



# Wolverine Notes

## Weekly Newsletter

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*"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."*  
~William Arthur Ward

### The Week in Review:

- It was so great to see so many parents, grandparents, parishioners, and friends at the **Tickled Pink! Taste of St. Leonard** last Saturday! We are so appreciative of the support of our **PTO committee members, donors, families, parishioners, and friends**. Special thanks to our **8<sup>th</sup> graders** for being such gracious servers and table bussers. Please continue to join us for upcoming PTO and school activities!
- Congratulations to **Morry O., Andrew R., Megan L., Alaina L., Avery M., Kaelyn D., Mattie C., and Jaela C.**, who were named a **"Delegation of Excellence"** at the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) early this week. Their Bluegrass Bill 29 "Solving Drunk Driving" (authors **Alaina** and **Avery**) passed both the House and Senate and was signed into law for KYA at the State Capital in Frankfort. That is the highest level of achievement possible for a Bluegrass Bill written by first year delegates! Commonwealth Bill 43 "Motorcycle Safety" (authors **Kaelyn** and **Megan**) passed through Round 1 debates but was defeated in Round 2. **Andrew** was named a Pro-Tempore Chair for the second round dockets, and **Jaela** was named a Parliamentarian! Thanks to our KYA Moderator, **Mrs. Maddie Schepers** for guiding the students through the bill-writing and debating processes and **Mrs. Sally Locraft** for chaperoning.
- Christmas came early to **Preschool!** As part of our participation in the **Kentucky All Stars Quality Rating System for Childcare**, we received a shipment of classroom materials from the Lakeshore Learning Company. WOW! If you have a moment, pop in to see our new rugs, cabinets, Science center materials, books, puzzles and games—we are truly grateful and blessed to be part of this grant program!
- Our **Robotics Teams** are again hard at work preparing for the FIRST Lego Robotics League competition on December 2<sup>nd</sup> where they will build and program a Lego robot, research a real-world engineering challenge and develop a solution. Stop in to see their Monday afterschool preparations and programming of the robots!
- Students and staff celebrated Veteran's Day Friday morning during Morning Assembly. **Mrs. Thao Reed**, an SLS parent and retired Army Major, spoke to the students about her 17 years of service and the leadership skills she developed. After joining the 8<sup>th</sup> graders in patriotic song in the cafeteria, students stood together behind our "VETERANS THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE" banner on the lawn facing Zorn Ave to sing our National Anthem and wave flags to passing motorists. Later in the morning we received a phone call from a veteran expressing gratitude to the students and staff for their tribute!

Did you know??... **Small is BIG!** Our size allows our students **more opportunities to participate and shine in activities like KYA and Robotics, perform service, and have personalized attention from the teachers and school staff!** Please share the news about our **Kindergarten Information Night on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 pm** for prospective Kindergarten Families to learn more about our program for 2018-19. **Touring Tuesdays continue each Tuesday from 9:00-11:00 am through November 28<sup>th</sup>.** Please invite a friend, co-worker, or family member to join our school family!

### SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- As part of St. Leonard Community School's ongoing commitment to compassion and kindness for others, each class participates in their own service project during the course of the school year. Currently,
  - The **7<sup>th</sup> graders** are holding a **coat drive through November 17<sup>th</sup>** to help those served by Catholic Charities have a warm winter. Please bring your unwanted or underused coats and jackets, or new hats, gloves and scarves to the school cafeteria or the vestibule of church. Thanks for your generosity!
  - We feel that our youngest students can comprehend and embrace the concept of giving to others who are less fortunate too. Beginning on **November 13<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>**, the **preschool and kindergarten classes will collect new pajamas for a local agency in need as they participate in the [Pajama Program](#).** In the past, donations have been made to the Home of the Innocents, Volunteers of America, and Wayside Christian Mission. The Pajama Program also partners with Scholastic Books, Inc.—for each pair of pajamas that we donate, Scholastic will gift a book to that same local agency! Please send in new pajamas to assist the children in this project. Thank you!



