Weekly Newsletter

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For the Week of November 7, 2016

Thought for the week: "Do the best that you can in the place where you are, and be kind."

~ Scott Nearing

The Week in Review:

- Kudos and much gratitude to everyone for their hard work and preparation for the Taste of St. Leonard! We
 appreciate the time, donations, and efforts of our families, students, and staff as they make this an entertaining
 way to celebrate the school's 60th birthday while raising money for school programs. We are looking forward to
 seeing many people at the Clifton Center tonight!
- Our **PreK-3**rd **grade students** loved their field trip to Gallrein Farms on Monday—a wonderful time to pick out the perfect pumpkin, climb some hay bales, learn about farm animals, and enjoy the beautiful autumn weather! Thanks to all our parents who participated in making this a great learning experience for our students.
- Also thanks to all the families who contributed to the various Halloween parties and activities for the students! They really delighted in celebrating this fun holiday.
- The students enjoyed PJ Day and the many different songs played during afternoon announcements this week to celebrate a successful **7**th **grade** service project.
- Our lockdown and fire drills went very well on Wednesday. Mr. Nic Jones (Sheriff's Department and parent) was
 very complimentary of how quickly and calmly the drills were carried out and the attention to the serious nature of
 the experiences by both students and staff. We will continue to have our monthly fire drills as well as a shelter in
 place and tornado drills through the school year.
- Mrs. Ousley and Mr. Reed launched the Robotics Club this week. The kids and parents enthusiastically jumped in to learn the building and programming process. Best of luck as they continue their preparation for the competition and expand the 21st Century skills of our students!
- A large group of middle school students has spent several weeks with Mrs. Schepers preparing for the Kentucky
 Youth Assembly this Sunday through Tuesday. The students will be presenting bills on the KY drinking age and
 walking pets during extreme heat. They will visit the KY General Assembly in Frankfort as part of the program. We
 wish them much success as they learn about and participate in the legislative process.
- S.T.A.R. STUDENTS: We are proud of all the students who received S.T.A.R. tickets last week! The following students were weekly winners: A.J. S., Bentley R., Juliana W., Gaby S., Kari S., Dia C., Hayden G., Ania E., Grace B.

The Week Ahead:

Saturday, 11/5 "Cheers to 60 Years!" Taste of St. Leonard, Clifton Center

Daylight Savings Time Ends--Enjoy your extra hour of sleep!!

Monday, 11/7

KYA

Tuesday, 11/8 Election Day

- KYA
- Yearbook Club, 3:15-4:15

Wednesday, 11/9

Thursday, 11/10

- 8th to Dare to Care
- Lego Club, Library, 3:00
- Robotics Club, Science Lab, 3:15

Friday, 11/11 Trimester 1 Ends

Robotics Club, Science Lab, 3:15

Did you know??.... Students across grade levels have been learning about the democratic process, the importance of elections, and roles/offices within the government as our country prepares for the 2016 elections. Students have researched candidates and platforms, studied the branches of the US government, become campaign managers, and conducted various elections within their classes. Perhaps we may have a few elected officials in our future!



SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- Trimester 1 ends on Friday, November 11th. Please encourage your children to make sure that all assignments are completed and submitted so that grades reflect their effort and learning through the trimester. Report cards will be posted on Sycamore next week.
- The 6th grade will enter a team into the Sixth Grade Showcase for the upcoming Governor's Cup academic competition to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016. St. Leonard will host the Showcase this year, and we will need volunteers. The competition consists of multiple-choice tests in the following subjects: Art/Humanities, Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Practice will be on the following Wednesday afternoons from 3:10-4:00 pm in the school library: November 9th, 16th, and 30th. Information about the competition was sent home with the sixth graders this week. Please encourage your 6th grade student to be a part of this challenge. Contact Mrs. Willenbrink at kwillenbrink@stleonardlouisville.org or 897-5265 with questions or to volunteer.
- All families are encouraged to register with the "Reach Alert" parent notification and emergency alert system. If an emergency that warrants a school-wide notification (ex., weather closing/delay, power outage, broken water line, lock-down, etc.) arises, Reach Alert will send an alert to your cell phone, home phone, or email within seconds. Many of our families are currently registered for this program. We encourage all of our families to do so. Please go to www.reachalert.com to create an account. Enter "St. Leonard School" when asked what network to join. For security, the system will ask you for your registration/ID number which is "stleo". If you have any questions or have any difficulty activating your family's account, please call the office for assistance.
- Parents who need to pick up their children prior to school dismissal are encouraged to park in the open parking
 spaces closest to the playground or in the two lanes closest to the school building. At 2:00 pm each day, our
 safety patrol students place orange cones to mark parking lanes for dismissal. These two lanes will not have cones
 so that parents picking up students early may park here. We thank our families for their continued awareness and
 safety during morning arrival and dismissal.
- Just in time for winter weather, sports, and holiday gift-giving: **The St. Leonard Spirit Wear and PE Uniform Websites are open now until November 11**th! We are offering a 60th Birthday logo and a new logo with a little sparkle added. Links to the sites are below, and they can also be found under the "Current Parents" tab on the school website:
 - Spirit wear: http://www.companycasuals.com/StLeonardsSpiritWear/start.jsp
 - PE Uniforms: http://www.companycasuals.com/StLeonardSchool/start.jsp
 - o All order forms and money must be in the school office no later than Wednesday, November 16th.
 - All items will be delivered through your child or to the parish office the week of December 12th.
 - Please see the October 31st email from the Marketing Committee for further important information about ordering or contact <u>marketing@stleonardlouisville.org</u> with questions.
- Please continue to save box tops and soup labels and encourage your families, friends, and parishioners to do so too. Your contributions count as points for House members; the funds generated support the House program.

SAFETY PATROL DUTIES

Week of November 7th

AM

Carpool Assist:

Kobe B.

Megan F.

Flag and Cones:

Grace B.

Gracelyn M.

PM

Flag and Cones:

Patrick L.

Anabel M.

November Calendar of Events

Nov 5 Taste of St. Leonard

Nov 6-8 KYA

Nov 10 8th to Dare to Care

Nov 15 2nd Grade Reconciliation

Nov 17 Early Dismissal

Nov 17 4th to Mt. Holly

Nov 17 7/8th Vocations Speaker

Nov 17 Staff Positive Discipline Training

Nov 19 Parish Council Day of Prayer

Nov 20 Parish Life Holiday Bazaar Nov 22 Grades 4-6 Conservation Education

Nov 23-27 Thanksgiving Break

Nov 28 SAC Meeting

Nov 29 Parish Council Meeting

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