Weekly Newsletter

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Thought for the week: "There is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high in the world. It is to stoop down and lift mankind a little higher." ~Henry Van Dyke

The Week in Review:

- Congratulations to all the performers in the SLS Talent Show last Monday! We are so happy that the following students shared their talents with us: Makenzie E., Finley C., Maddie S., Lucy P., Alli R., Riley N., Maddie G., Abby R., Eraste S., Kari S., Nikki L., Grace C., Bella S., Lilly P., Olivia I., Grace B., Kenny D., Megan F. Thanks to our hosts, Eliza D. and Maggie W., Mr. Norrid, the Talent Show Coordinator, and Mr. Reed, sound system.
- Our students and parents sent off our 8th grade graduates with the "Shalom" song and a blessing during mass followed by claps, cheers, and well-wishes after graduation practice on Tuesday morning, just in time for them to board the CQ Princess for the annual graduate luncheon cruise on the Ohio River. We wish our graduates many blessings as they begin their newest adventures in high school: Matthew B., Kobe B., Grace B., Grant C., Kenny D., Caroline D., Megan F., Savannah F., Miguel H., Patrick L., Anabel M., Ryan M., Anthony M., Gracelyn M., Rachel P., Evan P., Claudia R., Miranda S., Cedric S., Alexander W., Patrick W., Meaghan W., Kiley Y.
- The **preschool** students enjoyed a beautiful day at Slow Poke Farm on Wednesday where they fed baby cows, sheep, pigs, and goats; "drove" the tractor; raced through tall grass; and learned about life on the farm.
- The **7th grade class** did a stupendous job hosting our annual SLS Field Day on Thursday. There were many events enjoyed by the students including three-legged races, jousting, water games, and GaGa ball. Much spirit abounded throughout the day, with the **3rd grade class** being named "Most Spirited" which earned them rights to the Spirit Stick and an extra popsicle at the end of the day! The **5th grade** came in third place and **Kindergarten** grabbed second. In the **7th grade** jousting tournament, **Nathan I.** was victorious and won the right to take on faculty champion "**Mr. D.**" in the final. "Mr. D" came out on top in the end, but all contestants battled bravely! Thanks to P.E. teacher **Mr. Brown** for organizing an awesome day!
- The **Kindergarten through 4th grade students** presented research on their favorite book characters, animals, patron saints, and famous Kentuckians in the Wolverine Wax Museum Friday morning. We are so glad that many of our parents and families enjoyed the morning with us.
- The **3**rd **grade students** were sorted into their Houses for the coming school year on Friday afternoon. They then participated with other House members in a GaGa Ball tournament. **Taylor T.** earned top honors as overall GaGa Ball champion, while **Max R.** earned 3rd grade champion and **Ms. Wettig** topped the teacher competitors.
- S.T.A.R. STUDENTS: We are proud of all our S.T.A.R. ticket students! The following were our weekly winners: AJ S., Ahmya S., Elise M., Gaby S., Tussa D., Lilly F., Zachary S., Megan L.

The Week Ahead:

Monday, 5/22

Park Day, 9:30-2:00

Tuesday, 5/23

- Final School Mass with Fr. BJ, 8:30
- PreK last day

Wednesday, 5/24

• Kindergarten Graduation, Heritage Room, 8:30-9:30

Thursday, 5/25 Last Day of School! Noon Dismissal

- Volunteer Appreciation Celebration, Cafeteria, 10:30
- End of School Prayer Service and Student Awards, 11:00-11:45
- Noon Dismissal









Did you know??... Students in our morning Wake2Walk/Rise2Run program averaged over 50 miles each for the five months of the program. School-wide, an average of 60 children walked each of the three days a week, traveling about the equivalent of a walk to Tuscan, Arizona and back! Nine students consistently attended each week: Tarik C., Elise M., Michael M., Harper T., Frankie Y., Sterling C., Dia C., Stella M., and Brooke M.



SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- Students in **grades K-4** will be visiting St. Matthews Community Park while the **5-7**th **grade classes** will be at Bingham Park for Park Day on Monday, May 22nd. Please see class newsletters and emails for information about what to wear and what to bring as well as fieldtrip times and rainy day plans. Thanks!
- Our final school mass with Fr. BJ will be Tuesday, May 23rd at 8:30 am. Please join us as we celebrate the Eucharist one last time with him as a school community.
- Please send in all your aluminum can pull-tabs for the first grade service project to the Ronald McDonald House.
 The last day for collection will be Wednesday, May 24th. Please continue to save them over the summer, as next year's first grade will continue the project. Thanks!
- Please join us for our Volunteer Appreciation Celebration the morning of Thursday, May 25th, our last day of school, from 10:30-11:00 in the cafeteria. We so appreciate the time and talents our school volunteers share with us to help make our school year successful. Our Student Recognition and End of Year Prayer Service will be held immediately after at 11:00 in the church. Please join us as we once again give thanks for the many blessings of a successful school year!
- Just as our 8th graders are moving onto new adventures in high school, several staff members have accepted full-time positions in other elementary schools for the coming school year. We bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Early who will teach Spanish at St. Albert the Great, Mr. Norrid who will teach Music and Spanish at St. Raphael, and Mrs. Hendrick who will be a kindergarten assistant at St. Albert the Great.
- Now is the time to register for this summer's rising 4-6th "Math Masters: Computation" and rising 6-8th "Math Masters: The Road to Algebra" Math Camps and/or rising 5-8th "The Write Stuff—Making Fiction Fun" Writing Camp. Please see the flyer attached to the email for this newsletter and contact Mr. Dauenhauer, adauenhauer@stleonardlouisville.org and Mr. Sedelmeier, ksedelmeier@stleonardlouisville.org.
- The SLS 2017-18 School Calendar has been approved by the Superintendent and SAC. We have two snow days worked into the end of the school year so that our students/families may enjoy the first snowfalls. After those two days, we will use distance learning days. In the past we have had a noon or 1:00 dismissal on the Thursday before our parish picnic in early September; however this coming year, we will use that day as a distance learning day with the teachers at school and the students home. This will give us an opportunity to have staff onhand to answer student/parent questions and work through any glitches that may occur. The 1st trimester conferences and a short fall break are scheduled for the Columbus Day weekend. Second trimester conferences will be in early February prior to the start of Lent so that the Friday off does not interfere with our famous Fish Frys! We will be a polling site for the 2018 May primaries, and therefore will not have school in session that Tuesday. The calendar was attached to the email for this newsletter, will be posted to our website and Sycamore pages, and will be included in the registration packets going home with students this week.
- Students will be bringing home registration and information packets for the 2017-18 school year this week. School supply lists and links to the Summer Assignments for each grade level will be included. Please ask your child for the packet. Trimester 3 report cards will be mailed at the end of the month.

SAFETY PATROL DUTIES

Week of May 15th

Carpool Assist:

Cooper J.

Logan K.

Flag and Cones

Isabella B.

Emma Lei S.

<u>PM</u>

Flag and Cones:

Mattingly C.

CeCe S.

May Calendar of Events

May 22 Park Day

May 23 Fr. BJ Final School Mass

May 23 PreK Last Day

May 24 Kindergarten Graduation

May 25 K-7 Awards Day

May 25 Volunteer Appreciation Gathering

May 25 Last Day of School—Noon Dismissal









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