



Wolverine Notes

Weekly Newsletter

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"Pink isn't just a color, it's an attitude!"

~Miley Cyrus

The Week in Review:

- The gym has been transformed and the student art displayed...We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the ***Tickled Pink! Taste of St. Leonard*** this Saturday Night! **Doors open at 6:00 and cost is \$25. (Tickets will be sold at the door.)** Prizes will be awarded for the most creative ideas to show off your pink. Dinner, tastings of local restaurants, Silent and Live Auctions, cash bar, and lots of laughs to be had. Don't miss the event of the season!!!! Thanks to our wonderful Taste Committee Chairs, **Jo-Dee Jackson, Robin Krawiec, Sally Locraft, Tammy Cook, Kacie Chase, and Kate Csabai** for coordinating the many people and activities to see this event to fruition!
- We are excited that we had 100% participation by our students and 72% participation by our parents for the **Catholic Identity: Defining Characteristics Survey**. Thank you so much for taking the time to complete the survey!
- Our students and families had so much fun at the PTO's Trunk or Treat and 8th Grade Haunted House! We thank **Katrina and Dave Pierce** for coordinating this event and **Mrs. Schepers, Mrs. Ousley, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Dauenhauer** for working with the 8th grade students and parents in creating a very scary haunted house. The students raised \$571.50 toward their 8th grade trip!
- The 8th graders performed a "Saints" play for the students on Halloween morning. This play explained the history of "All Hallows Eve," reminding us about the saints and reason we dress in costume for this special day. All of our students enjoyed being dressed up and having fun parties to celebrate Halloween. We thank our **homeroom parents** for helping with the festivities!
- When you attend mass this weekend, you will see the St. Leonard Day of the Dead display in the back of church. The **Dia de los Muertos Offrenda** celebrates the lives of the family members of students and staff of St. Leonard Community School who have passed away. Students and staff contributed photographs of their loved ones to our counselor **Mrs. Beasley**, and these were often accompanied by stories of happy memories and things that the deceased loved during life. Students in the fourth through eighth grades studied the symbolism and traditions of the holiday in Spanish class with their teacher **Senora Esparza**, and she taught them how to make tissue paper flowers. Created by Mrs. Beasley and Senora Esparza and rich in symbolism, the colors of the altar represent purity and mourning. The layers signify heaven and earth and each of the elements are present: candles (fire), earth (salt), water (water and other drinks), air (delicate tissue paper decorations). It is believed that loved ones return to us in spirit for the Day of the Dead, and the candles light their way to us. The food, beverages, and salt represent the flavors of life they have left behind.
- Hot off the presses!!!! The **Newspaper Club** is now selling their first issue of *The Wolverine Times* for \$1 copy. Read about the latest news of interest to our SLS students. Thanks to **Mr. Sedelmeier** for coordinating this club. All proceeds will benefit a charity of the students' choice.
- Congratulations to the following students who earned a **HAT Day** for the month of October: **Camren S., Landon S., Jack Y., Makenzie E., Ian F., Carter J., Tristan K., Sarah R., Aaron S., Charlie R., Megan L., Tyler L., Lucy P., Madeline S., Aiden W., Adalynn W., Cara M., Anna O., Rocco G., Colton H., Eraste S., Frankie Y., Kandace G., Olivia I., Noah L., Lilly P., Avery M., Lucy R.** Students had no absences or tardies and completed all homework!

Did you know??... *The 7th graders learned about a little-known Catholic Polish woman named Irena Sendler who helped to save the lives of 2,500 children during the Holocaust. The play "Life in a Jar", written by four ninth grade students for a history project in 1999, helped to make Irena a more well-known heroine of World War II. Learning of this kind of caring and bravery can be inspirational, and now our 7th graders are holding a coat drive to help refugees stay warm this winter.*

SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- TIME TO PURGE THOSE CLOSETS! The weather is cooling down and warmer attire is needed. Have any of your family members outgrown their coats, or are you looking for a new coat to keep you warm this winter? The 7th graders are holding a **coat drive from November 7-17th** to help refugees have a warm winter. Please bring your unwanted or underused coats and jackets, or new hats, gloves and scarves to the school cafeteria or the vestibule of church. These will be donated to Kentucky Refugee Ministries. We appreciate your generosity.



