



Wolverine Notes

Weekly Newsletter

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"Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved."

~Pope Francis

The Week in Review:

- Congratulations to **Mr. Joe Reed** who was honored today with the **CEF Innovation Award** at the **Archdiocesan Gathering for Catholic Elementary Educators at St. Margaret Mary Church!** This award was established by the Dan Ulmer Family to honor excellent and dedicated Catholic school teachers, with 2-5 years of experience, whose innovative and creative approach to learning inspires outstanding student achievement. We are so proud of Mr. Reed for his commitment to the Catholic education and formation of our students.
- We extend a **BIG ST. LEONARD WELCOME** to our newest Wolverines who have joined our St. Leonard School family: **Mila J., Gabriel S., Bidhi T., Henry F., Frankie U., Evelyn R., and Hannah K.**
- We are pleased to announce that we have hired a **new cafeteria manager, Mrs. Dana Hart.** Mrs. Hart was the cafeteria manager at St. Michael for many years and is very excited to be taking on this new challenge. Check out the food samples which will be available for taste testing at the Wolverine Welcome Back!
- **Mr. Reed, Ms. Vowels, and Mrs. Hart** have been working together on the Sycamore portion of the cafeteria program so it is ready for the Wolverine Welcome Back and the start of school. Parents will be able to see balances and add money to their children's accounts through Pay Junction.
- The building is quickly taking shape as our classrooms are being transformed into exciting places to learn! **Mr. Dauenhauer** gathered a crew of **DeSales High School young gentlemen** who volunteered their time to transport the new 7-8th grade desks from Trinity High School, trade out desks in several classrooms, and move unusable items to the dumpster. We are so grateful for their time and muscles! We are also appreciative to **Mrs. Brewster** for her work this summer in cleaning the school building and prepping the cafeteria for the new lunch program.
- The **teachers** officially returned to school on Wednesday, August 2nd with a breakfast and time to meet new staff and catch up with everyone! The atmosphere has been energized these last ten days as the teachers enthusiastically worked as a full staff and in levels groupings to discuss procedures, share ideas, make materials, and benefit from each other's expertise. We are thankful for **Mrs. Stubblefield** who has been working in the school office with **Mrs. Parola** throughout the summer preparing for the school year. We are serious as well as joyous in living our mission to educate our children in a Christ-centered environment that is challenging and provides innovative and personalized instruction.
- Our staff attended the archdiocesan mass together and then enjoyed the keynote presentation, "The Joy of Teaching: FUN Raising for Catholic Schools" by Tim Reilly and Kathy House. These speakers inspired us to find the fun in our vocation and gave us an opportunity to rediscover why everybody wins when joy is nurtured. Afterwards the staff enjoyed a lunch together at El Nopal.

Did you know??... *Our students will collect temperature and cloud coverage data as well as observe animal behavior as part of a NASA project during the August 21st solar eclipse! We will be having a Solar Eclipse Party from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on the athletic field with eclipse glasses for school students/staff and some extras for the family members who join us. We will be serving sun chips and moon pies as snacks in honor of this event. Please join us!*

SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- Just a reminder that 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.** See you there!
- The **"Wolverine Welcome Back"** is **Monday, August 14th from 4:30-6:30 pm.** **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. Remember to get an index card from your homeroom teacher when you drop off your school supplies. This card will be stamped as you stop by each information table in the cafeteria. Drop your family's card in the collection box prior to leaving for a chance to win a gift card. Thanks!



- Please consider assisting with the Wolverine Welcome Back information tables. It's a great way to meet new people and model the gift of service to your children. Contact **Robin Krawiec** robink0430@bellsouth.net to help.
- 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**.
- **Kindergarten parents** are invited to a **"Boo Hoo Breakfast"** in the library at 8:00 am on **Wednesday morning**. Come celebrate your child's first day of elementary school with other class parents.
- 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. **Preschool Parents** are invited to a **"Boohoo-Yahoo!" Breakfast** in the library after dropping their children for their first day of school, August 21st.
- Mark your calendars for the **Mandatory Parent Meeting** for K-8 parents on **Tuesday, August 29th at 6:30 pm**.
- Please keep the **Lyon family** in your prayers as they cope with the recent death of their children's father, **Mr. Bruce Lyon**. There will be a **memorial service for him on Saturday, August 12th at 1:00 pm at the Pewee Valley Baptist Church** (331 Ash Ave., Pewee Valley).
- If anyone is interested in having a gecko or other small reptile as a pet, Mrs. Parola has a gecko tank set-up that is free to a good home. Please email her mparola@stleonardlouisville.org if interested.
- 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 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

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