



# Wolverine Notes

## Weekly Newsletter

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*"I cannot do all the good the world needs. But the world needs all the good I can do."*

~Jana Stanfield

### The Week in Review:

- Welcome Back!! Our children and teachers have settled in and are adjusting nicely to the back-to-school routine. Everyone was excited to catch up with their friends and make new ones this week. We give a **BIG ST. LEONARD WELCOME** to our newest Wolverines who have joined our St. Leonard School family this week: **Henry B., Thomas B., Dinah E., Cassidy B., Adison H., Nevaeh V.**
  - Thanks to **Robin Krawiec, Susan Norsworthy, Sally Locraft,** and their team of **SAC and PTO volunteers, teachers, and staff** for the wonderful Wolverine Welcome Back (WWB) event. We hope the information provided to our families has helped our children make a smooth transition back to school!
  - Kudos to the **7-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls volleyball team, Chrissy Gandolfo,** and **Fran Mastropaolo** for setting up the tables for last weekend's Spaghetti Dinner and Donut Sunday. **Fran and her Parish Life crew** hosted a scrumptious dinner which brought together old and new friends at St. Leonard. Sunday donuts did the same! Watch for future Parish Life events to join the fun!
  - We are excited to introduce our new Spanish Teacher, **Mrs. Maria Alejandra Esparza Cota.** Senora Esparza will teach our grades 5-8 students weekly Tuesday and Thursday at St. Leonard and also teach students at St. Rita.
  - On each student's desk for the first day (week) of school was a small jar of Play-Doh. The intent of this activity was to communicate to our students multiple ideas:
    - *We are going to have a lot of fun in our classroom this year!*
    - *We start working right away when we come into the classroom.*
    - *Creativity is valued in this classroom.*
    - *Learning looks different for different people.*
    - *Learning can be messy, and that is ok!*
    - *Collaboration deepens and extends our learning.*
    - *Divergent thinking is valued in this classroom.*
    - *This classroom is filled with hope and possibility!*
- Our students even had their own perspectives about the meaning of the Play-Doh:
- *Play-Doh is a great stress reliever.*
  - *Sharing is important.*
  - *It's important to clean up after ourselves.*
  - *It's a metaphor—We have the power to mold this year into anything we want.*
- The weather was hot and sticky this week as our children had some outside time on the playground and soccer field. We just had to do something about it, so we declared a **Popsicle Emergency!!** on Friday. The children and teachers enjoyed popsicle treats to combat the heat and fatigue.
  - Please keep **Fr. Lou and his family** in prayer as they mourn the death of their mother, **Mrs. Helen Speckner Meiman.** Please also keep **Mr. Dauenhauer** and his wife **LeeAnn** in your prayers on the death of LeeAnn's grandmother on Wednesday night.

Did you know??... *Just as our students had great summer reading material and assignments during the break, our staff took some time for summer reading too! They read about 75 books combined, and that doesn't include the 40-50 comic books enjoyed by Mr. Reed! Some of the favorite titles include A Man Called Ove, A Tale of Two Cities, Elizabeth the Queen: The Life of a Modern Monarch, Lord of the Rings Trilogy, When You Reach Me, The Alto Wore Tweed, The Handmaid's Tale, and The Battle for Your Email Inbox.*

### SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- Our school lunch program is off to a great start! **Mrs. Hart** provided samples of food items at the WWB, and the children enjoyed hot meals this week. The menu is posted to Sycamore and the school website. Meals include the entrée, fruit and vegetable sides, and your child's choice of milk, fruit juice, or water. Cost of a meal is **\$3.25**. **Additional entrees** can be purchased for **\$1.65**, with **extra sides available for \$0.75**. Students may also purchase extra drinks or bring their lunch and buy the **milk, juice, or water for \$0.50**. Parents can access their child's lunch account information to **view account balances and items purchased for lunch through Sycamore**. Funds can be added to the account through **PayJunction or by check/money sent to the school office**. Please contact the school office if you have questions or need your Sycamore log-in.

Small is **big!**

St. Leonard Community School

Small classes, **big** future!



