



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,

As our school year comes to an end, this is my last letter to our St. Lawrence families for this school year. We have been blessed with a wonderful year and have brought back all of our normal activities.

We are closing things out with heavy hearts over the recent news in Uvalde, Texas. Please keep the families affected by this tragedy in your prayers.

I want all of you to know that the safety of our students and school is always my number one priority. That's why we only have one entry point into the school throughout the day with double-locked entry doors. It is important that every person who comes to the front door be let in by our front office personnel. Please DO NOT let people in or hold the door open for them as you exit the building. These are part of our security measures for our school. Please be assured that we will continue to look at our security protocols for areas where we can increase protections.

Let's pray for the families and victims from Robb Elementary School and for the continued safety of St. Lawrence. I encourage those who can to attend our last rosary group (8:45 a.m. in the Church) and Divine Mercy chaplet (3:25 p.m. outside the Social Hall) on Friday, June 3. Let's come together to pray for the families, for an end to these school shootings and that the Holy Spirit will continue to protect our students and faculty.

We do still have a number of activities during these last two weeks and a few other items I'd like to highlight.

- **STAR Testing** - We completed STAR testing last Friday and results will be sent home soon.
- **Middle School Open House** - June 2 (6-8 p.m.)
- **Volunteers Needed** - We have several programs and committees that are looking for new members in this month's newsletter - the Strategic

Planning Committee on our School Advisory Board; Apple Fest Chair positions; and the new American Heritage Girls program. Please read more about them below and email the contacts if you are interested. The success of our programs rely on our parent volunteers.

- **Teacher Spotlight** - This month, we recognize our wonderful Kindergarten teachers in our Teacher Spotlight. We will continue this series next school year to highlight our remaining grades and faculty. Also, next year we will begin a new Student of the Month program to highlight our wonderful students.
- **2022-23 School Enrollment** - Due to a continued strong interest in enrollment, we are adding a fourth 4th grade class and two new Nursery classes for the 2022-23 school year. All of our grades are full, with the exception of 8th grade.
- **2022-23 School Calendar** - Will be online June 1st. Meet the Teacher is Aug. 25 and school starts Aug. 29. You will receive a welcome back letter prior to returning back to school.
- **Summer Homework** - Our staff noted an increase in summer learning loss these last two years when summer homework was optional. Summer homework will be mandatory again starting this summer. An email will be sent out with links and passwords at the end of the school year.

Lastly, I want to extend a big thank you to our amazing staff who have worked so hard for the students this year and to all of our school families in choosing St. Lawrence for your children's faith and academic formation. We don't take your trust for granted and we are honored to have such a wonderful school community. May God bless all of you with a safe and happy summer break.

Mrs. DiMercurio

MR. BARKER'S BULLETIN

Greetings!

Congratulations to all our 8th grade graduates! May God continue to bless the St. Lawrence class of 2022 in all their future endeavors. Best of luck in high school and beyond!

While it's an exciting time for our graduates, it can also be a scary time for our students when they hear about events like what happened in Uvalde, Texas. In light of this recent tragedy, I wanted to touch on few points parents can use to help us protect our students and school.

- Monitor Social Media
- Report Threats
- Monitor Mental Health
- Encourage Kindness and teach the Golden Rule

Our hearts are with the families in Uvalde. As a Catholic school family, we know there is power in prayer. Let us pray for them and for the safety of our students.

The middle school building will be blessed by Bishop Bob Fisher on Wednesday, June 8th. We are gearing up for a busy summer to prepare for the 2022-23 school year. May you all have a blessed, safe, and restful summer. We look forward to seeing you in August. St. Lawrence, pray for us!

Mr. Barker

DATES & DEADLINES

May 27 - NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day Weekend)

May 30 - NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day Weekend)

June 2 - 8th Grade last day of school; Middle School Open House (6-8 p.m.)

