



Wolverine Notes

Weekly Newsletter

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For the Week of December 5, 2016

Thought for the week: ***"Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible."***

~Helen Keller

The Week in Review:

- Our first week of Advent began with our students' Advent music program on Tuesday evening. We hope that you enjoyed the "Lessons and Carols" performance and thank **Mr. Norrid, Mrs. Barry, and Mr. Evans** along with all the **K-8 grade students and teachers** for a job well done!
- The **5th Grade Service Project** is under way! The class launched "**Project Santa**" on Monday as they began collecting **gently used and new toys** to donate to the Home of the Innocents. **The collection will run until Monday, December 12th.** This is the perfect time of year to go through toys that children may have outgrown, in preparation for Santa bringing new gifts. Please support the 5th grade and Project Santa. Thank you!
- On Friday, our **First Grade students** became surgeons as they performed "Contraction Surgery". Students cut apart words then put pieces together using Band-Aids to form common contractions. The students loved this activity, complete with surgeon masks, hats, and gloves courtesy of **Mrs. Grave's husband**. They appreciated the "operating room" assistance of **Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Parola, and 8th graders Meaghan W. and Ryan M.**
- The **8th Graders** began construction of their roller coasters last week. Check out their progress displayed in the hallways through next week!
- On Saturday St. Leonard hosted the **Sixth Grade Showcase** for our region which included St. Leonard, Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, Sacred Heart Model School, St. Mary Academy, and Johnson Middle School. We had three sixth grade students participate: **Cooper J., Owen M., and Zachary S.** Our team took home three medals! Congratulations to **Owen** who earned **First Place in Social Studies and Third Place in Science** and **Zachary** who earned **Second Place in Language Arts!** Kudos to **Mrs. Willenbrink** for organizing the hosting of this event with staff and parent assistance; we received many compliments for how smoothly the day progressed! We appreciate everyone's help in this large undertaking and for showing that **Small is BIG!!**
- Our **SLS Robotics Teams** also competed for the first time ever in the **FIRST Lego Robotics League** (<http://www.firstinspires.org/>) at Oldham County Middle School. Our **4th Grade, 5/6th Grade, and 7/8th Grade teams** completed a robotics challenge which involved the building and programming of a Lego robot, as well as researched a real-world engineering challenge and developed a solution which was then presented to the judges. Teams were judged not only on how well their robots completed their challenges, but also on their engineering solution, team spirit, and sportsmanship. We are so proud of the following students who demonstrated exceptional problem-solving skills and represented St. Leonard so well: **Layla S., Eraste S., Rocco G., Emma M., Abby R., Colton H., Frankie Y., Cole J., Gavin H., Will W., Stella M., Sterling C., Eliza D., Atri O., Evan P., Nathan I., Emma Lei S., Grace B., Ellie M., Megan F., Megan L., and Patrick L.** Special thanks to **Mrs. Ousley, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Fran Mastropaolo, Mrs. Chrissy Gandolfo, and Mrs. Anne Farmer** for their many hours of coaching and preparing the students to compete in this tournament. Please check out the great pictures of this event courtesy of **Mr. Frank Yates and Mrs. Tracy Ising** on our **St. Leonard Catholic School Facebook page**. Once again, our students have thrived in their small school environment and have taken on BIG challenges!
- **S.T.A.R. STUDENTS:** We are proud of all our S.T.A.R. ticket students! The following students were weekly winners: **Tristan K., Bentley R., Aiden W., Leo R., Layla S., Olivia I., Brooke M., Emma Lei S., Ellie M.**

The Week Ahead:

Monday, 12/5

Tuesday, 12/6

- Grades 3-5 Reconciliation Service, 9:15 (No School Mass)
- Yearbook Club, 3:15-4:15
- PTO Meeting, Science Lab, 6:30

Wednesday, 12/7

- Preschool to Derby Dinner Playhouse, 9:00-11:00



Thursday, 12/8 *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

- School Mass, 8:30
- Parent/Grandparent Lunches with Principal/Counselor/Parent Gatherings ½ hour prior each lunch
- Lego Club, 3:00
- Marketing Committee Meeting, 6:00

Friday, 12/9

Did you know??.... Our St. Leonard students and families take their responsibility in serving others seriously. Our recent Pennies for Patients drive raised \$660.56 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The funds raised will go to research and patient aid in support of their mission to cure these deadly diseases. It's amazing what SMALL can do!!!!

SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- If you plan on attending the **4:30 pm mass on Christmas Eve**, please consider having your child (grades 3-6) participate in the telling of the Christmas story. During the mass, **the children will dress up like Mary, Joseph, the Angel, and the Shepherds** as the good news about the birth of the Christ child is proclaimed. **Please contact Mr. Hank Evans, parish Music Minister at hevans@stleonardlouisville.org or 897-2595 to sign up your child.** Thanks!
- Our **3-5th grade students** will receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on **Tuesday at 9:15 am**. There will be no school mass this day. We will celebrate the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday at 8:30 am mass**.
- Thursday, December 8th will be a special **Parent/Grandparent Lunch** for each class. **Mrs. Parola and Ms. Moore** will host **Principal/Counselor Chats in the library during the half-hour prior to each lunch period**. At **10:30**, they will present information on the Positive Discipline Program for **parents of 7-8th grade students**. At **11:00**, they will present information on Sycamore and Online School Day Assignments with Mr. Reed for the **K-3 parents**. At **11:30**, they will present Positive Discipline for Preschoolers for the **preschool parents**. And at **noon**, they will present information on the Positive Discipline Program for **parents of 4-6th grade students**. If you have signed up to attend the luncheon, we hope you will join us for the chat as well.
- The following students were recognized for November **H.A.T.** (Homework completion, perfect Attendance, and Tardy-free arrivals): **Tariku C., Ian F., Addison P., Zachary S., AJ S., Sinclair F., Legacy S., Ryan W., Nelson C., Tyler L., Elise M., Lucy P., Michael R., Caiden S., Cara M., Leo R., Gaby S., Colton H., Dia C., Sterling C., Corea M., Lilly P., Stella M., Brooke M., Zachary S., Taylor T., Alaina L., Patrick L., Miranda S., Meaghan W.**
- 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.
- Just a reminder that **two inclement weather days have been built into the school calendar at the end of the school year**. Should **additional inclement weather days** be needed, the students will complete up to **five online school days**. **Assignments will be posted to Sycamore each day**. Please see your class newsletters.

SAFETY PATROL DUTIES

Week of December 5th

AM

Carpool Assist:

Matthew W.

Meaghan W.

Flag and Cones

Patrick L.

Kiley Y.

PM

Flag and Cones:

Caroline N.

Lucy R.

December Calendar of Events

Dec 5-12	Project Santa—5 th Grade Toy Drive
Dec 6	Grades 3-5 Reconciliation/No School Mass
Dec 6	PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
Dec 7	Preschool to Derby Dinner Playhouse
Dec 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception School Mass
Dec 8	Parent/Grandparent Lunches
Dec 8	Principal/Counselor Chats Prior to Lunch
Dec 13	Preschool Polar Express Day
Dec 13	Grades 3-5 to Nutcracker Ballet Kentucky Center
Dec 14	Grades 6-8 to A Christmas Carol Actors Theatre
Dec 15	4 th Grade to Mount Holly
Dec 16	Christmas Prayer Service
Dec 16	1:00 pm Dismissal
Dec 19	SAC Meeting, 6:00 pm El Nopal
Dec 19	Momarita Night, 6:30 pm El Nopal

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