



# St. Lawrence

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*We are a Catholic School family dedicated to nurturing and celebrating a love for Jesus Christ and educating the whole child with academic excellence.*


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## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

With just one week to go, this is our last newsletter of the school year. I can not thank our school families enough for their continued patience and support during this trying school year. I am also very proud of our students for adjusting to the protocols we put in place this year. With that said, we are very hopeful for a return to normalcy for the 2021/2022 school year.

In fact, we are moving forward with our regular Apple Fest plans for the weekend of Sept. 10-12 (more details to follow). Also, as I've shared previously, we are very excited about our plans to purchase the Knights of Columbus hall next to St. Lawrence as the new home for our 6th-8th graders. Plans are being finalized and I will share more information very soon.

For these and other important dates, you can find the latest school calendar on our website under the 'Events' menu tab and included in the link above.

Separately, thank you to those of you who have taken our communications survey so far that was emailed out last Friday. We have received some great feedback that will go into finalizing our Strategic Plan for 2021 in the areas of faith formation, fellowship, communication and advancement.

You have until May 31 to complete this short survey; however, I'm happy to announce that we have already exceeded our 25% participation goal and *will have a free jeans day on the last day of school, Friday, June 4.*

Here are a few other announcements for the end of the school year and back-to-school activities:

- *There will be no summer homework this summer.*
- If you still have library books that need to be returned, please return them before the last day of school.
- If you have school uniforms that are in good condition that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the School Office before June 18th.
- The 2021-2022 School Supply List information will be emailed once the school year is over.
- We will have a Back to School Mass celebration as well as Curriculum Nights in August. Please watch your emails this summer for all August activities.

Again, thank you for supporting our teachers and staff this year, who have worked so hard for our students. We love our St. Lawrence family and are proud of what we accomplished in remaining in-person learning most of the year. God bless all of our families and I wish you all a wonderful summer break!

*Mrs. DiMercurio*

## Mr. Barker's Bulletin

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. With just one more week remaining in the school year, I think it's safe to say that we did it! By the grace of God, we were able to navigate these difficult waters and reach the harbor safely - the completion of the school year. I am reminded of the words of St. Paul to Timothy during their challenging and difficult struggles in evangelizing all nations: "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). Thank you all for your patience, support, and most of all, your prayers this year. We are looking forward to an exciting, new school year 2021-22. Enjoy your summer!

Thank you.  
Mr. Barker

## DATES & DEADLINES

May 27 - Preschool T/TH full day and Preschool M-F 5 full day - Last day of school

May 28 & 31 - Memorial Day Weekend - NO SCHOOL

June 1 - 7th Grade: Field Trip to Camp Ohiyesa; **\$1 JEANS DAY**

June 2 - Kindergarten picnic

June 3 - 8th Grade & Kindergarten: last day of school; **FIELD DAY**

June 4 - 8th grade graduation / mass at 6 p.m.

June 4 - Last day of school; **FREE JEANS DAY**

June 7 - 8th grade graduates celebration - BBQ 12-3 p.m. (more info to come)

## LEARNING CORNER

### SUMMER LEARNING

If you want to keep your students learning, here are some fun ideas from Scholastic.com to help students maintain their math skills and keep them thinking in numbers all summer long. Check out the link below for other reading, science and road game learning fun.

For Grades K–3:

- Shopaholic: What can you buy for \$5 at the corner store? From the ice cream truck? In a hardware store? At the beach?
- Change it up: Start collecting change in a jar on the first day of summer. On the last day, estimate your change, count it, and plan a special purchase.
- Summer patterns: Create patterns using summer items (popsicle sticks, shells, flowers). Or, draw patterns in the sand or dirt using a stick or your hands. See how long you can carry out your pattern — along the length of the sandbox, or across the grass.
- 100% delicious: Use ice cream to make fraction sundaes. Can you make an ice cream sundae that is one-half vanilla and one-half chocolate? Can you cover a scoop of ice cream with one-quarter each nuts, sprinkles, cookie crumbs, and gummy bears? For older children, calculate the percentage of each ice cream flavor in the sundae.

For Grades 4–8:

- Record-breakers: Use a stopwatch to time yourself running, roller blading, swimming, or biking. Then try to beat your time. Be sure to keep the distance you're moving the same for each trial. Graph the results. (You may need a partner for this.)
- Where will you be? Using a map, calculate where you will be if you travel 20, 50, 100, or 1,000 miles from home.
- Let's eat: Prepare a meal or dish for the family. Before you go to the supermarket, find a recipe, write what you need and how much. At the supermarket, choose the best-priced option.

Summer Learning Ideas



The Strategic Planning Committee has issued a communications survey that went out to school families on May 21.

Thank you to those who have already submitted responses, but it is still important that we hear from as many school families as possible so that your input can be incorporated into the Strategic Plan, which will cover faith formation activities, communication enhancements and overall planning.

