



# Wolverine Notes

## Weekly Newsletter

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*"Now more than ever we need Catholic education. Catholic schools offer what our world needs most right now: hope in a future that lasts eternally."*

~ Nick Senger

### The Week in Review:

- We made it through the cold and snow and distance learning days to be back together in school by week's end! Kudos to our **students** for their focus and effort on their classwork; to our **parents and other caregivers** for their support, encouragement, and guidance to their children on their lessons; to our **teachers** for planning and assisting through the snow days; and to **Mac Hayden** for preparing the building and grounds for our return to school!
- The following students represented their classes in the School Spelling Bees this week: **Kaelyn D., Anna G., Mattingly C., Owen M., Jake F., Lilly F., Colton H., Chayden L., Michael S., Gaby S., Summer L., Caiden S., Legacy S., Ahmya S., AJ S., Makenzie E.** Congratulations to our Grades 1-3 winners: **1<sup>st</sup>—Caiden L. and 2<sup>nd</sup>—Summer L.** and our Grades 4-8 winners: **1<sup>st</sup>—Kaelyn D. and 2<sup>nd</sup>—Mattingly C.** Good luck to **Kaelyn** as she represents SLS in the Archdiocesan Spelling Bee!

### The Week Ahead:

Saturday, 1/20

- 7-8 Governor's Cup District Competition @ Barret MS
- PTO Mother/Son Minute to Win It, Family Life Center, 6:00-7:30 pm

Monday 1/22

- SAC Meeting, Library, 6:30

Tuesday, 1/23

- Wake2Walk/Rise2Run, Gym, 7:30-7:45 am

Wednesday, 1/24

- Wake2Walk/Rise2Run, Gym, 7:30-7:45 am

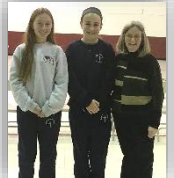
Thursday, 1/25

- Wake2Walk/Rise2Run, Gym, 7:30-7:45 am

Friday, 1/26

- Miss Natalie LFPL visits Preschool and Kindergarten, 9:30

Saturday-Sunday, 1/27-28 *Catholic Schools Week Kicks Off*



Did you know??...We have had **AWESOME** support from our families, parishioners, and friends in recent fundraising events. The 20% Time Library Bake Sale netted \$195.00; the Newspaper Club raised \$72.00 for charity; returning Box Tops for support of the House Program earned \$221.00; and our recent Kroger Rewards check was \$1,062.18. Kroger and Box Tops are the easiest all. Sign up once for Kroger (<https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards> and enter our organization number, 10234) and when you buy groceries, you are donating money to the school. Then clip and send in your Box Tops! Thank YOU!!!!

### SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- All mothers (grandmothers or those serving in a mother capacity) and boys in the school are invited to PTO's **Mother/Son "Minute to Win-It!" Night, Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30** in the **Family Life Center**.
- Remind your 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade student that Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> is the last day to sign up for the **Book Bee competition** on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Athanasius School. Please contact **Ms. Wettig** [cwettig@stleonardlouisville.org](mailto:cwettig@stleonardlouisville.org) with questions or for the list of Book Bee books.
- We are having a **Homecoming for all St. Leonard Students, Families, and Alumni on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**. Our SLS basketball teams will play here
  - ❖ **3/4<sup>th</sup> grade boys vs. St. Athanasius at 9:00**
  - ❖ **5/6 grade girls vs. St. Stephen Martyr at 11:00**
  - ❖ **7/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls vs. Ascension at 12:00**
 Please watch for more upcoming details about this event.



- Next weekend kicks off **Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 1/28-2/3**, and we have many activities to celebrate!
  - ❖ Friday, 1/26—100<sup>th</sup> Day of School!
  - ❖ Monday, 1/29—Student Appreciation Day
    - Students may wear SLS spirit wear (SLS tee/sweatshirt with jeans or SLS sweatpants)
    - Inspirational Speaker David DeSanctis, 10:00, Please join us!
    - Treat at lunch
  - ❖ Tuesday, 1/30—School Mass with parents and grandparents invited to attend
    - Offering of items collected for United Crescent Hill Ministries
    - House leaders will attend Archdiocesan mass at St. Gabriel
    - Kindergarten Information Night—6:30 pm; Please invite a prospective kindergarten family!
  - ❖ Wednesday, 1/31—Open House, 9:00-11:00 and 5:30-7:30
    - Science program TBA
  - ❖ Thursday, 2/1—K-3 Family Appreciation Lunch and Kaelyn Douglas, Principal for the Day
    - K-3 Parent/Grandparent lunch, 12:25-1:15
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade vs. Teachers Volleyball Game, 2:00
  - ❖ Friday, 2/2—House Dance Show, 2:00 pm in the gym  
Please join us!
- We are collecting food and personal care items to benefit the United Crescent Hill Ministries for our annual CSW service campaign. Each class has selected an item to collect and donate:
 

