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Newsletter

February 23, 2023



Principally Speaking

We have a long stretch of great learning days ahead! This stretch of Mid February through March is where some of the most growth occurs in students! Please make sure you are a part of that by setting your child up for success- get them to bed at a reasonable time, check their planners, OptionC and dojo on a regular basis!

As we begin the Season of Lent, what better way to prepare for Easter than to spend Sundays at church together as a family? I would love to see you at Mass! My family comes to the 9:00 mass!

We need your help to make the Fish Fry a success! Please send in any monetary donation you can afford to be used to purchase desserts! Please join us for some yummy fish and enjoy the community event!

Thank you for blessing us with your child(ren) each day. Team Eagle!

Mrs. Long Principal

St. Lawrence Athletics...

Coordinators for Sports: Volleyball - Carmella Caine Soccer - Jen Huiet and Ben Hornback Boys Basketball - Noah Hornback (513-490-4208) Girls Basketball - Chris Caine (513-276-6681) Softball/Baseball - Scott Priestly (513-374-2240) Follow the St. Lawrence Athletic Association on Facebook!

The Leader In Me...

February

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood is the habit of listening to other people's ideas and feelings. It's trying to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. It's about being confident in voicing your ideas. It's about looking people in the eyes when speaking. Habit 5 is a timeless principle we all strive to teach our kids; it teaches them to be confident when speaking to others while also teaching them the importance of listening to others when they are speaking. Habit 5 is about communication. The best way to teach someone how to communicate is by practicing it with them.

Habits at Home

Examples of how you can practice Habit 5 at home:

1) Practice reflective listening. Say something to your kids and then have them repeat back what you said. Do this until you feel like everyone in the family listens without thinking of a response simultaneously.

2) Conflict Resolution: The next time there is a problem within the family have the involved parties sit down and listen to the other person's point of view. They have to be able to restate the other person's feelings before they can state theirs or respond to what was said. ("So what I heard you say was...")

3) Take family time to learn about other cultures.

Dennise Macedo's new cell phone number is 513-391-0860. She is only in the office 8:00-10:30am and 12:00-2:30pm. ***she is NOT available between 10:30am-12:00pm*

School Of Faith

St. Lawrence is implementing the School of Faith model as another dimension of our Catholic identity. This means that we as a school, staff and students strive to demonstrate our faith and belief in God as a Catholic school and community. Our staff is engaging in a guided study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We are communally studying and praying with each other using the Bible. We want to challenge our school families to actively engage in living our Catholic faith and Christian identity. In the Rite of Baptism parents are reminded that when they ask to have their child baptized they are accepting the responsibility of training the child in the practice of the faith. Parents are reminded that it is their duty to bring the child up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. The lives of the parents and godparents are to be examples of faith to inspire the child. They must make it their constant care to bring the child up in the practice of the faith. What does it mean to raise a child in the practice of faith? How do we practice our faith? What are the basic expectations that the Catholic Church has for its members in practicing the faith? In what ways does a family share and demonstrate faith? One way is to worship together. Bringing our children to church with us teaches them the value of worship. Hold little ones on your lap and whisper in their ear at the time of the Consecration when the Eucharist is becoming the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ and Father elevates the Host, "That is Jesus." After mass, have your child tell you what the Gospel was about or what was said in the homily. Make worshiping together a time of warmth and connectedness. Another way is to pray together, say grace before meals, pray together before bed. Let your love for each other be seen. Put your family first, be a sign and a witness.

Community Sports...

off-season athletes!

St Catharine Track & Field:Track & Field Signups ARE NOW OPEN!Signups end Friday, February 6, 2022 @ 11:59pm. DO NOT MISS OUT!Registrations are only taken online. Emergency & amp; Waiver forms along with payments are dueon February, 5 th 2023.St Catharine Track & Field Running CougarsWe are excited to offer track and field for students in grades K-8 who love to run, jump and have funagain this year. The goal of this program is to keep our kids healthy and active in the younger gradeswhile fostering healthy competition in the higher grades. Track is also a great cross-training activity for

Practice days are Mondays and Wednesdays. Practice begins mid-March, with Meets starting late March and running through mid-May.

Online Sign-up and Fee payment at http://stc-athletics.org/athletics/track

Fees are \$65 for our neighboring schools for the 2023 season. (Which includes a team t-shirt). Fees MUST be paid online.

News From the Office...

2023-24 REGISTRATION - Registration is open for EXISTING FAMILIES to RE_REGISTER starting January 30, 2023. IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED REGISTERED FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR, the school office will need to have the completed re-registration form and the registration fee of \$100 per student (not to exceed \$300 Per family). DO NOT SEND THE FORM WITHOUT THE FEE. IT WILL JUST BE RETURNED TO YOUR CHILD!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO NEW FAMILIES/STUDENTS SINCE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023.

Spiritwear!

