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"The grass withers and the flowers fall. But the word of our God endures forever."

~Isaiah 40:8

The Week in Review:

- The Catholic Identity: Defining Characteristics Survey for parents opened on Wednesday and will continue until October 31st. We appreciate those who have taken the time to respond, as we are striving for 100% participation by our school families. The online survey will not take much of your time, but it will provide us with valuable feedback to help in our continual improvement process. The survey is anonymous, so you can feel comfortable giving the most accurate ratings possible. Ice cream passes will be awarded to the children of families who complete the survey. Please email Mrs. Parola when the survey is completed. Thanks!
- Congratulations to our 5-6th grade girls (Lilly J., Hannah K., Abby R., Eliza D., Lilly F., Kandace G., Olivia I., Corea M., Lilly P.) and 7-8th grade girls (Stella M., Brooke M., Taylor T., Kaelyn D., Nia G., Alaina L., Megan L., Avery M., Lucy R.) for their awesome play during their respective Girls Volleyball Tournaments on Tuesday night! Although both teams lost in their hard-fought matches, their skill and sportsmanship were very evident. We appreciated that so many parents and students attended the tournament to support the teams! Hats off to our volleyball coaches, Chrissy Gandolfo, Brian Phillips, Jen Riegling, Tony Riegling; our Volleyball Coordinator Jolene Yates; and the Gym League Coordinators Joe and Samantha Reed. Having successful athletics programs requires the assistance of many people; we are grateful that parents, grandparents, and families step up to support our children's participation. If you have not yet done so, please become actively involved as a coach, team parent, gym volunteer, and/or concession stand volunteer. A small assist by everyone gives BIG results for our children.
- Thursday was such a busy day! The **6-8**th **graders** really enjoyed their visit to Actors Theatre for *Dracula*, while the **1**st-**3**rd **graders** took in Hillcrest Avenue to collect Halloween data to graph for math. The **4**th **graders** brought some Autumn/Halloween cheer to the residents of Clifton Oaks Nursing Home too. The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut Earthquake Drill was delayed until the afternoon so all students could participate and was a success—everyone took earthquake position, was safe, and accounted for.
- Our 4-8th grade students participated in the Archery in the Schools program with our archery coach Mrs. Sally
 Locraft and our PE teacher Mr. Brown. Their aim was quite impressive, as several students were able to shoot the
 bullseye as well as various objects, including an apple reminiscent of William Tell! Thanks to our Archery Program
 and coaches for sharing their equipment and providing this opportunity to our students!
- St. Leonard Community School successfully completed the AdvancED Accreditation Review process recently. We are highlighting the findings in the "Did you know??" section of the next several newsletters. Please share this information with family, friends, and other prospective school families to let them know why Small is Big for your and their children.

Did you know??... As noted in our accreditation report, "St. Leonard provides a safe and strong Catholic education focused on life-long learning, as well as the physical, spiritual and social growth of its students. St. Leonard clearly provides an individualized learning experience for all students. Students perform well as evidenced by their test scores, and parents are very satisfied with the level of student achievement."

SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- The Parish Life Committee invites all SLS families to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch following 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, October 22nd in the cafeteria. This is the time when the parish celebrates all the wonderful people who share their time and talents with our St. Leonard Community. Please join us!
- Touring Tuesdays will begin this Tuesday, October 24th through November 28th from 9:00-11:00 am for prospective families to tour the school and see why Small is BIG! Please encourage your family members, friends, and co-workers to stop in for a tour and information about the school and preschool. For further information, contact Laura Emly at lemly@stleonardlouisville.org or 897-5265.
- Join us for our Annual PTO Trunk or Treat and 8th Grade Haunted House, Saturday, October 28th. Kids come dressed in costume, while parents decorate their cars and bring plenty of treats for the kids! Prizes will be awarded for best costume and best decorated car. Monetary donations will be accepted per family. Cars must be in the parking lot by 6:15 and Trick or Treat begins at 6:30. Come for 4:30 pm mass and stay for the festivities!



- There are many children at St. Leonard who unfortunately have lost parents, grandparents and other beloved family members over the past 2 years. Our students have been invited to participate in a Grief Relief group offered by Hosparus Grief Counseling Center. This group is a six-week educational program designed to support children who have experienced the death of a loved one. Group participants will learn healthy coping skills, factual information about physical and emotional grief, and tools for expressing their thoughts and feelings. A message with information about the Hosparus Grief Group and an attached registration form was emailed to parents. The registration form was also attached to the newsletter email. Please complete this for your child to participate. Contact Mrs. Beasley <u>ibeasley@stleonardlouisville.org</u> if you have any questions or need further information.
- Tickets are now on sale for the PTO "Tickled Pink" Taste of St. Leonard on Saturday, November 4th at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center to benefit St. Leonard School! Cost is \$25, and dress is Think Pink! Prizes will be awarded for the most creative ideas to show off your pink. Food will be provided from local restaurants; Tickled Pink drinks come with a souvenir cup. Please reach out to Jo-Dee Jackson, Taste Committee Chair (744-5513) or Robin Krawiec, Auction Chair (777-6992) to provide an assist in any of the activities necessary for a successful event. This is one of the biggest fundraisers of the school year and a wonderful night out to enjoy the adult company of other school families, parishioners, and friends! See you there!
- Plan to attend the Parish Life Annual Holiday Bazaar on Sunday, November 19th, from 10:00-1:00 pm. Santa and the Grinch will be there! Please watch your classroom newsletters/emails for information on items needed for class baskets to be auctioned at the event. Thanks!
- Calling all students in Grades 5 and above—Now is the time to register to be an altar server for Sunday and school masses. Parents are also invited to join their children as servers for the liturgy. Please contact Mrs. Barry at 897-5265 or jbarry@stleonardlouisville.org or Hank Evans at 897-2595 or hevans@stleonardlouisville.org. See the flyer attached to the email for this newsletter.
- Register (or re-register) your Kroger Plus Card https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow for the Kroger Community Rewards program to support SLS. Enter our organization number, 10234.

SAFETY PATROL DUTIES

Week of October 23rd

Carpool Assist:

Ania E.

Atri O.

Flag and Cones:

Cole J.

Owen M.

PM

Flag and Cones:

Caroline N.

Emma Lei S.

October/November Calendar of Events

| Oct | 22 | Vo | lunte | er A | Appre | eciat | ion E | Brunch |
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Oct 23 Bellarmine Handwashing Program

Oct 23 **SAC Meeting**

Oct 24 Touring Tuesday/Open House

Oct 24 7/8th Quick Recall Tournament

Oct 25 Sweetest Day!

Oct 25 Preschool Halloween Celebration

Oct 25 Positive Discipline Parent Wkshp Oct 27 PreK-Gr3 to Gallrein Farms

Oct 28 PTO Trunk or Treat

Oct 31 No School Mass

Oct 31 **Touring Tuesday** Nov 1 All Saints Dav-School Mass

Nov 1 Positive Discipline Parent Wkshp Nov 4 Taste of St. Leonard

Nov 7 Picture Retake Day

Touring Tuesday Nov 8 Positive Discipline Parent Wkshp

Touring Tuesday Nov 14

Nov 7

Positive Discipline Parent Wkshp Nov 15

Nov 16 8th to Dare to Care

Nov 16 1:00 Dismissal

Nov 19 Holiday Bazaar

Nov 21 **Touring Tuesday**

Nov 22-26 Thanksgiving Break Nov 27 **SAC** Meeting

Nov 28 **Touring Tuesday**