❖ PreK: Canned vegetables	3: Mac and cheese mix	6: Peanut butter
❖ K: Bar soap/Hand sanitizer	4: Toilet paper	7: Canned soup
❖ 1: Liquid dish soap	5: Shampoo/Deodorant	8: Canned tuna fish
❖ 2: Toothpaste		
- We will be hosting a **Kindergarten Information Night on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Kindergarten Classroom**. Childcare will be available for small children. Also, **Open House for new families** will be **Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00-11:00 am and 5:30-7:30 pm**. Please spread the word.
- Time is winding down: Complete registration with payment by Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and be rewarded with FREE DRESS FRIDAYS for the month of February! The \$50/per student non-refundable registration fee is payable through Sycamore's Pay Junction.** Click [here](#) to begin your family's re-enrollment process!
- The St. Leonard PTO "**RAFFLEMANIA**" is coming! The **Grand Prize drawing of \$1000 will be on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> followed by daily \$100 drawings each school day through May 18<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$10 each and will go on sale Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> during our Mardi Gras Kick-off!
- The PTO will host a **Skating Party**, Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at Champs Rollerdrome, 5:30-8:00 pm.
- Submit your **FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications for the 2018-19 school year** by **February 28, 2018** for priority consideration. Apply at <https://online.factsmtg.com/signin/3W8W3> and use your **2016 Tax Returns and W-2 forms**. The **Lurline Jochum Scholarship** requires an additional paper application. Please click on the link [here](#) or on our website above to download or contact the school or parish office .
- If school is delayed due to weather, the school doors will open at 9:00 am. Morning Assembly will begin at 9:30.**
- If school is cancelled, we will have a Distance Learning Day (DLD) with online assignments posted to Sycamore. Our protocol states that we will have no more than two consecutive DLD, with up to five total. We have had three online days to date. Please contact your child's teacher or Mr. Reed with questions about Sycamore passwords and accessing assignments.**

#### SAFETY PATROL DUTIES

Week of January 22<sup>th</sup>

##### AM

Carpool Assist:

Nathan I.

Morry O.

Flag and Cones:

Nia G.

Anna G.

##### PM

Flag and Cones:

Harmony S.

Maggie W.

Jan 20	PTO Mother/Son Event
Jan 22	SAC Meeting
Jan 27-Feb 3	Catholic Schools Week
Jan 29	Future Problem Solvers
Jan 30	CSW Archdiocesan Mass
Jan 31	Open House
Feb 3	Governor's Cup Regionals
Feb 5-9	Scholastic Book Fair
Feb 6	Archdiocesan Spelling Bee
Feb 8	CRS Rice Bowl Luncheon
Feb 8	1:00 Dismissal / PM Conferences
Feb 9	Morning Conferences/NO SCHOOL
Feb 12	Conservation Education, Gr 4-6
Feb 13	No School Mass

Feb 14	Ash Wednesday / School Mass
Feb 14	PTO Meeting
Feb 15	8 <sup>th</sup> to Dare to Care
Feb 16	SLS Fish Fry
Feb 19	NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day
Feb 21	PTO Skating Party
Feb 23	Trimester 2 Ends
Feb 23	SLS Fish Fry
Feb 24	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat
Feb 26	SAC Meeting
Feb 28	Financial Aid Applications Due