- Best of luck to student athletes, **Tussa D., Jake F., and Noah L.**, who will play in the **5-6th Grade Toy Bowl** on Saturday at St. Xavier and **Cole J.**, who will play in the **7-8th Grade Toy Bowl** on Sunday at Trinity. We are proud of you for representing St. Leonard so well!
- **Picture Retake Day will be this Tuesday, November 7th.** Please return the original photos or complete a new order if you would like your child's picture retaken or if your child was absent on picture day in September. Thanks!
- Our students have taken on the **November Writing Challenge**. During the month of November, students and staff will track the number of words they have written to meet classroom goals of writing as many words as in an age-appropriate novel. The **kindergarteners will each write 1000 words, 1st graders are writing 2,000 words, 2nd graders are writing 3,000 words, 3rd graders are writing 10,000 words, 4th graders are writing 20,000 words, 5th graders are writing 20,000 words, and the 6th-8th graders are each writing 25,000 words.** The teachers have a goal of at least 30,000 words. If all of the students meet their goals, St. Leonard collectively will have written **1,878,000 words!**
- On **Sunday, November 19th** we will celebrate the **Feast of St. Leonard**. Please join us for **10:00 am mass** and then plan to attend the Parish Life **Annual Holiday Bazaar (10:00-3:00)**. Santa and the Grinch will be there! The class with the most attendance at mass and the bazaar will be awarded an ice cream party. SLS families are asked to provide items for themed baskets to be auctioned at the bazaar. Please send in the following items to school by Thursday, November 16th:
 - **PreK-2nd – Baking for the Holidays**
 - **3rd-5th – Do It Yourself/Arts and Crafts Activities**
 - **6th-8th – Games/Movie Night**
- We will have a **Kindergarten Information Night on Tuesday, November 14th from 6:00-7:00 pm** for prospective Kindergarten Families to learn more about our program for 2018-19. Please invite a friend or family member! **Touring Tuesdays continue each Tuesday from 9:00-11:00 am through November 28th** for prospective families to tour the school. For further information, contact Laura Emly at lemly@stleonardlouisville.org or 897-5265.
- The Catholic High School Placement Test is scheduled for **Saturday, December 9, from 9:00-12:30 pm** at the Catholic high school of choice. Please bring the \$10 testing fee and two #2 pencils. Information about the high schools can be found at www.louisvillecatholicschools.com. The placement test helps Catholic secondary schools determine the most appropriate course work and academic path for meeting the needs of each student. If inclement weather cancels the test on December 9, it will be rescheduled for the following Saturday, December 16 at the same time.
- Please be aware that for the safety of our students, **the after-school Y-Care personnel cannot let anyone other than a Y-parent into the building in the afternoon**. Several parents and students have tried to enter the cafeteria to go to the gym or classrooms after the school day has ended and have been stymied when attempting to do so. Students and parents are only allowed into the building after school hours through the school office if a staff member is there. If you are having difficulty with accessing the building using a key fob, please see Monika or Dana in the parish office. Thanks!
- 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 November 6th

AM

Carpool Assist:

Grace B.

Mattingly C.

Flag and Cones:

Dia C.

Sterling C.

PM

Flag and Cones:

Tate C.

Atri O.

November Calendar of Events

Nov 4	Taste of St. Leonard	Nov 16	8 th to Dare to Care
Nov 5-7	KYA	Nov 16	4 th to Golden Oaks Nursing Home
Nov 7	Picture Retake Day	Nov 16	1:00 Dismissal
Nov 7	Touring Tuesday	Nov 17	3 rd Grade Prayer Partner Feast
Nov 8	PTO Meeting	Nov 19	Holiday Bazaar
Nov 8	Positive Discipline Parent Wkshp	Nov 21	Touring Tuesday
Nov 10	Lions Club Chili Dinner	Nov 22-26	Thanksgiving Break
Nov 14	Touring Tuesday	Nov 27	SAC Meeting
Nov 14	Prospective Kinders Open House	Nov 28	Touring Tuesday

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