



Wolverine Notes

Weekly Newsletter

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"To be saints is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for everyone."

Pope Francis

The Week in Review:

- We've had a great Catholic Schools Week! The children enjoyed the many activities, including cookie treats and no homework, the presentation by **Mr. David DeSanctis**, CSW mass, Kindergarten Info Night and Open House, K-3 Parent/Grandparent Luncheon, our exciting volleyball game of colorful **8th graders** in their neon shirts and tutus vs. **teachers** in their contrasting black, **Kaelyn D.** as Principal for the Day, and our House Dance Competition this afternoon. The students worked very hard to choreograph their dances and learn the routines. Congratulations to **Theresa House** on capturing first place, followed by **Esther** and **Anastasia**.
- Thank you to those families and friends who donated to the NCEA "Many Gifts, One Nation, A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools" campaign. We raised \$700. If you missed this opportunity and wish to make a donation, please send it to the school or parish office. Thanks so much for supporting our school!
- Thank you for taking the time to register your children for the 2018-19 school year! Today the students enjoyed their first Free Dress Friday for the month of February, and the enrollment information will be very beneficial as we budget for the new school year.
- The Governor's Cup Regional Competition had a great start with the composition and FPS assessments on Tuesday! Snaps to **Mrs. Willenbrink** for coordinating our hosting of this event for 17 public, Catholic, and private schools in our region. Saturday will be a larger undertaking for our staff/GC parents with the written assessments and Quick Recall tournament. Best of luck to **Kaelyn D., Vince P., and Emma Lei S.** as they compete tomorrow!
- Thanks to our fabulous **Parent Ambassadors** for hosting our school's Open House on Wednesday! We had several families visit, and we continue to receive daily inquiries for next school year. Please share information about the school with prospective families, friends and neighbors.
- The following students were recognized for **January H.A.T.** (Homework completion, perfect Attendance, and Tardy-free arrivals): **Jack Y., Tarik C., Makenzie E., Ian F., Carter J., Tristan K., Aaron S., Ahmya S., Nelson C., Tyler L., Lucy P., Aiden W., Riley N., Anna O., Gaby S., Rocco G., Colton H., Hannah K., Frankie Y., Sterling C., Eliza D., Lilly P., Brooke M., Zachary S., Kaelyn D., Nia G., Andrew R.**
- The following students were recognized for completing all of the January Wake2Walk/Rise2Run sessions: **Jack Y., Tarik C., Ian F., Carter J., Legacy S., Ahmya S., Nelson C., Megan L., Tyler L., Lucy P., Michael R., Maddie S., Caiden S., Cara M., Riley N., Leo R., Michael S., Hannah K., Nikki L., Frankie Y., Sterling C., Dia C., Eliza D., Lilly P., Harmony S., Hayden G., Stella M., Brooke M., Taylor T., Aiden S., Nia G., Avery M., Lucy R., Andrew R.**
- Congratulations to the **7-8th grade girls basketball team** who defeated St. Francis of Assisi in the first round of tournament play on Tuesday! They head to the second round against St. Raphael at St. Raphael Tuesday night. Good luck to the **5-6th grade girls team** as they compete in the first round this Saturday at Ascension!

The Week Ahead: Scholastic Book Fair

Saturday, 2/3 *Governor's Cup Regionals Hosted at SLS*

Monday 2/5

Tuesday, 2/6

- Wake2Walk/Rise2Run, Gym, 7:30-7:45 am
- Kaelyn D. to Archdiocesan Spelling Bee

Wednesday, 2/7

- Wake2Walk/Rise2Run, Gym, 7:30-7:45 am
- WAGS to grades K-4, 9:30-11:30

Thursday, 2/8 *1:00 Dismissal; Afternoon Conferences*

- Wake2Walk/Rise2Run, Gym, 7:30-7:45 am
- CRS Rice Bowl Luncheon @ Presentation Academy

Friday, 2/9 *SNOW MAKE-UP DAY; 1:00 Dismissal; Afternoon Conferences*





Did you know??...Our SLS students take their skills learned here and excel beyond elementary school! Congratulations to the following students who have been named to their high school honor rolls:

Assumption High School: *Claire Hillebrand, Bailey Masterson, Lilly Masterson, Rachel Peachey, Meaghan Wiggins*

Sacred Heart Academy: *Hannah Baker, Lucy Domingos, Caroline Dutton, Maren Grief, Anna Heady, Gabriella Hubbs, Lucy Hubbs, Anna Marie Nash, Grace Riley, Myia Smith, Anna Walsh*

St. Xavier High School: *Matthew Baker, Alijah McCollum, Matthew Wantland*

Trinity High School: *Ephraim Boyance-Stampley, Kenneth Domingos, Joseph Duncan, Trevor Ford, Jackson Ising, Skyler Jordan, Dylan Lasley, Ryan Martin, Cole Stewart*