**January/February  
Calendar of Events**

# *101 Reasons to Send Your Child to a Catholic School*

1. Prayer each morning before the school day begins
2. Prayer before eating lunch
3. Prayer at the end of each school day
4. A Christmas concert rather than a "Winter Concert"
5. Weekly Mass with their closest friends
6. Learning about saints and other heroes of faith
7. Praying the rosary
8. Participating in the Stations of the Cross
9. Spiritual retreats
10. Celebrating the true meaning of Christmas
11. Reading scripture regularly
12. Praying with the entire school when disasters or tragedies occur
13. Celebrating All Saints Day and Halloween
14. No school on Easter Monday!
15. Learning responsibility for their own education by fund-raising
16. Learning the connection between faith and reason
17. Being able to talk to a teacher about religion
18. Sharing faith journeys with each other
19. Seeing priests on a regular basis
20. Celebrating Mary in May
21. Halls decorated with a manger during Advent and Christmas
22. Talking with friends about what to give up for Lent
23. Congratulating second graders on receiving First Communion
24. Helping Catholic Charities with service projects
25. Hearing Jesus' name regularly, and not as a swear word
26. Getting pets blessed on the feast of St. Francis
27. Getting throats blessed on the feast of St. Blase
28. Celebrating the Immaculate Conception
29. Seeing teachers at Sunday Mass
30. Connecting service with Catholic social teaching
31. Hearing a consistent pro-life message
32. Easy shopping for school clothes
33. Being able to discuss the religious symbolism in works like *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *The Lord of the Rings*
34. St. Nicholas parties
35. Epiphany parties
36. Seeing the same friends at church that they see at school
37. Learning about liturgical colors and seasons
38. Discipline based on gospel values
39. Crucifixes on the walls
40. Statues of Mary
41. Religious-themed bulletin boards
42. Nearness to the Blessed Sacrament
43. The chance to lector at school Masses
44. The chance to serve at the altar at school Masses
45. Making rosaries during Art
46. Learning that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit
47. Hearing "Make room for Jesus!" at school dances
48. Seeing teachers wear religious-themed jewelry or clothing to school
49. Hearing a teacher witness to his or her faith
50. Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus at Easter
51. Religious art on the walls
52. A curriculum designed to help students grow in spirituality
53. Learning about sacred music in Choir class
54. The freedom to talk about any religion, rather than no religion
55. An atmosphere that cares more about students getting in to heaven than into Harvard
56. Spending seven hours a day in a faith community
57. Learning about all vocation options including marriage, ordained and religious life
58. Getting to listen to the Pope talk about school
59. Discussing the religious and ethical implications of stem cell research, abortion, euthanasia, and other life issues
60. Dressing up as their favorite saint for All Saints Day
61. Constant support and encouragement in their spiritual life
62. Exposure to classic spiritual works by St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis de Sales, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Catherine of Siena, Hildegard of Bingen, etc.
63. Ash Wednesday Mass
64. Daily exposure to the Bible
65. Learning about the Catholic contribution to science through great Catholic scientists including Pasteur, Mendel, Lemaître, Bacon, and Albertus Magnus
66. A mission to educate the whole child: spiritually, as well as academically, morally, socially and physically.
67. An outstanding academic program that helps students become their best selves
68. The freedom to talk explicitly about the creator who has endowed us with the inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness
69. Learning about the redemptive value of suffering
70. Teachers who explicitly model their instruction after the great teacher, Jesus Christ
71. Celebrating St. Joseph the Worker
72. A strong intellectual history whose tradition of academic excellence is unmatched by any other organization that has ever been
73. The development of a Catholic world view
74. A natural integration with all aspects of family life, rather than a compartmentalized existence
75. Moral development based on gospel values
76. An antidote for the surrounding culture's materialistic, image-centric distortions of reality
77. Discovering what it means to live a "Christ-centered" way of life
78. Learning the meaning of life in its fullness
79. Coming to understand that at the heart of every subject is Jesus, "the way, the truth and the life"
80. Learning to recognize the voice of God in all creation
81. Learning to be a living witness to God's love
82. Being constantly reminded that God loves them
83. Parent Nights that begin with prayer
84. Hearing prayers at 8th grade graduation
85. Mass to begin the year
86. Mass to end the year
87. Field trips to convents and seminaries
88. Learning about the connection between faith and service to the poor and underprivileged
89. Field trips to nursing homes to sing Christmas carols
90. Classrooms visits by priests, deacons and women religious
91. Learning different ways to pray
92. Awards assemblies that begin with prayer
93. Sports leagues that begin each game with prayer
94. Student council meetings that begin with prayer
95. Becoming comfortable talking about God and faith with peers
96. Spending more hours a day in a room with a crucifix than in a room with a television
97. Learning the history of the Catholic Church
98. Acquiring the skills to spread the good news to all corners of the world
99. Opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration
100. Learning about the only thing that really matters: a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, lived out in a community of faith guided by the Holy Spirit, in order to more deeply and devoutly follow the will of the Father
101. Catholic Schools Week!

*Nick Senger, Catholic School Chronicle, 1/26/11*