Deadline for submission is May 31. Thank you!

[Take Survey Now](#)



The Scapular Enrollment was a huge success with around 40 people being enrolled on May 14 by Father Matthew Hood. In addition, the parish and CRE office staff were also enrolled.

The Catholic Culture Committee, thanks all who came out for the blessing and enrollment.

## PARISH NEWS



### St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Youth Leadership Initiative

The Youth Leadership Initiative invites teens currently in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades in the Parish to explore their God-given talents as a means to leadership. Our Initiative uses leadership service opportunities to understand an individual's gifts of the Holy Spirit, while promoting personal accountability and reflection on the meaning of success.

The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus will be starting its 7th year of the Youth Leadership Initiative. This group of high school teens meets once a month after 10 a.m. mass to explore leadership through guest speakers and presentations, bringing a better understanding of their own strengths.

The group of about 30 teens has lots of fun with games, scavenger hunts and lunches. Also, it's a time when friends get together that might not otherwise see each other being at different schools.



The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus promotes leadership at all ages as a means to grow in our Catholic Faith. The responsibilities of a leader are based on being committed to continual Christian formation and having courage to display the faith that we all are constantly forming.

If you or your teen are interested in being part of this group or would like to learn more, please contact Joe Lograsso at the email below.

[Email Joe Lograsso](#)



### Adult Confirmation Classes

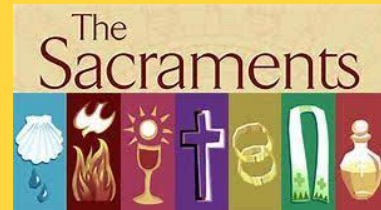
Catholic adults interested in receiving their Confirmation are invited to register for a summer series to prepare for the sacrament in Fall 2021. Classes are on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall on the following dates:

June 8, 22  
July 13, 27  
August 10, 24

Please contact Lisa Rajnicek in the CRE office for more information and registration at 586-731-5072.

*(Baptism certificate required at registration)*

[Email Lisa Rajnicek](#)



### Adult Sacrament Inquiry Classes

Adults interested in preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are invited to attend summer evenings of prayer, inquiry, instruction and conversation. Classes are on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall on the following dates:

June 7, 21  
July 12, 26  
August 9, 23

Please contact Lisa Rajnicek in the CRE office for more information and registration at 586-731-5072.

[Email Lisa Rajnicek](#)

## VBS 2021

This year's *in-person* Vacation Bible School theme is 'Rocky Railway, Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through'.

- Open to grades K-5.
- Dates are July 19 & 20, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. There will also be a family night at the Knights Pavilion on July 21 from 6-8 p.m.
- Spaces are limited to the first 20 registrations

- per grade.
- Registration deadline in Friday, May 28. (Forms were emailed out on May 14.)

Please contact Mrs. Lisa Rajnicek if you are able to volunteer at [CRE@stlawrenceparish.com](mailto:CRE@stlawrenceparish.com).



## SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

### Athletics - Fall Sports Registration



Registration for the below Fall 2021 Sports is open:

CYO Boys Soccer (Grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)  
CYO Girls Soccer (Grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)  
CYO Cheerleading (Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)  
CYO Volleyball (Grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)  
CYO Football (Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)

To register, please visit [www.mightymustangs.com](http://www.mightymustangs.com) and click the yellow 'Register Now' button. For any additional questions, please contact Jill Tocco at [jilltocco@comcast.net](mailto:jilltocco@comcast.net) or Matt Bultinck at [matt\\_bultinck@yahoo.com](mailto:matt_bultinck@yahoo.com)

Congratulations goes out to our 2021 St. Lawrence CYO Scholar-Athletes, especially in the wake of this past year: eighth-graders Peter Tocco, Meredith Winn, Luke Jablonski and Olivia Tessmer.

St. Lawrence Athletics is always on the lookout for coaches for the upcoming seasons. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please contact Matt Bultincki, Athletic Director, at [Matt\\_bultinck@yahoo.com](mailto:Matt_bultinck@yahoo.com).



### Guessing Jar Winner

Congratulations to Andrews Audisho for winning the mint guessing jar contest.

The theme was Sir Readalot's Castle and students were asked to guess how many mints it took to freshen a dragon's breath. He was only 3 away from the exact count of 195!

**Mrs. Guenther's class has won a**

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**popsicle party!**

Mrs. Guenther's class has won a popsicle party, bringing in 567 boxtops for the year! Thank you to all who participated this year.

Continue helping the PTO and keep sending in boxtops over the summer. Most box tops can be scanned instantly with the boxtop app; No Clipping Required! No App? Snap a pic of your receipt and send to [boxtops4stl@gmail.com](mailto:boxtops4stl@gmail.com). Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your e-receipts. Grandparents and Friends can download the App and set it to St. Lawrence as well.

Keep shopping and scanning!