SUPPORTING LIFELONG SCHOLARS

- The Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the library this **Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday**.
- Conferences for the Second Trimester will be held on Thursday and Friday afternoon, February 8th and 9th. SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION BOTH DAYS WITH 1:00 DISMISSALS.** Please check your email for conference time information and contact your child's teacher if you need to reschedule. **All students must attend this conference with their parents.** They will be marked absent for the snow day if they do not attend.
- The St. Leonard PTO "**RAFFLEMANIA**" is coming! The **Grand Prize drawing of \$1000 will be on Monday, April 16th followed by daily \$100 drawings each school day through May 18th.** Tickets are \$10 each and will go on sale Tuesday, February 13th during our Mardi Gras Kick-off!
- The PTO will host a **Skating Party**, Wednesday, February 21st at Champs Rollerdrome, 5:30-8:00 pm.
- We have been informed that the Louisville Water Company will be making repairs to the water mains on Zorn Avenue during the month of February. There will be minimal impact to the school, however please use caution during arrival and dismissal. We are in contact with LWC and will keep you as up-to-date as possible as we receive information for any possible changes.
- Lent is just around the corner, which means that Friday Fish Frys will be back! Each week families from two classes are responsible for assisting in set up, serving, clearing tables, and clean up:
 - ❖ **February 16th – 8th grade and 1st grade**
 - ❖ **February 23rd – 7th grade and 2nd grade**
 - ❖ **March 2nd – 6th grade and 3rd grade**
 - ❖ **March 9th – 5th grade and 4th grade**
 - ❖ **March 16th – K and PreK**
- Registration for the 2018-19 school year continues through Sycamore. The \$50/per student non-refundable registration fee is payable through Sycamore's Pay Junction. Click [here](#) to begin your family's re-enrollment.
- Submit your **FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications for the 2018-19 school year by February 28, 2018 for priority consideration.** Apply at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3W8W3> and use your **2016 Tax Returns and W-2 forms.** The Lurline Jochum Scholarship paper application is available [here](#) 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 February 5th

AM

Carpool Assist:

Ania E.

Atri O.

Flag and Cones:

Hayden G.

Stella M.

PM

Flag and Cones:

Kaelyn D.

Jack L.

February Calendar of Events

Feb 3 Governor's Cup Regionals
Feb 5-9 Scholastic Book Fair
Feb 6 Archdiocesan Spelling Bee
Feb 7 PTO Meeting
Feb 8 CRS Rice Bowl Luncheon
Feb 8 1:00 Dismissal / PM Conferences
Feb 9 1:00 Dismissal / PM Conferences
Feb 12 Conservation Education, Gr 4-6
Feb 13 No School Mass/
Feb 13 Rafflemania Kick-Off
Feb 14 Ash Wednesday / School Mass
Feb 15 8th 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 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
Feb 26 SAC Meeting
Feb 28 Financial Aid Applications Due



Library becomes 'makerspace'

CAITLIN OUSLEY AND MARY PAROLA

St. Leonard School is committed to ensuring that their students are 21st century learners who know how to "Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." This school year, the middle school students are engaged in a school-wide collaborative learning project — transforming the school library into a full media center with a Makerspace.

The school implemented "20% Time," a twice-weekly class specifically targeted to the sixth through eighth grades for students to be creative and innovative, use critical thinking and problem-solving skills and communicate and collaborate with others.

"20% Time" is based on concepts from companies like Google and 3M. These companies give their employees one day a week to work on projects of their choice that have the potential to be a product for the company.

The goal for the St. Leonard middle school students is to explore concepts that are important to them and that have an impact on others, as well as projects that allow them to research and demonstrate media and information literacy to be successful after they leave school.

The library project began as an initial school-wide collaborative-learning project, walking the students through the research and writing process to build competency in these areas before diving into their individual projects of student choice. The students began this project together by brainstorming ideas, which ranged from the very ambitious (adding a second-floor loft) to the more manageable (adding a Lego wall).

Guided by the middle school teaching team, students determined commit-



Caitlin Ousley

tees needed to complete their work and then applied for positions on those committees.

Currently, they are working in small groups to handle everything from the budget to fundraising and furniture to technology. They create agendas for meetings, keep detailed notes and plan from these. They even created a public relations team to share their project with the outside world and to get the input of parish and community groups that use the space.

Students designed a new layout, held bake sales for initial fundraising, moved bookshelves and books and created the beginnings of the Makerspace. They are in the process of finishing their plans for full use of the media center and are presenting these to the school and parish councils. Once final approval is given for their plans, they will continue to take part in the physical work of transforming the space.

While work on the library/media center continues for the remainder of the school year, students also will transition into their individual projects — questions or problems that they would like to answer or solve that are not routinely covered in school.

Projects proposed by the students include creating a butterfly garden for migrating monarch butterflies, a



Mary Parola

website for different book fandoms, a website and business selling Derby fascinators, a 3-D printed instrument, a video game that teaches multiplication and division and a website to match volunteers with service opportunities.

The St. Leonard Community has been energized by the creativity the students have shown and is very pleased to see how students connect the skills they are using in "20% Time" with their core content area classes. Students have shown increased confidence in their writing, research and public speaking skills. They organize meetings with project stakeholders, give presentations to the whole middle school and even organize fundraising events.

In addition, this time has helped build and strengthen relationships — among the students in the differing grades, between the teachers and students and among the four teachers and librarian who co-teach the class. Students are excited and so are the teachers. The entire community is thrilled to see the growth of this project and the other projects that are accomplished as the year progresses.

Caitlin Ousley is a science teacher and Mary Parola is principal for St. Leonard School.

Small is **big**!

St. Leonard Community School has been chosen as a finalist in "Today's Catholic Teachers Innovations in Catholic Education Awards for 2018!"

St. Leonard Community School was chosen as 1 of the top 3 schools in the nation for Curriculum and Instruction.



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