- The **8<sup>th</sup> graders** will be **volunteering at the Dare to Care Warehouse** on Thursday morning, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Students will sort and box food for local food distribution sites or fill bags of food for families in the weekend backpack program.
- The **4<sup>th</sup> graders** will **visit the residents at the Clifton Oaks Nursing Home** on Thursday morning to share some Thanksgiving cheer and companionship.
- The **3<sup>rd</sup> graders** will meet with their **SLS-SFR Prayer Partners** on Friday morning for a **Thanksgiving Feast** full of food, fun, and friendship.
- Students in the **5<sup>th</sup> grade** meet with their **Preschool Reading Buddies** twice monthly. Along with building reading and listening skills for both groups, this allows our students time to form relationships and feel secure in the school environment.
- Trimester 1 closed on Friday, and report cards will be distributed next week. Please sign and return the paper copy or electronically sign the report card through Sycamore by November 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks!
- Next weekend, **November 18-19<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate the **Feast of St. Leonard at the 4:30 mass on Saturday and the 10:00 am mass on Sunday**. Students will participate in the liturgies, and the new St. Leonard statue will be blessed on Sunday. Please join us as we celebrate the life and works of our parish and school patron saint!
- Next Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, plan to attend the **Parish Life Annual Holiday Bazaar (10:00-3:00)**. Your family can have lunch, visit with Santa, make children's crafts, and find wonderful and unique Christmas presents! For every \$5 you spend with a vendor, you receive a chance to win a free TV! The class with the most attendance at mass and the bazaar will be awarded an ice cream party. SLS families are asked to provide items for themed baskets to be auctioned at the bazaar. **Please send in the following items to school by Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>:**
  - **PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> – Baking for the Holidays**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – Do It Yourself/Arts and Crafts Activities**
  - **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – Games/Movie Night**
- Our students are writing, writing, writing to meet the **November Writing Challenge!** We are tracking the number of words written to meet classroom and personal goals of **1,878,000 words** collectively.
- A message from our counselor **Ms. Beasley and the Body Safety 101 brochure**: "Holidays bring many gatherings that can be busy and full of people, often family and friends. It is important to consider the messages about body safety we are sending to our children during this time. By teaching our kids to say "no" to a hug or kiss, we are showing them that they have the right to refuse unwanted touches from others. It is also important that we, as adults, ask before hugging. Ensuring we communicate what safe body boundaries are, we can help keep them safe from abuse." Click on the above link for further information.
- The Catholic High School Placement Test for 8<sup>th</sup> graders is scheduled for **Saturday, December 9, from 9:00-12:30 pm** at the Catholic high school of choice. Please bring the \$10 testing fee and two #2 pencils.
- Check out pictures and information about all our many school activities on the **St. Leonard Facebook** page—Like items and share with other Facebook friends!
- Just in time for the holidays--Register your Kroger Plus Card for the Kroger Community Rewards program <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow> to support SLS, organization number **10234**.

## **SAFETY PATROL DUTIES**

*Week of November 13<sup>th</sup>*

### **AM**

**Carpool Assist:**

**Jaela C.**

**Aiden S.**

**Flag and Cones:**

**Kandace G.**

**Gavin H.**

### **PM**

**Flag and Cones:**

**Eliza D.**

**Lilly F.**

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| Nov 13    | Trimester 2 Begins                           |
| Nov 14    | Touring Tuesday                              |
| Nov 14    | Prospective Kinders Open House               |
| Nov 16    | 8 <sup>th</sup> to Dare to Care              |
| Nov 16    | 4 <sup>th</sup> to Clifton Oaks Nursing Home |
| Nov 16    | 1:00 Dismissal                               |
| Nov 17    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Prayer Partner Feast   |
| Nov 19    | Holiday Bazaar                               |
| Nov 20    | Preschool Thanksgiving Feast                 |
| Nov 21    | Touring Tuesday                              |
| Nov 21    | Signed Report Cards Due                      |
| Nov 22-26 | Thanksgiving Break                           |
| Nov 27    | SAC Meeting                                  |
| Nov 28    | Touring Tuesday                              |
| Nov 30    | Grades 4/5 Storytelling Session              |
| Dec 2     | Robotics Tournament                          |
| Dec 5     | No School Mass                               |

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| Dec 5        | Grades 6-8 Vocations Speakers   |
| Dec 6        | St. Nicholas Day                |
| Dec 6        | Preschool Polar Express Day     |
| Dec 7        | Grades 3-5 to A Christmas Carol |
| Dec 8        | Feast of Immaculate Conception  |
| Dec 9        | High School Placement Test      |
| Dec 11       | SL/SFR Communal Reconciliation  |
| Dec 12       | Student Christmas Concert       |
| Dec 13       | PreK to Derby Dinner Playhouse  |
| Dec 13       | Reconciliation Grades 3-5       |
| Dec 13       | PTO Meeting                     |
| Dec 19       | 1:00 Dismissal                  |
| Dec 20-Jan 2 | Christmas Break                 |

**November/December  
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.*

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