- **Mrs. Hart** hopes to bring more participation from our school and parish community in the cafeteria this year. She welcomes all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. to volunteer to help. If you can dish it out, we will take you!!! Call the school at **897-5265** to volunteer.
- Join us for our **Solar Eclipse Party, Monday August 21<sup>st</sup>** on the soccer field from **1:00-3:00 pm**, for a view of the partial solar eclipse. Students and their families can be citizen scientists, helping NASA collect data on temperature, cloud coverage and animal behavior. NASA-approved eclipse glasses that meet the transmission requirements of ISO 12312-2 for direct observation of the sun and snacks will be provided. (Donations are gladly accepted.) Students have been made aware of the dangers of looking directly at the sun at any time and have practiced the procedure for putting on and taking off the glasses. Students must have a signed permission slip to attend and are asked to bring a water bottle (to fill with ice water) and a beach towel to sit on.
- We are happy to say our music program is expanding at St. Leonard School! **Mrs. Radeker** would like to purchase a class set of **Boomwhackers™**, pitched plastic tubes that are played with the hands. The set will be used by all grades, but concentrated for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It's a fantastic way to teach musical tones, pitch, rhythm, and the science of sound. We would also like to purchase three snare drum heads for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade "bucket band". The bucket band not only teaches music fundamentals, but also reinforces math facts. And lastly, we would like music for the kids to perform in class as well as in public performances. The music would represent 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century styles of music as well as world music to reinforce language arts and social studies. If you would like to purchase these items on our behalf, please contact our music teacher, **Susan Radeker** at [sradeker@stleonardlouisville.org](mailto:sradeker@stleonardlouisville.org). And as always, monetary donations are welcome. Thanks!
- Mark your calendars for the **Mandatory K-8 Parent Meeting on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**.
- We will have a **Sycamore Training for Parents Workshop on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the computer lab**. We are working toward using our Sycamore Student Information System to the fullest extent possible, so this is an excellent opportunity for parents to become familiar with its capabilities and functionality. This will also be great preparation for our **Online Learning Day on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> when all assignments will be posted to Sycamore for the students to complete at home**.
- Our Marketing Committee will have a booth at the St. Leonard Picnic to share the good news about our school. If you would be willing to become a Parent Ambassador and help man this booth, please contact **Mrs. Emly** at **897-5265** or [lemly@stleonardlouisville.org](mailto:lemly@stleonardlouisville.org). Thanks!
- It's almost Picnic Time-- **Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm-11:00 pm** and **Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-11:00 pm**. The Picnic Committee is looking for volunteers at all booths. Please consider coming out and working for a few hours. Call the **Parish Office** at **897-2595**, or email **Jolene Yates** at [joleneyates@gmail.com](mailto:joleneyates@gmail.com).
- Can you spare one hour of your time on **Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and/or August 26<sup>th</sup>** between the hours of **9:00 and 11:00 am** to help **clean our church pews and kneelers**? This is one of those annual tasks to be completed before the picnic! Call the parish office **897-2595** or drop in to help. Thanks in advance!!!
- 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](mailto:mparola@stleonardlouisville.org) if interested.

## SAFETY PATROL DUTIES

*Week of August 21<sup>st</sup>*

### AM

**Carpool Assist:**

**Reece C.**

**Alaina L.**

**Flag and Cones:**

**Kaelyn D.**

**Jack L.**

### PM

**Flag and Cones:**

**Lucy R.**

**Andrew R.**

### August- September Calendar of Events

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
Sept 4	Labor Day-No School
Sept 5	Sycamore Training Parent Workshop
Sept 7	Online Home Learning Day-Teachers Only at School
Sept 8	St. Leonard Picnic-No School
Sept 8	Teachers Positive Discipline PD Session
Sept 9	St. Leonard Picnic
Sept 18	School Picture Day
Sept 18-19	High School Recruitment Visits
Sept 21	1:00 Dismissal
Sept 22	High School Recruitment Visits
Sept 25	Accreditation Review Team Visit

*St. Leonard Catholic School, in partnership with families, educates children in a challenging, dynamic, and Christ-centered environment through personal, intentional, and innovative instruction.*

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