



Wolverine Notes

Weekly Newsletter

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For the Week of January 3, 2017

Thought for the week: ***"And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been."*** ~Rainer Maria Rilke

Last Week in Review:

- The **preschoolers** enjoyed their reading of *The Polar Express* with guest reader, **Fr. BJ** on Tuesday morning. This is an SLS tradition and favorite activity for both the children and Fr. BJ. The children love to hear his train whistle and especially like coming to school in their pajamas!
- The **5th Grade Service Project, "Project Santa"** was a HUGE success as the students collected nearly 800 new and used toys and books to donate to the children at the Home of the Innocents! The **5th grade class** led in donations, followed by the **2nd** and **7th grade classes**. We thank all our families and parishioners for their support of this collection.
- Snaps to our **4th and 5th graders** who provided the musical entertainment under **Mr. Norrid's** direction prior to the Louisville Ballet's student matinee of the *Nutcracker* on Tuesday. The students received many compliments, particularly from the ushers who were so pleased that their singing encouraged the students from the other schools to enter the theatre calmly and quietly!
- On Thursday our **first grade students** and **their seventh grade buddies** celebrated the Mexican tradition of Las Posadas in which they processed from classroom to classroom recreating the story of the Nativity with Mary and Joseph asking for room to stay. Students in each classroom responded to their plea and sent them on their way.
- The **school staff** participated in a **Cookies for Charity service project** in which they donated over 30 dozen cookies to St. John's Center in honor of Shelby Theiss, a former St. Leonard student who was killed in a car accident several years ago. Shelby loved to bake, and her mother was a former St. Leonard School teacher.
- Our Positive Discipline Implementation Committee consisting of **Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Schepers, Ms. Downer, Ms. DeSanctis, Ms. Traud, Ms. Moore** and **Mrs. Parola** had a very productive meeting with program facilitator **Mrs. Mary Hogan Jones** last week. Mrs. Jones reminded the team that implementing this program is a learning process for us, our students, and families and commented that we have made large strides in such a short period of time. She will join us for our **January 19th** staff meeting where we will continue to work on Teachers Helping Teachers and Mistaken Goals.
- Special thanks to our **AWESOME Homeroom Parents and all those who assisted** in making each class's Christmas party a fun and memorable event for the students and teachers. We appreciate your generosity of time, food, special games and activities, and staff Christmas presents. We are so blessed!
- The following students were recognized for **December H.A.T.** (Homework completion, perfect Attendance, and Tardy-free arrivals): **Ian F., Addison P., Tristan K., Sarah R., Sinclair F., Jack G., Kaiden H., Ada K., Charlie R., Legacy S., Anna W., Nelson C., Elise M., Lucy P., Michael R., Maddie S., Caiden S., Aidan W., Liam K., Nadia L., Michael M., Riley N., Anna O., Gaby S., AJ Z., Rocco G., Sophia K., Nikki L., Dia C., Sterling C., Kandace G., Corea M., Lilly P., Will W., Cole J., Cooper J., Stella M., Brooke M., Owen M., Zachary S., Taylor T., Kaelyn D., Nia G., Alaina L., Megan L., Avery M., Caroline N., Lucy R., Matthew B., Grace B., Grant G., Caroline D., Anthony M., Rachel P., Miranda S., Cedric S.**
- **S.T.A.R. STUDENTS:** We are proud of all our S.T.A.R. ticket students! The following students were weekly winners: **Tristan K., Ahmya S., Megan L., Riley N., Kari S., Sterling C., Jaela C., Jack L., Alexander W.**

The Week Ahead: Happy New Year!!! Rafflemania begins!

Tuesday, 1/3

- No School Mass today
- Yearbook Club, 3:15-4:15
- PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 1/4

Thursday, 1/5

Friday, 1/6

Small is **big!**

St. Leonard Community School

Small classes, **big** future!



Did you know??.... Congratulations to **Mrs. Teresa Riggs** who has been named the **Archdiocese of Louisville Outstanding School Volunteer for 2016-17!** Mrs. Riggs will receive her award during the Catholic Schools Week Archdiocesan School Liturgy on January 31st at Our Lady of Lourdes. Mrs. Riggs is an alumna of St. Leonard School, Class of 1972. We are so grateful to her and all our other wonderful school volunteers for their continued commitment and service to our school!

SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- This New Year, resolve to win some money because **RAFFLEMANIA** is coming!!!! Our PTO fundraiser, Rafflemania, will begin the week of January 3rd. Families will be given 10 raffle chances to sell for \$20/each; however we would love for all the families to sell more! There will be prizes for our top sellers. Our first drawing will be during our school's 60th Birthday Celebration after the 4:30 mass on Saturday, February 4th. The Grand Prize will be \$600, with \$60 drawings to be held daily for the following 59 days. Watch for upcoming emails from PTO.
- We will celebrate our school's 60th Birthday following the masses on February 4th and 5th. The SAC is working with Parish Life, PTO, and the Marketing Committee to plan this event and would appreciate the involvement of our wonderful school and parish families. We are collecting pictures and memorabilia from over the years to display; if you have anything of interest or know of someone who has, please contact **Susan Norsworthy**, susanbn@hotmail.com, **Fran Mastropaolo**, fmastro6@twc.com, or **Laura Emly**, lemly@stleonardlouisville.org. Please spread the word to other SLS alum about the event; invite them to attend as well as to send pictures.
- 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. 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 and school closing/delay notifications 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.
- Two inclement weather days have been built into the school calendar at the end of the school year. Should additional inclement weather days be needed, the students will complete up to five online school days. Assignments will be posted to the Sycamore Homeroom Class Page each day. If you need assistance with accessing your child's/family's Sycamore account, please contact Mr. Reed, jreed@stleonardlouisville.org.

Christmas & New Year's Mass Times at St. Leonard

December 24 Christmas Eve 4:30 pm & 8:00 pm
December 25 Christmas Day 10:00 am
December 31 New Year's Eve 4:30 pm
January 1 New Year's Day 10:00 am

Christmas & New Year's Mass Times at St. Frances of Rome

December 24 Christmas Eve 6:00 pm & 9:30 pm
December 25 Christmas Day 8:30 am & 11:30 am
December 31 New Year's Eve 6:00 pm
January 1 New Year's Day 8:30 am & 11:30 am

SAFETY PATROL DUTIES

Week of January 3rd

AM

Carpool Assist:

Logan K.

Meaghan W.

Flag and Cones

Matthew B.

Rachel P.

PM

Flag and Cones:

Ellie M.

Cedric S.

January Calendar of Events

Jan 3	School Resumes / No School Mass Today
Jan 3	PTO Meeting
Jan 11	School Sports Photos
Jan 12	8 th Grade to Dare to Care
Jan 16	MLK Day—NO SCHOOL
Jan 19	4 th Grade to Mt. Holly
Jan 19	1:00 Dismissal
Jan 24	Conservation Education Grades 4-6
Jan 25	Grades 4-6 to Kentucky Center
Jan 25	Schoolwide Spelling Bee
Jan 29-Feb 4	Catholic Schools Week
Jan 31	Catholic Schools Week Liturgy
Feb 1	SLS Open House
Feb 3	House Dance Presentations

St. Leonard Catholic School, in partnership with families, educates children in a challenging, dynamic, and Christ-centered environment through personal, intentional, and innovative instruction.

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