June 3 - Kindergarten last day of school

June 3 - 8th Grade graduation

June 5 - Middle School Open House

June 9 - Last day of school; no PM busses

July 18-22 - Vacation Bible School

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD NEWS



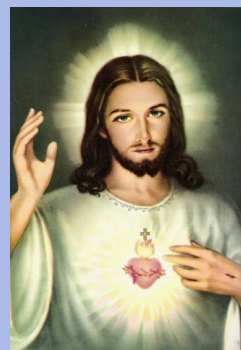
JOIN OUR TEAM

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Are you interested in being more involved at your student's school? Would you like to help shape and implement school programs aligned with our Catholic values and school objectives?

If so, then consider joining the Strategic Planning Committee on the School Advisory Board. We are looking for 2-3 good members to join our team to help launch some new programs in the fall.

Please email Claudia Tapia at ctapia1240@gmail.com if interested or for more information.



CATHOLIC CULTURE

The First Friday Devotion

This devotion was given to St. Margaret Mary by Jesus, himself, in the 17th century.

Jesus made 12 promises to those who make reparation for sin to His Sacred Heart.

To gain this grace, we must:

- Receive holy Communion on nine consecutive first Fridays.
- Have the intention of honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of reaching final perseverance.
- Offer each holy Communion as an act of atonement for offenses against the Blessed Sacrament.

Want to learn more? Check out these links:

https://youtu.be/qi_p3o68Bqs

https://youtu.be/L2EY-kGC_ok

PARISH NEWS

K of C Science Fun Day

August 5, 2022, 10 a.m.

K-4th Graders (2022-23 school year)
K of C Picnic Grounds

The Knights of Columbus are excited to host a Science Fun Day at the K of C Picnic Grounds on Friday, August 5, 2022, at 10 a.m.

We're planning fun, hands-on activities that explore chemistry, fossils, electricity, the air and atmosphere and much more. The day will include lunch and a fun finale around 2 p.m. Parents will need to remain at the picnic grounds with the kids and will also enjoy lunch.

Sign up below for both kids and parents.



[Sign Up Here](#)



Apple Fest Basket Raffle Donations

Looking to fulfill your Apple Fest commitment?
Consider donating a basket for the 2022
Apple Fest Basket Raffle.

In order to fulfill a school or sports "Non-participation" commitment, you will need to donate either 2 baskets with a minimum of a \$200 value EACH or 1 basket with a minimum of a \$200 value and work a 4-hour shift.

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- Submit receipts showing total value of basket;
- Wrap all items in basket with transparent cellophane wrap or present nicely if too large for a basket;
- Deliver basket in early August

Send complete list of contents to Raffle Basket chairs. If interested, or if you have questions, email: stlbasketraffle2022@gmail.com.



VBS - Monumental: Celebrating God's
Greatness
July 18-22, 2022

There are only 2 weeks left to register for this year's Vacation Bible School. Don't miss out on this fun, faith-filled week with other St. Lawrence families. Registration forms were sent home through school and closes on June 10.

If you are interested in leading a classroom,
please email Lisa Rajnicek
at lrainicek@stlawrenceparish.com.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

This month we celebrate our Kindergarten teachers Mrs. Landa, Mrs. Lucido, Mrs. Newby, Mrs.

Nihranz and Mrs. Sclafani. This team prepares our little Einsteins for a lifetime of learning and reading fun, while helping them model proper behavior and navigate school rules. It's a big transition year for the Kindergarteners and these teachers guide them with grace, patience and love. A big thank you to our Kindergarten teachers!

Mrs. Landa



This is Mrs. Landa's first year teaching at St. Lawrence. Prior to coming to St. Lawrence, she taught kindergarten at St. Paul on the Lake for six years, preschool at Our Lady Star of the Sea for two years and in the public school system as well.

Mrs. Landa received her bachelor's degree from Rochester College with a major in Early Childhood Education and a minor in Psychology. She then attended graduate school at Oakland University where she received her Elementary Education Teaching Certification. She is also a certified catechist.

