

For the Week of January 9, 2017

Thought for the week: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come.... Darkness covers the earth ... but upon you the Lord shines.... Nations shall walk by your light." ~lsaiah 60:1

Last Week in Review:

- It was great to have the students and staff back after the long Christmas break! We hope everyone had a very joyous Christmas and believe that the New Year holds many blessings for all of us.
- Last week was a short school week due to the New Year holiday and our first snow day. That didn't stop our AWESOME PTO, students, and teachers from kicking off Rafflemania! Each family should have received 10 tickets to sell. Our goal is to sell 1200 tickets which can be surpassed if each family sells their ticket packet. Additional tickets can be received from the school office. We hope the Ruffles potato chips at carpool put everyone in the mood for "Rufflemania--Cash in your chips for tics!". There will be other reminders and enticements to come in the weeks heading to the Grand Prize drawing of \$600 at our St. Leonard School Birthday Celebration following the 4:30 mass on February 4th.
- Just a reminder about prizes and incentives for Rafflemania:
 - You or your family could get lucky and win \$60 at one of the daily weekday drawings held for 60 days starting on February 6th through April 27th!
 - Each individual child who sells 3 chances will receive a 1-subject homework pass (one per child).
 - Students in families who sell all 10 tickets will receive a full dress down day.
 - Top 3 INDIVIDUAL ticket sellers (can't combine for families) will receive a \$100, \$75, and \$50 VISA gift card, respectively.
 - The TOP Selling student also becomes Principal for the Day (Date TBD).
 - The class that sells the most tickets each week (must be turned in by Thursday, 3:00 pm) will receive donuts in their classrooms after announcements Friday morning.
 - School wide incentives:
 - 800 tickets sold = Free Donut Friday
 - 1000 tickets sold = School-wide Pajama/Comfy Clothes Dress Day (Date TBD)
 - 1200 tickets sold = Outside obstacle course plus popsicles for each student (Date TBD)
- Our third grade students are learning about area and perimeter. The students used measuring tape to measure the perimeter of objects in the cafeteria to experience firsthand these concepts.
- S.T.A.R. STUDENTS: We are proud of all our S.T.A.R. ticket students! The following students were weekly winners: Isaiah S., Sinclair F., Morgan K., Kaleigh M., Emma M., Will W., Jaela C., Morry O., Rachel P.

The Week Ahead: Rafflemania Continues!

Monday, 1/9 Tuesday, 1/10 • Yearbook Club, 3:15-4:15 Wednesday, 1/11 • School clubs and activities photos Thursday, 1/12

8th Grade to Dare to Care

Friday, 1/13







Did you know?...Our school is celebrating its 60th school year this year! And speaking of birthdays: During Morning Assembly we celebrate student and staff birthdays for the day. The names are announced and the birthday people choose one treat item from the birthday basket. Nerd candy ropes seem to be a big favorite! Through the year, we work in birthdays that fall on weekends and during the summer. All the birthdays are posted in a monthly poster listing on the cafeteria wall.



SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- We will celebrate our school's 60th Birthday following the masses on February 4th and 5th. The SAC, Parish Life, PTO, and the Marketing Committee are planning this event. They are collecting pictures and memorabilia from over the years to display; if you have anything of interest or know of someone who has, please contact Susan Norsworthy, <u>susanbn@hotmail.com</u>, Fran Mastropaolo, <u>fmastro6@twc.com</u>, or Laura Emly, <u>lemly@stleonardlouisville.org</u>. Please spread the word to other SLS alum about the event; invite them to attend as well as to send pictures.
- It's time to be thinking about the 2017-18 school year! Parents will re-enroll the students online through the Sycamore system once again. Mr. Reed and Mrs. Stubblefield are preparing the registration templates, and we plan to have Open Registration beginning Friday.
- We will host an **Open House for new families** during Catholic Schools Week on **Wednesday, February 1st from 9:00-11:00 am and 5:30-7:30 pm**. Please let your extended families, friends, and other prospective families know of this Open House. Help us spread the word that **Small is big!** and share with them the many wonderful opportunities that a small school environment has for their children.
- Application for Financial Aid is now open and the online application is available at <u>www.ceflou.org</u> (click on "Tuition Assistance"). Our school has a variety of financial aid opportunities available through CEF, Jochum Foundation, School Choice, the Archdiocese and Parish, and CCC. The online application is used for all of these sources. Applications must be submitted online completely by March 15th to be included in the first round of awards. Parents will be notified of award amounts by June 1st. Please see the flyer that was attached with the newsletter email. Call the school or parish office with questions about financial aid.

Along with Rafflemania and planning for the Birthday Celebration, PTO also has two other events planned for February. Please watch for the emails from PTO for more details on both of these fun events!

- A Father/Daughter dance will be Saturday, February 11th at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria.
- The second Skating Party will be Wednesday, February 15th, 6:30 pm at Champs Rollerdrome.
- Interested in joining a fitness class for the New Year? Pilates is offered Saturday mornings in the library from 9:30-10:30 am. The cost is \$8/class or \$30 for a 6-week session. For additional information, please contact instructor Pam Valdes, pamvaldes@aol.com or 816-914-5104.
- Register with the "Reach Alert" parent notification and emergency alert system to receive school-wide emergency and school closing/delay notifications to your cell phone, home phone, or email. Go to <u>www.reachalert.com</u> 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.
- If school is delayed due to weather, the school doors will open at 9:00 am. Morning Assembly will begin at 9:30.
- Two inclement weather days have been built into the school calendar at the end of the school year. After that, students will complete up to five online school days. Assignments will be posted to the Sycamore Homeroom Class Page each day. Please contact Mr. Reed, jreed@stleonardlouisville.org with questions.

SAFETY PATROL DUTIES

Week of January 9th AM Carpool Assist: Grace B. Matthew W. Flag and Cones Patrick L. Kiley Y. PM Flag and Cones: Kenny D. Savannah F.

January/February Calendar of Events

- Jan 11 School Sports Photos
- Jan 12 8th Grade to Dare to Care
- Jan 16 MLK Day-NO SCHOOL
- Jan 19 4th Grade to Mt. Holly
- Jan 19 1:00 Dismissal
- Jan 24 Conservation Education Grades 4-6
- Jan 25 Grades 4-6 to Kentucky Center
- Jan 25 Schoolwide Spelling Bee
- Jan 29-Feb 4 Catholic Schools Week
- Jan 31 Catholic Schools Week Liturgy
- Feb 1 SLS Open House
- Feb 3 House Dance Presentations
- Feb 11 Father/Daughter Dance
- Feb 15 PTO Skating Party

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