



Wolverine Notes

Weekly Newsletter

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"Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you."

~Walt Whitman

The Week in Review:

- The student and families had a great learning experience during our **Solar Eclipse Party** on Monday. Throughout the day students collected data on temperature, cloud coverage and animal behavior for NASA using an app on the school iPads as well as in their science notebooks. While many other schools took a ½ day off or limited the children's participation in this event, St. Leonard staff chose to educate the children on proper safety procedures during an eclipse and fully take advantage of this learning opportunity. We are so glad that we did and that so many of our parents, family members and parishioners chose to attend with us!
- We welcomed our littlest Wolverines for their first week of preschool this week! **Miss Laura** is currently the lead teacher in the 3's class while **Miss Nicole** heads the 4's. **Miss Ketteley** has been providing assistance in both rooms.
- Our first meeting of **20% Time** for our **6-8th graders** was on Thursday. **20% time** is a set amount of time for students to work on creative projects of their interest which challenge them to explore, research, and create a product that is then shared with others. Throughout the process the teachers facilitate the student projects to ensure that they are on task and encourage students to develop skills to be lifelong learners. This idea was very interesting for the students and sparked much enthusiasm and intrigue. Their first project will be assigned to help them learn the process. Students will be developing a plan to convert the school library into a multi-use/multi-functional media center. We are looking forward to seeing what they create!
- The **4-8th grade students** had their first **House** event of the year. Our newly enrolled students were sorted into their Houses and then the students created "House Rules" posters and participated in a game called "The Shrinking Vessel" designed to develop creative problem-solving skills.
- Several members of the School Advisory Committee (SAC) attended the archdiocesan workshop "Your School Board: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." last Saturday. **Susan Norsworthy, Robin Krawiec, Therese Nietupski, Chris Kersting, and Laura Emly** participated in break-out sessions on the Catholic Elementary School Marketing Toolkit, School Choice in Kentucky, the Parish Discernment Process, and an Orientation for New School Board Members. We thank the committee for giving of their Saturday to take part in this important endeavor. **The SAC will meet this Monday, August 28th at 6:30 pm in the library.** If you are interested in becoming a part of SAC or serve on one of its subcommittees, please contact SAC Chair Susan Norsworthy at susanbn@hotmail.com or Mrs. Parola.
- We conducted our first two safety drills, fire and tornado, this week. We will have another fire drill next week. Earthquake, shelter-in-place, and lock-down drills are also planned.
- Congratulations to the following families whose Wolverine Welcome Back "passport" cards were drawn for the gift cards prizes: **Nietupski, Elliot, Daugherty, and Owen.**



Did you know??... *St. Leonard School has a "Buddy Program" designed to help welcome new students into classrooms. Buddies serve as ambassadors to help new students learn the school routines and traditions. Buddies are chosen because they model kindness, compassion, and an ability to work well with other students. Students had their first "Buddy Lunch" this Friday. Our buddies for this year include Tarik C., Megan L., Maddie S., Kaleigh M., Grace C., Briggs C., Sterling C., Harmony S., Mattingly C., and Owen M.*



Small is **big!**

St. Leonard Community School

Small classes, **big** future!



SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- This year we have modified the students' schedules so they have Related Arts Tuesdays. The children have several related arts classes consecutively which give the teachers in the core classes joint planning periods to look at student data, plan collaborative lessons, share instructional strategies, and build strong working relationships.
- The students and staff attend 8:30 mass with **Fr. Lou** on Tuesday mornings, so please join us! The **8th grade students** will assist with the liturgical ministries during mass this coming week.
- The group Astronomers Without Borders works to bring astronomy tools and education to schools around the world. They are asking for any new or gently used solar eclipse glasses (which expire in three years) to take to underserved and rural areas in South America and Asia that will be experiencing an eclipse in 2019. If you have not thrown away your glasses yet, please send them back to school with your child. **Mrs. Ousley** will collect and mail them to the organization. Thanks!
- We are looking forward to seeing our **parents** at the **Mandatory K-8 Parent Meeting on Tuesday, August 29th at 6:30 pm**. We will begin in the cafeteria and then move into the classrooms for grades K-4 and the library for grades 5-8.
- The **6-8th Grade Quick Recall season is about to begin; this is the last chance to have your child put onto the roster**. Quick Recall is a team effort to quickly answer questions about math, science, social studies, language arts, and literature. Our school competes against other Catholic schools in the city of Louisville. Practices begin afterschool on Monday, August 28th from 3:15-4:00 in the library. The first match will be the week of September 13th. Please have your child return the registration form or contact **Mrs. Willenbrink by Monday morning, August 28th if your child would like to participate**.
- We will have a **Sycamore Training for Parents Workshop on Tuesday, September 5th at 6:00 pm in the computer lab**. We are working toward using our Sycamore Student Information System to the fullest extent possible, so this is an excellent opportunity for parents to become familiar with its capabilities and functionality. This will also be great preparation for our **Online Learning Day on Thursday, September 7th when all assignments will be posted to Sycamore for the students to complete at home**.
- Our Marketing Committee will have a booth at the St. Leonard Picnic to share the good news about our school. If you would be willing to become a **Parent Ambassador** and help man this booth, please contact **Mrs. Emly at 897-5265 or lemly@stleonardlouisville.org**. Thanks!
- It's almost Picnic Time—**Friday, September 8th, 6:00 pm-11:00 pm and Saturday, September 9th, 4:00-11:00 pm**. The Picnic Committee is looking for volunteers at all booths. Please consider coming out and working for a few hours. Call the **Parish Office at 897-2595**, or email **Jolene Yates at joleneyates@gmail.com**.
- **Friday Morning Donuts will begin September 15th**. Eighth grade families will help with sales. Donuts will be on sale from 7:20 until 7:45 am and cost \$1/donut and 50¢/milk.

SAFETY PATROL DUTIES

Week of August 28th

AM

Carpool Assist:

Hayden G.

Stella M.

Flag and Cones:

Caroline N.

Emma Lei S.

PM

Flag and Cones:

Ania E.

Atri O.

August- September Calendar of Events

Aug 28	SAC Meeting
Aug 29	Mandatory Parent Meeting
Sept 1	Grades 5-6 to WorldFest
Sept 1	Miss Natalie LFPL Visits PreK and K
Sept 4	Labor Day-No School
Sept 5	Sycamore Training Parent Workshop
Sept 6	Louisville Water Company Visits PreK
Sept 7	Online Distance Learning Day-Teachers Only at School
Sept 8	Teachers' Positive Discipline PD Session/No School
Sept 8-9	St. Leonard Picnic
Sept 13	Heuser Hearing Screening Prek-2
Sept 14	Grades K-2 to Stage One
Sept 18	School Picture Day
Sept 18-19	High School Recruitment Visits
Sept 18	SAC Meeting
Sept 21	1:00 Dismissal
Sept 22	High School Recruitment Visits
Sept 25	Accreditation Review Team Visit
Sept 27	PTO Skating Party Champs Rollerdrome

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