We now have beanie's and bucket hats available for sale in our Spirit Store!! We have a limited supply of each so it is first come first serve. Here are our hats modeled by our very own Alexander Roblero Aranda:



Yearbook - We have 2021-22 Yearbooks for sale!!! They are in the school office to purchase for \$20. We still have several 2020-21 school year yearbooks available for sale- \$5. If you would like to purchase one, they are in the office.

Dresscode - <u>ABSOLUTELY NO HOODIES ARE ALLOWED TO BE WORN DURING CLASS TIME!!</u> AND NO <u>BLANKETS ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL!</u>

Sweaters/sweatshirts that are allowed to be worn during class time are the crew neck (no hoodie) in gray, red, yellow or black.

<u>New Tardy Policy</u> - This is a reminder that the new Policy for Tardies goes into effect Jan 3, 2023. Students are considered tardy if they are not in their homeroom by 8:00am. If a student arrives at school after 8:00am, they are to report to the office.

For the purpose of reporting attendance to the State of Ohio for EdChoice, every 3 unexcused tardies will count as an unexcused absence for ALL students.

a. Students are marked "tardy - excused" if they have a written note from a parent/legal guardian explaining the reason for the tardiness WITH a valid excuse such as a doctor or dentist note. If your child rides the bus and the bus causes them to be tardy, the tardy will also be excused with no need for a note.

b. Students are marked "tardy - unexcused" when there is no valid excuse for being late. Oversleeping, running late, car trouble, or parent/guardian appointments are NOT valid excuses.

Fish Fry 2023:

St. Lawrence PTO - 3680 Warsaw Ave. Heritage Hall (under church) 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31 Dine In - Carry Out - Drive Thru Call 513-921-4230 to place a carry out order; pick up inside or at drive thru Entrees: Salmon \$9 Breaded Cod \$7 Beer Battered Cod \$9 Grilled Cheese \$4 Pizza Bread \$4 Tomato Soup \$2 Desserts - \$1 per plate; Drinks - Water/Soda \$1

Sides \$2

French Fries * Green Beans * Corn * Tossed Salad * Cole Slaw * Mac & Cheese * Hush Puppies * Cornbread



Moeller Camps - Summer 2023

Hosted by Moeller faculty, coaches, and current students, Moeller youth camps offer age-appropriate activities for boys and girls grades K-12 that encourage skill development, teamwork, curiosity, positive attitudes, and a lot of fun - taught the Moeller Way! Our popular camps sell out fast, so be sure to register today at www.MoellerCamps.org! Questions? Please contact Kate George at MoellerCamps@Moeller.org or call (513) 618-9614.

Church News ...

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - Is the Catholic Faith calling you? We invite you to journey with us. Classes begin September 8, 2022. Contact Fr. Scott Morgan to learn more call 513-921-9200, or email at smorgan@stteresa-avila.org

The National Eucharistic Revival has begun! Archbishop Schnurr is inviting all Catholics through their parishes and all Catholic school students grades 6-12 to grow in our understanding and devotion to the Eucharist.

The Archbishop has also provided for a great and easy way to help our students and faculty to grow in meeting Christ in the Eucharist. In the link below, you will find information to a video series called The Mass from Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Ministries. We encourage all teachers and staff to be sent this information, but especially the 6-12 religion teachers so they are able to sign up to receive a weekly email with the video and introduction by Archbishop Schnurr. We encourage all religion teachers set aside one day a week from January 8th-February 12th to watch the video with their students and have a discussion on the Eucharist. (approximately 25 mins per video)

I also encourage you to send this information out to your parents as well so your entire Catholic school community can learn and be invigorated in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist!

Starting Monday, Nov. 21st, https://CatholicAOC.org/theMass

Around the Community...

Connor Kids Academy is a 3-year enrichment program that promotes personal growth through the power of sports.

It's a long-term investment in you, helping you maintain healthy habits and make good choices.

It's year-round, with in-person events and an interactive app.

It's fun, we partner with professional and collegiate athletes.

It's no cost, you just have to commit to becoming your best self.

There's only one chance to join. You can only join as a rising 5th grader - enroll in the spring of your 4th grade year.





Feb 15 - Registration opens to New Families Feb 22 - Fish Fry Starts! ALL PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS MUST TURN IN SHOT RECORDS AND A PHYSICIAN ASSESSMENT FORM. IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO PLEASE TURN IN TO SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP. If you have any questions regarding Cov-id protocol, you can email our school nurse, Kristi Wilms at

wilms@stlawrenceparish.org



Technology Tidbits...

School Website - <u>www.stlawrenceparish.org</u> Email Address -<u>school@stlawrenceparish.org</u> Yearbook@stlawrenceparish.org DOJO - <u>www.classdojo.com</u> OptionC - <u>www.optionc.com</u> school code 8285 Facebook Page -<u>https://www.facebook.com/St-Lawrence-S</u> <u>chool-Cincinnati-OH-102135592048576</u>

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