in as the Wake2Walk/Rise2Run program will begin Tuesday, January 9th. This morning walking/running routine is for the K-8 students on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 7:30-7:45. Students sign in each session by grade, and parents are welcome to join them.
- We will host an **Open House for new families** during Catholic Schools Week on **Wednesday, January 31**st from **9:00-11:00 am and 5:30-7:30 pm**. Please let your extended families, friends, and other prospective families know of this Open House. Help us spread the word that **Small is big!** and share with them the many wonderful opportunities that a small school environment has for your and their children.
- "Oh, the weather outside is frightful...!" Please remember to dress your children appropriately for the weather
 each day. Our students will continue to go outside for recess, except during extremely cold temperatures, so
 students need to wear coats, hats, and gloves each day. Please label all clothing (including sweat shirts and pants),
 so items can be returned if lost/misplaced by your child. Thanks!
- Mrs. Beasley is in need of three pairs of pilot's wings pins for a House activity scheduled during Catholic Schools Week. Please contact her at jbeasley@stleonardlouisville.org if you have some to donate. Thanks!
- Our AWESOME PTO has some fun events planned for the winter! A Mother/Son event will be Saturday, January 20th, and the second Skating Party will be Wednesday, February 21st at Champs Rollerdrome. Come out to the PTO meeting on Wednesday, January 10th at 6:00 pm in the library to help plan these and other exciting activities!
- Interested in joining a fitness class for the New Year? Pilates is offered Saturday mornings in the library from 9:30-10:30 am. The cost is \$8/class or \$30 for a 6-week session. The next session at St. Leonard will begin Saturday, January 20th. **The January 6th class will be another \$5-for-everyone class**, so pop in if you can! For additional information, please contact instructor **Pam Valdes**, pamvaldes@aol.com or 816-914-5104.
- Please register with the "Reach Alert" parent notification and emergency alert system to receive school-wide emergency notifications and school closure information to your cell phone, home phone, or email. Please go to www.reachalert.com to create an account. Enter "St. Leonard School" for the network. The registration/ID number is "stleo". Call the school office for assistance if needed.
- If school is delayed due to weather, the school doors will open at 9:00 am. Morning Assembly will begin at 9:30.
- If school is cancelled, we will have a Distance Learning Day with online assignments for the school day posted to Sycamore. The archdiocese permits two consecutive Distance Learning Days. There will be no online assignments if school is cancelled for the third day in a row. That day will be made up at the end of the school year. Please contact your child's teacher or Mr. Reed with questions about Sycamore passwords and accessing assignments. Thank you!
- See all the latest news and photos on the <u>St. Leonard Facebook</u> and <u>Wolverine Kids Facebook</u> pages—Like items and share with other Facebook friends!

SAFETY PATROL DUTIES

Week of January 8th

Carpool Assist:

Eliza D. Lilly F.

Flag and Cones:

Jaela C. Aiden S.

<u>PM</u>

Flag and Cones:

Dia C. Sterling C.

January/February Calendar of Events

| Jan 10 | PTO Meeting | Feb 9 | Morning Conferences/NO SCHOO |
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| Jan 15 | NO SCHOOL MLK Day | Feb 12 | Conservation Education, Gr 4-6 |
| Jan 18 | 8 th to Dare to Care | Feb 13 | No School Mass |
| Jan 18 | 1:00 Dismissal | Feb 14 | Ash Wednesday / School Mass |
| Jan 19 | SLS Spelling Bee | Feb 14 | PTO Meeting |
| Jan 20 | PTO Mother-Son Event | Feb 15 | 8 th to Dare to Care |
| Jan 22 | SAC Meeting | Feb 16 | SLS Fish Fry |
| Jan 27-Feb 3 Catholic Schools Week | | Feb 19 | NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day |
| Jan 29 | Future Problem Solvers | Feb 21 | PTO Skating Party |
| Jan 30 | CSW Archdiocesan Mass | Feb 23 | Trimester 2 Ends |
| Jan 31 | Open House | Feb 23 | SLS Fish Fry |
| Feb 3 | Governor's Cup Regionals | Feb 24 | 8 th Grade Confirmation Retreat |
| Feb 5-9 | Scholastic Book Fair | Feb 26 | Trimester 3 Begins |
| Feb 6 | Archdiocesan Spelling Bee | Feb 26 | SAC Meeting |
| Feb 8 | CRS Rice Bowl Luncheon | Feb 28 | Financial Aid Applications Due |

Feb 8

1:00 Dismissal / PM Conferences