Outside of school, Mrs. Landa enjoys spending time with family and friends. In her free time, she loves to cook, bake, read and travel. Her favorite place to travel to is Fort Myers/Naples, Florida.

Mrs. Lucido



Mrs. Lucido has been teaching at St. Lawrence for two years and has been in the teaching field as a lead teacher or assistant teacher for 13 years. She attended Oakland University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education.

She has been married for 23 years and has 4 sons, Paul 22, Nick 20, Sam 18, and Anthony 17. She also has a brand new granddaughter Lily from proud parents Paul and Caely.

She loves to watch Hallmark movies and listen to music in her free time.

Favorite Saint: *"St. Anthony of Padua because he always helps me find what is lost."*

Words to live by: With God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26).

Anything else you'd like your students to know: *"I would like my students to know that I love them very much!"*

Mrs. Newby

This is Mrs. Newby's 9th year at St. Lawrence and 15th year teaching total. She graduated from Central Michigan with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood.

This August, she and her husband Brian will be celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary. They have three sons (just like the

show) Jack 13, Vincent 11, and Joseph 9.

In her spare time, Mrs. Newby loves to be active outdoors hiking, walking, and riding her bike. She has hiked the Rockies, Elks, Tetons, and the Beartooths and is looking to add a few more to the list. This summer, Mrs. Newby is looking forward to her family trip in Utah and Arizona to visit the National Parks of Zion, Bryce Canyon and the Grand Canyon. In the summer you will find her on daily bike rides. When she's not hiking and/or traveling, she splits her time at her family lake house on Morrison Lake and visiting her Aunt in New Buffalo on Lake Michigan.



Interesting facts you'd like to share: *"I was on the Bozo Show when I was 14 yrs. old because when my grandma ordered the tickets, it was a 7-year wait list."*

Favorite Saint: "Padre Pio is my favorite saint thanks to my grandma who had a special devotion to him. He was known for giving people spiritual insights, directions, and constant encouragement."

Advice / words to live by:

- "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." **Padre Pio**
- "If you're not a thorn in somebody's side, you aren't doing Christianity right." **Mother Angelica**

Anything else you'd like your students to know: *"I am proud of each and every one of my students. They teach me new things every day. Their love of learning and devotion to their Catholic faith is inspiring. May they never lose their love for both school and God."*

Mrs. Nihranz



Mrs. Nihranz has been teaching at St. Lawrence for 7 years and for a total of 22 years.

She received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a double major in Speech Pathology and Language Arts from Wayne State University and has a Master's Degree in Teaching from Marygrove College.

She has been happily married for 19 years to her husband, Matt. Both of her children, Madison and Jake, graduated from St. Lawrence and now attend Bishop Foley Catholic. Her daughter is a Senior, and her son is a Sophomore.

When she is not working, you can usually find her cheering for her kids at a sporting event. In her free time, she loves to read, cook, go for walks and spend time with family and friends!

Favorite Saint: Our Lady of Fatima

Anything else you'd like your students to know: *"I have always believed that God put you in my class for a reason and I am so very blessed to be your teacher."*

Mrs. Sclafani

Mrs. Sclafani has been teaching at St. Lawrence for two years and 12 years



total. She worked in Utica Community Schools for 10 years before beginning her journey at STL, where she taught as an instructional reading/technology coach, kindergarten and third grade teacher.

She graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

Mrs. Sclafani has been married to her husband Cesare for 11 years and they have three beautiful boys who attend St. Lawrence - Vincent (3rd) Dominic (1st) and Anthony (Nursery School). When she's not in the classroom, she enjoys being a mom, cooking, reading, playing games, being outside and spending time with family and friends.

Interesting facts you'd like to share: *"Although I am afraid of heights, I've climbed the Duomo in Florence, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Chichen Itza Pyramid in Mexico."*

Favorite Saint: *"St. Catherine of Alexandra because she is the patron saint of teachers, students, and lawyers - which includes all members of our family!"*

Advice / words to live by: *"Everything happens for a reason!"*

SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

NEW! American Heritage Girls Program Coming to St. Lawrence



Leaders Needed!!!

