



Wolverine Notes

Weekly Newsletter

Summer 2017

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"...and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith..."

~Hebrews 12:1-2

The Summer in Review:

- We hope that all our students and families have been enjoying the summer break! Seems like the time has flown by as school will start in a few short weeks! We have been busy prepping for the new school year, which will officially begin with our **"Wolverine Welcome Back"** on **Monday, August 14th**. We are looking forward to reconnecting with the children and hearing about their summer adventures as well as welcoming our newest students and families.
- We extend a **BIG ST. LEONARD WELCOME** to our newest Wolverines who have joined our St. Leonard School family: **Makenzi B., Matthew C., Cole C., Michael N., Spencer P., Konrad S., Ella T., Ethan Z., Trentin L., Zachary R., Hannah R., Gabriel S., Lennon S., Alexander T., Camren S., Bidarv T., Carter J., Summer L., Adalynn W., Chayden L., Jacob F., Grace B., Aiden S.** We are so glad that you are here!
- We've had several staff changes over the summer as different life and family events have occurred. Fr. BJ officially retired as pastor on June 21st, however he has graciously agreed to fill in whenever we need him! Mrs. Whyte has accepted a position with Oldham County to support the needs of her growing family. Mrs. Graves is caring for a family member experiencing a difficult health issue. Mrs. Kline has accepted a position at St. Albert, Ms. Lieras will not be returning to the cafeteria, and Mr. Walker has moved back to Illinois to care for his mother who has been ill. We wish all of these individuals much love, appreciation, and prayers for their new endeavors.
- **Fr. Lou Meiman**, who comes to us from St. Francis of Assisi parish, took the lead as Pastor on June 21st. Fr. Lou is very excited to get to know our school and parish community!
- We are thrilled to introduce our newest staff members who bring much experience and enthusiasm to their new positions. **Ms. Ashley Herl** is our kindergarten teacher. She has taught kindergarten and primary grades at Christian Academy and preschool at St. Aloysius. **Ms. Caroline Downer** has moved from our fourth to first grade where she is eagerly planning many new activities for the students. **Mrs. Emily Harrison** comes to us from JCPS to teach 4th grade. Our new music teacher is **Mrs. Sue Radeker** who has taught locally at St. Francis School, as well as internationally in China and across the country in Missouri, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Welcome to **Ms. Ketteley Bachmann** (a St. Leonard alum and former St. Albert Assistant Childcare Director) who is the new PreK assistant and to **Mr. Andrew Cronin**, our primary instructional assistant. Mr. Cronin was the Parks Program Services Leader for E.P. Tom Sawyer State Park for many years. We are in the process of hiring our PreK-3 teacher, cafeteria manager, and maintenance person, as we want to place the best individuals possible for our students in these positions. Stay tuned for additional welcomes soon!
- After investigating and reviewing our lunch options, the Cafeteria Planning Committee has determined that continuing to run our own cafeteria program will be in the best interest of our families and school at this time. Our school lunches will be nutritious and balanced, and we expect that the children will like the home-cooked options. **Mr. Reed** and **Mrs. Parola** have participated in training on the Sycamore Cafeteria Management system. We will use that to post menus, access and pay cafeteria accounts, and order school lunches. More information about the cafeteria program and menu samples will be available at the Wolverine Welcome Back.
- **Enrollment agreements** were mailed to families in early June and were to be returned to the Business Office by June 30th. We thank those families who have completed them in a timely manner! If you have not yet done so, please sign and return the Enrollment Agreement this week. If you have any questions about the agreement, please contact our Business Manager, **Monika Vowels** at 897-2595 or mvowels@stleonardlouisville.org. Thanks!
- Our **Athletics Committee** held two very successful car washes this summer, netting close to \$1500 which will be used to defray costs of new archery and soccer equipment. We are so very grateful for all the students, parents, and Athletic Committee members who made the cars sparkly clean and worked so hard to raise this money!
- Several of our 4-8th grade students took part in our summer math and writing camps, "Math Masters: Computation," "Math Masters: The Road to Algebra," and "The Write Stuff—Making Fiction Fun." Thanks to **Mr. Dauenhauer** and **Mr. Sedelmeier** for making these sessions such fun learning experiences for our students!



Did you know??... *The archdiocese has implemented a new social studies curriculum which will expand our students' understanding of the world, cultures, history, societies, and the interaction of other disciplines. We have purchased new social studies materials and textbooks. The Kindergarten through 4th grade will use the Studies Weekly series, and the 5-8th grade students will use the Pearson My World Geography (Western for 5th grade, Eastern for 6th grade) and American History (Until Reconstruction for 7th grade, Survey edition for 8th grade). The teachers have attended curriculum and textbook training sessions and are excited for the new materials!*

SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- Please join us in welcoming **Fr. Lou** to our community! The Parish Life Committee is hosting a **Spaghetti Dinner following the 4:30 pm mass on Saturday, August 12th and Sunday Donuts after the 10:00 am mass on Sunday, August 13th**. Enjoy great food, meet new friends, and get to know Fr. Lou in a game of "Cahoots"! See you there!
- The SAC will host the **"Wolverine Welcome Back"** on **Monday, August 14th from 4:30-6:30 pm**. Students will bring in their school supplies and meet their classroom teachers. Parents will return their registration packet information, register for various school activities, purchase gently used uniforms, and pay lunch accounts. Homeroom teachers will give families an index card to be stamped as they visit each information table in the cafeteria. **Please remember to drop your family's card in the collection box prior to leaving for a chance to win a gift card.** Thanks!
- ****New families, along with Preschool and Kindergarten families are invited to "Popsicles on the Playground" at 4:00 pm prior to the "Wolverine Welcome Back" event.** This gathering will give parents and children an opportunity to meet each other, mingle, and play prior to visiting the classrooms. We hope you will join us!
- Please complete and return your children's **registration and information forms for the 2017-18 school year** at the Wolverine Welcome Back. Mrs. Stubblefield will be available to notarize the emergency cards at that time. Please contact her (mstubblefield@stleonardlouisville.org or 897-5265) if your child did not bring home their packet the last week of school, and she will have one ready for you.
- The **first day of school for K-8 is Wednesday, August 16th**. School doors will open for early carpool at 7:00 am. The school day begins at 7:50 am. **This day as well as Thursday and Friday are 1:00 dismissals.** Lunch will be served. Our first **full length day of school is Monday, August 21st**.
- The Preschool will have **Open House for all Preschool Families on Friday, August 18th from 8:30-11:30 am**. The **first day of school for Preschool is Monday, August 21st**. Our ½-day preschool hours are from 7:45-11:45 am. Full day preschool hours are from 7:45-3:00.
- The **School Advisory Committee (SAC)** will attend an archdiocesan workshop, **"Your School Board: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed," on Saturday, August 19th from 8:30-noon**. SAC members will then work with Mrs. Leisa Schulz, the Superintendent of Schools, during the September 18th SAC meeting to continue to share ideas, insights, and best practices in governance and leadership. If you are interested in being a part of this dynamic group as they foster the continuous improvement of our school, please contact **Susan Norsworthy**, SAC Chair at susanbn@hotmail.com. The SAC meets the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the library.
- On **Monday, August 21st**, we will have a **Solar Eclipse Party** to view (with special eyewear) and celebrate this awesome event! Check out information about the eclipse at the Wolverine Welcome Back.
- We will have a **Mandatory Parent Meeting** for school parents on **Tuesday, August 29th at 6:30 pm**. Please mark your calendars.
- The **SLS 2017-18 School Calendar** has been posted to the school website (http://www.stleonardlouisville-school.org/school_calendars.html) and Sycamore. Please remember that **Thursday, September 7th** (the day before the St. Leonard Picnic) is an **Online School Day**. Students will not attend school that day, but they will be responsible for the day's assignments posted to Sycamore. The teachers will be at school to field questions and assist with any difficulties in accessing student work. Online school is counted as a school day and will allow the picnic committee to set up the picnic booths without interfering with carpool. This is also an excellent opportunity for school staff and families to work through any glitches and prepare for online inclement weather days later in the school year.

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- Imagine the possibilities that an extra \$500 (or \$250 for preschool part-time) can be for school supplies, uniforms, or that one last summer adventure! **Wolverine Dollars** are available to any current school family whose referral of another family results in a new student registering at St. Leonard. Please contact **Mrs. Stubblefield** for more details or to make a referral.
- Our school is part of the **Kroger Plus Community Rewards** program. Families who registered and participated in this program last year earned several thousand dollars for our school! Registrations will roll over from last year. If you have not yet done so, please register your Kroger Plus card and designate St. Leonard School (organization number, **10234**) at the Kroger website <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>. You can also use the link to check to see if you are still registered for St. Leonard. Remember to tell your family and friends to register for us too! Thanks!
- There's still time for students to complete their **summer homework assignments**. The links for each grade's assignments can be found on our school website at http://www.stleonardlouisville-school.org/summer_homework.html.
- **School supply lists** are also posted on the school website at http://www.stleonardlouisville-school.org/supply_lists.html.

SAFETY PATROL DUTIES

Week of August 14th

AM

Carpool Assist:

Nia G.

Anna G.

Flag and Cones:

Megan L.

Avery M.

PM

Flag and Cones:

Nathan I.

Morry O.

August Calendar of Events

Aug 2	SLS Teachers Return to School
Aug 11	Archdiocesan Teachers Opening Mass
Aug 12	Welcome Fr. Lou Spaghetti Dinner
Aug 13	Sunday Donuts with Fr. Lou
Aug 14	Wolverine Welcome Back
Aug 15	Feast of the Assumption/Staff Mass
Aug 16	First Day of School
Aug 16-18	1:00 Dismissal
Aug 18	Preschool Open House
Aug 19	Archdiocesan SAC Workshop
Aug 21	First Day of Preschool
Aug 21	Solar Eclipse Party
Aug 28	SAC Meeting
Aug 29	Mandatory Parent Meeting



Mrs. Ousley, Jaela C. and her Mom working the SLS STEM booth at the Crescent Hill 4th of July Picnic!

Summer Campers!



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