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"When we do the best that we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another." ~Helen Keller

The Week in Review:

- We are excited to announce that Ms. Dana has a new helper in the cafeteria! Mrs. Darlene Sheehan (grandmother of former students Grace B. and Miranda and Zachary S.) will be operating the computer to scan lunch purchases and assisting in meal prep/clean up. Many, many thanks to Mrs. Fran Mastropaolo, Mr. Reed, and Mrs. Barry for assisting during this transition. Mrs. Suzanne Ising (grandmother of Olivia, Addison, Nathan and Jackson) will continue to volunteer during the week as well. Please remind your children to give Ms. Darlene a warm St. Leonard welcome! And ask them about their opportunities to sample many new food choices from Ms. Dana!
- Members of our Data Wise Action team (**Mr. Reed, Mr. Dauenhauer, Ms. Downer, Mrs. Robinson, Ms. Wettig,** and **Mrs. Parola**) participated in another archdiocesan Data Wise pilot program session on Tuesday morning with members from other schools. They spent time assessing our current efforts with data collection and use as well as examining more data analysis options for the Terra Nova tests. We continue to share this information and train our own teachers in staff and levels meetings to use the data that we have to guide our students' instruction and skill development. Teachers in grades 4, 6, and 8 will discuss last March's TN tests in the October conferences.
- Our **7-8th grade students** participated in recruitment visits by the area high schools this week. The eighth grade students may shadow high schools now through the fall, and the 7th grade students may begin to shadow in the spring. Please request a shadow form from the office prior to the shadow date. This form must be signed by Mrs. Parola, presented to the high school, and returned to us for the shadow date to be an excused absence.
- Our **"TEXAS" Free Dress Day** for McAdams Junior High was fun and netted \$290 to purchase needed items for the school. We are grateful for your generosity in assisting these students to recover from the hurricane!

Did you know??... The third grade has already begun their service projects for the year, as each homeroom is responsible to serve the community. Third grade has started welcoming newly baptized parishioners by making cards. They participated in the "Texas Dress Day" collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. However, their biggest project is having "Prayer Partners," older parishioners who spend time with, pray for, and have a caring relationship with our students. Third grade is planning to meet with these wonderful people on October 10th.

SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- This Monday, September 25th is our school's Accreditation Review Team (ART) visit. The ART consists of four members—an archdiocesan representative and three other local school leaders who will meet with the administration, staff, students, SAC, and PTO members to assess our school's progress in meeting the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Schools. We thank these individuals in advance for their time, input, and commitment to the advancement and improvement of our school!
- The PTO will sponsor a Skating Party on Wednesday, September 27th from 5:30-8:00 pm at Champs Rollerdrome. This will be a "Homework-Free night" for students/parents to relax and have fun with other school families. Cost is \$5/student or \$10/family. Skate rental is \$2/person. All attendees will earn a spiritwear pass for Thursday, September 28th. The house with the most member attendees will earn a free slice of pizza and soft drink for each member. We hope you will join us for this fun event!
- St. Leonard's **HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM** is available on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons after 3:15 dismissal until 4:15 pm. For \$10/hr, a teacher will work with your child to complete any homework, work on study skills or a project, or study for tests. If you are interested in this after-school service, please contact **Kathleen Willenbrink at 897-5265** or kwillenbrink@stleonardlouisville.org.
- Mark your calendars for our Positive Discipline Parent Meeting on Monday, October 2nd from 6:30-8:30 pm. This
 will precede our 6-week parent workshop beginning Wednesday, October 11th for consecutive Wednesdays
 through November 15th.



- As part of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Lou will lead a small prayer service and blessing of our students' pets on Wednesday, October 4th at 2:30 on the soccer field. All animals must be leashed or caged for student and pet safety. Parents are asked to park in the parking lot for carpool and then bring the pets to the soccer field where they will meet their children. In the event of rain, the blessing will be in the gym. We hope you will join us.
- Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 5th, 1:15-5:30 and Friday, October 6th, 8:00-12:00. Please register your child for a time slot on the Sign-up Genius sent by the homeroom teacher. Please contact your teacher if you have questions. All students must attend conferences with their parents as conference time is considered a school day or be marked unexcused absent for Friday, October 6th. Please note that there is no school, Monday, October 9th in celebration of Columbus Day.
- The "Living Rosary Procession" will take place on Sunday, October 8th at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity High School. Our Catholic elementary students are invited to participate in this event. There will be a practice session on Saturday, October 7th at 1:30 at Trinity. Information with the registration form was attached to this newsletter email.
- The **Taste of St. Leonard** is right around the corner, and we would like to reach out to our community and request:
 - A vacation spot: a cabin in the woods, a condo on a beach or a ski location would make a great addition to our auction items.
 - A round of golf for four, season tickets to the Broadway Series, and/or bourbon tour tickets would be great too!
 - If there is a favorite "family" location (movie, laser tag, movie tickets, sporting event, etc.) you visit, reach out and ask if they would donate to our school's fundraiser.
 - We always love jewelry and art as a donation too!
 - Also, if you have any extra baskets you don't need anymore, we would love to have them for our auction items.

If you have any questions, you can reach out to **Robin Krawiec**, Auction Chair (777-6992) or Jo-Dee Jackson, Taste Committee Chair (744-5513). Thanks!

- Friday mornings are always "sweeter" when you stop and enjoy some donuts! Fifth grade families will help with sales for the month of October. Donuts will be on sale from 7:20 until 7:45 am and cost \$1/donut and 50¢/milk. Please contact **Robin Krawiec, 777-6992** to volunteer your time to help. Thanks!
- Please register with the "Reach Alert" parent notification and emergency alert system to receive school-wide emergency notifications (ex., weather closing/delay, power outage, broken water line, lock-down, etc.) 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.
- Register your Kroger Plus card in the Community Rewards program to help our school earn money for the PTO programs. Re-registration is REQUIRED by Kroger to earn money for the current school year. Please go to the Kroger website at https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards and enter our organization number, 10234.

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Oct 27 Oct 28	PreK-3 to Gallrein Farms PTO Trunk or Treat
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September/ October Calendar of Events

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