St. Lawrence is excited to bring an American Heritage Girls chapter to St. Lawrence beginning in the fall of 2022. American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 5-18 years old. They are dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country.

The group is open to K-8 grade girls. All grades will meet monthly on the same day after school and break out by age groups. If you are interested in helping or becoming a leader, please email Katherine Lucas at kasia.helena@gmail.com. To learn more about this wonderful program, visit <https://americanheritagegirls.org/>.

Apple Fest Chairs Needed



Apple Fest 2022 will be held Sept. 9-11, 2022! Thank you to those who have stepped up to chair a committee this year. We still have a few open chair positions that must be filled in order to make this festival a success. Please consider signing up to take a more active role and become a committee chair. If interested, please email Mrs. DiMercurio.

Open Chair Committee Positions

- Carpentry
- Clean up
- Food/Serving (2) - This is a critical position for Apple Fest. We must fill this.
- Take down (Hilo and Equipment)
- (NOTE: Committee chairs are exempt from volunteering Apple Fest weekend and receive discounted ride tickets.



Athletics

Registration for the below Fall 2022 Sports is now open:

- CYO Boys Soccer (Grades 4th-8th)
- CYO Girls Soccer (Grades 4th-8th)
- CYO Cheerleading (Grades 4th-8th)
- CYO Volleyball (Grades 5th-8th)

To register, please visit www.mightymustangs.com and click the yellow Register Now button.

The first round of registrations for soccer, volleyball and cheerleading will end at midnight, Sunday, June 26. After that, we will continue to accept registrations, but the cost will double.

Any questions, please contact Jill Tocco at jilltocco@comcast.net or Matt Bultinck at matt_bultinck@yahoo.com



Have you heard? More than 60 St. Lawrence families have taken the Wait Until 8th pledge!

It's not too late to join other StL families who are delaying the purchase of smartphones for their children until 8th grade.

Several of our grades have reached the 10 family threshold and have been linked with other families who have taken the pledge.

Click on the link below and choose *St. Lawrence Catholic School* as your school. Once complete, email your name and your student's name and grade to Claudia Tapia (ctapia1240@gmail.com).

[Sign the Pledge Here](#)



2022 June Summer Camps Registration Form

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PARENT/GUARDIANS: _____ PHONE #: _____
 SCHOOL: _____
 Medical Conditions or Allergies: _____
 EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____
 EMAIL (for Confirmation and camp reminders): _____

Please circle your selection(s) below:

	Before June 1st	After June 1st
Morning Session Options (8:30am to 11:30am)		
STEAM Mini- Camp	\$50	\$60
Creative Writing Camp	\$30	\$40
Speed & Agility Camp**	\$30	\$40
Afternoon Session Options (12:30pm to 3:30pm)		
Art Camp	\$50	\$60
Volleyball Camp**	\$30	\$40

Make it a full day and enjoy two camps.
 Lunch included Thu only; must bring bag Mon, Tue & Wed
 Total Due: \$15 \$25

** T-Shirt Size (circle one): Y-Lg A-Sm A-Med A-Lg A-XL

Registration Payment Process:

You may register online via the ACHS website OR mail your completed form and payment to:
 ACHS Summer Camps
 25925 23 Mile Rd.
 Chesterfield, MI 48039
 (586) 200-0143

Please make checks payable to: ACHS
 Memo: Summer Camps

Waiver of Liability

In consideration for the foregoing, I for myself, my executors, administrators, and assigns, do hereby release and discharge all sponsors, coordination groups, volunteers, and any individuals associated with the event, for all claims of damages, demands, actions, and whatsoever in manner arising or growing out of my participation in said event.

Parent / guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Austin Catholic Summer Camps

Austin Catholic High School is hosting a variety of summer camps, from academics through arts and athletics, from June 13-16, and the last date for sign-up is June 2nd.

Summer Camp Form