Weekly Newsletter

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"Change is the end result of all true learning."

~Leo Buscaglia

The Week in Review:

- It's been a very fun Derby week for us at school! The students enjoyed creating their props and accessories for their Derby Parade costumes, and we beat the rain for our annual Derby Parade through the Reidlonn neighborhood. Ms. Dana prepared a great Chow Wagon luncheon for us as well. We topped off "Thur-by" with an all-school Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament with 6th grader Corea M. as the grand champion. Our class finalists were Bubba R., Tarik C., Legacy S., Summer L., Kaleigh M., Chayden L., Brooke M., and Andrew R., with Ms. Beasley as the teacher champ.
- On May 1st we launched our all-school "May the Fitness Be With You" challenge for the students with teachers dressed in *Star Wars* attire. This challenge is intended to keep kids and teachers active and focused in these last weeks of school. Ask your child how his/her class is doing!
- On Wednesday, the **7-8**th graders traveled to the Kentucky Science Center to watch a live open heart surgery thanks to the Pulse of Surgery program. Students learned about various careers in the healthcare field, chatted with doctors, nurses and others in the operating room about the open heart surgery they saw and their careers, and even held some of the tools used in the surgery (like the sternum saw). Students left with an increased understanding of how the human body works and the requirements to enter the healthcare field.
- Last week the **5-6th grade students** traveled to the Challenger Learning Center. There, students took up various jobs in both Mission Control and on the Mars Transport Vehicle in an attempt to get crews safely from Mars's moon Phobos to the surface of Mars to conduct several experiments looking for water and other signs of life. The students safely flew to and from Mars, solved a minor crisis involving lack of oxygen, found rock samples that showed evidence of having been exposed to water, and even avoided an asteroid. Even though the rover they built crashed, they were still able to recover some data making their mission a success!
- Thanks to all of the parents who attended our meeting with Fr. Lou and Mrs. Parola on Tuesday evening to explain the implementation of the Personalized Learning model (PLP—Personalized Learning Program) of instruction for next school year. We are excited about this opportunity for our students and the support of the archdiocese in launching this innovative program. We are committed to living our mission as a Catholic school to provide personal, intentional, and innovative instruction. For those who were unable to attend this session, a copy of the presentation was attached to this newsletter email and will be posted to Sycamore. Parents can submit questions about personalized learning to our email address: personalized@stleonardlouisville.org.

The Week Ahead: Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday, 5/7 Pajama Day!

• 3rd-5th Makers Club, 3:15-5:00

Tuesday, 5/8

- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, Heritage Room, 11:30-12:30
- Marketing Committee meeting, library, 4:30

Wednesday, 5/9 Kaleigh M. "Queen for the Day"

- Preschool to Slow Poke Farm, 9:00-2:30
- PTO-SAC Meeting at El Nopal, 6:30

Thursday, 5/10

- May Procession, 8:30
- Winning House Celebration, 12:30-3:00
- Pound Exercise Class, Cafeteria, 5:30
- Shared Parenting with Parents and Grandparents, library, 6:30-8:00

Friday, 5/11

- 8th to Kings Island, 8:00 am-10:00 pm
- WAGS to K-4, 9:30-11:30
- 2nd to Louisville Water Company
- 6th to Cemetery clean-up--TENTATIVE



Did you know??... <u>Catholic Social Teaching includes specific principles which show us the importance of respecting the</u> earth and the lives of all people. The earth is God's creation, and we are each created in God's image. To live out these principles, St. Leonard students and teachers take part in service projects throughout the year. Some of these projects include Hurricane Harvey relief, Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, nursing home visits, coat drive to benefit refugees of Catholic Charities, a recycling program, and Humane Society donations.

SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- Monday, May 7th will be our Rafflemania Pajama Day! Students should wear PJ's or comfy bedtime clothes appropriate for the school environment and tennis shoes—no slippers.
- **PTO and SAC** are more than meetings! We are fun, friends and finding new ways to enhance our children's education. Please join us **Wednesday evening**, **May 9**th at **6:30 pm at the Zorn Avenue El Nopal** to find out how you can become involved in these dynamic organizations which support and build the capacity of our school.
- Our third Positive Discipline Parenting session, "Shared Parenting with Parents and Grandparents...How to Navigate This Respectfully," will be Thursday, May 10th from 6:30 8:00 PM in the library. Childcare is provided.
- The Spring Choral Concert will be Monday, May 14th in the gym. Students will arrive at 6:30 and proceed to their homerooms. The preschoolers will perform a prelude at 6:45, and the K-8 performance will begin at 7:00 pm. Parents/guests will sit in the bleachers for the performance.
- **Field Day will be Thursday, May 17**th. The K-7 classes will also be having **Park Day on Friday, May 18**th. Please read class newsletters for information about attire and plans for both events.
- Join us Saturday, May 19th as we cheer on the Louisville City Soccer Team, 7:30 pm at Slugger Field! Tickets start at \$14, and a portion of the proceeds are returned back to St. Leonard. For tickets, call (502) 384-8799, Option 2 or go to www.louisvillecityfc.com/tickets; use access code SLCS. See the flyer attached to the newsletter email.
- The Terra Nova testing reports for grades 3, 5, and 7 have been distributed to schools. We will send these home with the Trimester 3 report cards.
- Congratulations to the following students who earned April H.A.T. awards: *Emma N., Camren S., Landon S., Jack Y., Tarik C., Makenzie E., Ian F., Carter J., Tristan K., Sarah R., Isaiah S., Megan L., Lucy P., Kate R., Maddie S., Adalynn W., Liam K., Gaby S., Grace C., Colton H., Hannah K., Sophia K., Frankie Y., Sterling C., Lilly P., Vince P., Zachary S., Reece C., Avery M.*
- The May issue of Today's Woman Magazine features SLS graduate **Marie Riggs** as their cover photo! Click the link here and turn to page six to read about Marie and her entrepreneurship skills! We are very proud of Marie and all that she has accomplished since leaving St. Leonard!
- Back by popular demand—WOLVERINE DOLLARS!!! Recommend a family to St. Leonard School or Preschool.
 When they enroll their child, YOU get \$500 (or \$250 for preschool part-time enrollment) toward your 2018-19 tuition.
- Check out the SLS Facebook page to see pics and read about all the latest activities occurring at our wonderful school!!--https://www.facebook.com/Stleonardlou/

SAFETY PATROL DUTIES

Week of May 7th

Carpool Assist:

Olivia I.

Noah L.

Flag and Cones:

Corea M.

Lilly P. <u>PM</u>

Floor or

Flag and Cones:

Kandace G.

Gavin H.

May Calendar of Events

May 4 KY Oaks Day—NO SCHOOL

May 7 Pajama Day

May 7 3rd 5th Makers Club

May 8 Teacher Appreciation Lunch

May 9 Preschool to Slow Poke Farms

May 10 May Procession

May 10 Positive Discipline Parenting

May 11 8th to Kings Island

May 14 8th Park Day

May 14 Spring Choral Concert

May 15 Final 8th Mass/CQ Princess Luncheon

May 15 8th Grade Graduation

May 17 Field Day

May 18 SLS K-7th Park Day

May 21 Last Day of School/NOON DISMISSAL