



# Wolverine Notes

## Weekly Newsletter

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*"In Advent we rediscover the beauty of all being on a journey ... across the paths of time."*

~Pope Francis

### The Week in Review:

- SLS sent two teams to the **FIRST Lego League Robotics Competition** last Saturday where they competed against 65 other school teams! Members of the **Water Warriors**, fourth graders **Liam K., Max R., and AJ Z.**, earned the **Robot Performance Award, Third Place!** The 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade **Cyberkinetic Squids** team included **Sterling C., Rocco G., Colton H., Nathan I., Cole J., Abby R., Layla S., Eraste S., and Frankie Y.** Much thanks to **Mrs. Ousley, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Chrissy Gandolfo, and Mr. Tony Riegling** for their many hours of planning and preparation with the students!
- Thank you for your help in conducting another successful **Pajama Drive** service project for the **Preschool and Kindergarten!** We collected 36 pairs of pajamas. Scholastic Books will also be donating a book to go with each pair of PJ's to keep a young child warm and read to this winter.
- The **Kindergarten** students participated in a Gingerbread Exchange with other Kindergarten classes around the country. They received letters and gingerbread boys and girls from Hawaii, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Indiana, Nevada, Georgia, Texas, Maine, New Hampshire and New Jersey. This week they made gingerbread boys and girls and wrote their letters to send.
- Mrs. Willenbrink, Ms. Wettig, and Mrs. Robinson** attended the **Youth Mental Health First Aid Training** provided through the National Council for Behavioral Health. The course, designed for school faculty and staff members, teaches the risk factors and warning signs of a variety of mental health challenges common among children and adolescents and how to support a youth developing signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in an emotional crisis by applying a core five-step action plan:
  - 1) Assess for risk of suicide or harm,
  - 2) Listen nonjudgmentally,
  - 3) Give reassurance and information,
  - 4) Encourage appropriate professional help, and
  - 5) Encourage self-help and other support strategies.

We are blessed to have staff able to participate in this very important public education program to ensure the mental health and safety of our students.
- Students and staff celebrated St. Nicholas Day on Wednesday. Each class received a visit from **St. Nicholas (aka Fr. Lou)** who tossed candy to the students and gave a brief history of St. Nicholas. Students also celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at Friday morning mass with a student choir of **Eraste S., Nikki L., Caroline N., and Stella M.** Next Tuesday we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



### The Week Ahead:

Saturday-Sunday, 12/9-10 *Second Sunday of Advent*

Monday, 12/11

- SL-SFR Joint Parish Reconciliation Service, 7:00

Tuesday, 12/12

- Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal, 10:00
- Christmas Concert Performance, 7:00 pm (Teachers/Students in Homeroom, 6:30)

Wednesday, 12/13

- PreK to Derby Dinner Playhouse, 9:00-11:30
- Grades 3-5 Reconciliation Service, 9:30
- PTO Meeting, Library, 6:00

Thursday, 12/14

Friday, 12/15 *FACTS Applications available ONLINE*

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Roller Coaster Showcase, 12:30-2:00





Did you know??... *Father B.J. Breen returned to SLS on December 6<sup>th</sup> to continue his Polar Express tradition with our Preschool students. For many years, Fr. B.J. has dressed as the train conductor who blows his whistle to welcome children (dressed in pajamas) to board the Polar Express! After having their tickets punched, students gather around Father and listen as he reads the book, and all enjoy hot chocolate together! Many thanks to Fr. B.J. for keeping this beloved St. Leonard Preschool tradition alive for our youngest students!*



### **SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS**

- The **SLS PreK through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Concert** will be this **Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the **Family Life Center**. All students need to be in their homerooms at **6:30** that evening. Students are to wear church attire for the performance. If you or a family member is unable to attend the night performance, you are welcome to come to our 10:00 Dress Rehearsal practice Tuesday morning.
- **IMPORTANT Information Regarding Financial Aid for the 2018-19 School Year: FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications for the 2018-19 school year open ONLINE on DECEMBER 15, 2017.** Families interested in financial aid must apply online at <http://www.stleonardlouisville-school.org/finacial.html> and use their **2016 Tax Returns**. Applications must be completed and verified with FACTS by February 28, 2018 for priority consideration. Contact **Monika Vowels, Business Manager, 897-2595** for more information or call **Mrs. Stubblefield, 897-5265** if you would like to use a school computer to apply.
- The **8<sup>th</sup> Graders** began construction of their roller coaster projects this week. Check out their progress displayed in the hallways and stop by for the **Roller Coaster Showcase on Friday, 12/15, from 12:30-2:00!**
- Our **3-5<sup>th</sup> grade students** will receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday at 9:30 am.**
- The **4-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Quick Recall Team** will begin after-school practice on **Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**, with the first match on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Quick Recall is a team effort to quickly answer questions about math, science, social studies, language arts, and literature. **Please have your child return the registration form or contact Mrs. Willenbrink for your child to participate.**
- Please register with the “**Reach Alert**” parent notification and emergency alert system to receive school-wide emergency notifications and school closure information to your cell phone, home phone, or email. **Please go to [www.reachalert.com](http://www.reachalert.com) to create an account.** Enter “**St. Leonard School**” for the network. The **registration/ID number is “stleo”**. Call the school office for assistance if needed.
- **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 canceled, online assignments for the school day will be posted to Sycamore.**
- **St. Leonard Yearbook Club needs your photos** of school or parish functions. Please digitally send the pictures to [Yearbook@Stleonardlouisville.org](mailto:Yearbook@Stleonardlouisville.org) “**actual size**” and **put the grade or event title in the subject line** (Ex: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, parish picnic, Trunk-or-Treat, preschool). We will collect pictures until the start of April. Thanks for sharing!
- See all the latest news and photos on the [St. Leonard Facebook](#) and [Wolverine Kids Facebook](#) pages—Like items and share with other Facebook friends!
- Just in time for the holidays--Register your Kroger Plus Card for the **Kroger Community Rewards Program** <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow> to support SLS, organization number **10234**.

### **SAFETY PATROL DUTIES**

*Week of December 11<sup>th</sup>*

#### **AM**

**Carpool Assist:**

**Caroline N.**

**Emma Lei S.**

**Flag and Cones:**

**Ania E.**

**Atri O.**

#### **PM**

**Flag and Cones:**

**Hayden G.**

**Stella M.**

### **December /January Calendar of Events**

Dec 9	High School Placement Test	Jan 3	School Session Resumes
Dec 11	SL/SFR Communal Reconciliation	Jan 10	PTO Meeting
Dec 12	Student Christmas Concert	Jan 15	NO SCHOOL MLK Day
Dec 13	PreK to Derby Dinner Playhouse	Jan 18	8 <sup>th</sup> to Dare to Care
Dec 13	Reconciliation Grades 3-5	Jan 18	1:00 Dismissal
Dec 13	PTO Meeting	Jan 20	Mother-Son Event
Dec 19	Preschool Christmas Party	Jan 22	SAC Meeting
Dec 19	1:00 Dismissal	Jan 27-Feb 3	Catholic Schools Week
Dec 20-Jan 2	Christmas Break	Jan 29	Future Problem Solvers
		Jan 31	Open House