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St. Lawrence
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

News & Notes

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

Weekly Newsletter April 1, 2019

Dear Parents,

Last week, I wrote an article in the Forum regarding the Gospel reading The Prodigal Son. I wanted to share it with all of you in case you missed it.

“Return to God, through Forgiveness”

In today’s Gospel the parable “The prodigal son,” Jesus is telling a story to the Pharisees after they say to him, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Jesus in turn tells them 3 stories. He wants to teach them how God the Father loves us and forgives us even when we stray. One of the three stories is “the Prodigal Son.” The story is about two sons and their father. When the prodigal returns, he says to his father, I realized I made a mistake. The son realizing, he had made a mistake, was his way of asking for forgiveness.

This parable contains two remarkable things. The first is the son’s demand or inheritance. This was a cruel to demand to make. To insist upon his inheritance before his parents are dead is, in effect, to rob them of their “social security,” Jesus’ listeners were shocked at the demand. They were even more shocked when the father granted it. The other remarkable thing is the father’s response to the son’s return home. The father does three things that surprised Jesus’ listeners. First, he embraces his son. Embracing the boy shows that his father welcomes him back fully. No sign of affection is held back from him.

Secondly, the father puts shoes on his feet. Putting shoes on the boy’s feet shows that the father

forgives him fully. In biblical times, shoes were a sign of a free person; slaves went barefooted. Putting shoes on his son’s bare feet takes away the sign that says he is somebody’s slave and gives him the sign that says he is somebody’s son.

Finally, the father gives his son a ring. Putting a ring on the boy’s finger shows that the father restores him fully to the status he had before he left home. For, undoubtedly, the ring was a signet ring, containing the family seal. To have it was to possess the power to act in the family’s name.

The second half of the parable is focused on the second son. In contrast to the father’s lavish forgiveness, the second son won’t even go into the house of the celebration of his brother. The parable ends without telling us of his decision.

Does he go inside, or not? The reason Jesus did not tell us what the older brother decides is because who the two son’s stand for. The older son stands for the religious leaders of Jesus’ time and the younger son stands for the sinners and outcasts of the time.

The sinners and the outcasts respond to Jesus’ call to repent their sins. Jesus, in return, forgives them. And this angers many religious leaders, like scribes and Pharisees, who think sinners do not deserve to be saved.

And so Jesus tells the parable in such a way that each scribe and Pharisee must write his own ending to the story. Each realizes he is the older brother and must decide whether to forgive his younger brother. Each realizes that he must decide

whether to go inside and sing or stay outside and sulk.

Jesus' is teaching all of us. We, too, are to forgive others, as God has forgiven us. It is not enough to forgive others once or twice. Jesus made this clear on another occasion when Peter asked him, "Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times do I have to forgive him? Seven times?" Jesus responded, "No, not seven times, but seventy times seven, because the Kingdom of heaven is like this." Matthew 18:21-23

How does the parable end in your mind and heart? Do you go to the celebration or not?

God Bless,
Mrs. Lisa DiMercurio

Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of St. Lawrence we will evangelize our students to be joyful missionary Disciples and encourage a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We promote family values within our school community by choosing kindness, respect and compassion. We achieve academic excellence with a challenging curriculum which enables students to reach their full potential as a lifelong learners.

Please check the following dates with your calendar. These dates reflect bussing changes.

April 1-5 – *(UCS off - No Busses all week (Parents provide transportation AM & PM)*

Apr 12 – Full Day School – **AM BUS ONLY** (Parents provide transportation 4 PM)

Apr 19-26 – NO SCHOOL

May 24 & 27 – NO SCHOOL

Dates to Remember

April 1-5 no buses

April 8-12 8th grade in Washington DC

Cinderella Play April 6 & 7

Talent show rescheduled May 15

Spring Concert grades 3 & 4 May 20

PTO Meeting Dates

4/17 7:00 pm

5/15 7:00 pm

Latchkey

We are now offering latchkey to our 4 yr. old preschoolers. Only from 7 am until 9 am and 3:30 pm until 6 pm. Not for preschool students in half day program. If interested in latchkey, please turn in a completed latchkey form. You can find forms on our school website. Also needed to register is a \$50 registration fee.

Script

You may purchase ScripNow for immediate use anytime and remember, some of the physical cards are eligible for reload. If you have signed up for Scrip, but have not activated your PrestoPay account, you must do so prior to ordering.

If you are new to St. Lawrence or just want information about the Scrip program, please contact me! scrip@stlawrenceparish.com

Thanks,

Christa Lass

NEXT ORDER DATES:

April 1st, 15th, 29th

May 13th, 28th

June 3rd

LIBRARY

Come and share your love of books with the students of St. Lawrence.

We currently are in need of volunteers during these times:

Tuesday 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Wednesday 1:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

No experience necessary! Basic computer and filing skills.

Mustang CYO

Are you ready for some football? Join the fun in one of the most successful programs in the CYO: the St. Lawrence Mustangs! Registration is now open for the 2019 season. Please register with your child(ren)'s current grade (boys' grades 2nd-7th are eligible to play this fall).

Football registration is opening early in order to inform CYO of the number of teams we will have. You may complete the registration process without making payment; to do so, complete the registration, but do not hit the "Pay Now" button on the last screen. However, full payment must be made by May 1; if payment is not made by May 1, a late fee will be added to your registration. Don't miss out!

Please note: St. Lawrence football will begin Aug. 5; conditioning will start in June. Football registration does **not** include team camp, which will begin in July. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Collins, STL Football Coordinator, terrycollins1964@hotmail.com; or Jill Tocco, jilltocco@comcast.net.

Go Mustangs!

Please support the St. Lawrence Drama Club and come see our play Cinderella. The flyer is below.



In the next couple of months a few of our 8th graders will be participating in a Leadership Service project sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. They will either be selling candy in the cafeteria or collecting items. Below is a flyer for the first of the projects.

**Tuesday, April 2nd
will be the
Sucker Pull Winners Comfy Cozy
Day
You can wear sweatpants or jeans
with a school appropriate shirt and
tennis shoes.
NO LEGGINGS – NO BOOTS!!**

**Please join us at THE RINK on April 5, 2019 @ 5-7 pm
skate party! Sponsored by PTO**





ST. LAWRENCE PARISH



USHERS ANNUAL FISH FRY!

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT 4:30–7:00

GOOD FRIDAY HOURS 3:00–7:00

ADULTS - \$9.50 SENIORS - \$8.50

CHILDREN - \$5.50

DEBIT AND CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

DINNER CHOICES ARE:

FRIED or BAKED FISH

SHRIMP

PIZZA

MAC 'N CHEESE

DINNER INCLUDES:

YOUR CHOICE OF FRIES, BAKED
POTATO,

OR MAC 'N CHEESE

AND SALAD OR COLE SLAW

ROLL, BEVERAGE and DESSERT.

CARRY OUT OPTION:

PHONE ORDERS TAKEN

586 - 731 - 5353

FROM 4:15 — 6:45 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY FROM

3:00 — 6:45 p.m.

JOIN US IN CHURCH
AFTER A GREAT DINNER AT
7:00 P.M. FOR
STATIONS OF THE CROSS



DETROIT DOG RESCUE

Hi, my name is Chase Ruczynski. As an 8th grader, I have decided to organize a K of C Leadership Project. I will be collecting donations to benefit the Detroit Dog Rescue. I am a dog lover and I want to do as much as I can to help the dogs. The Detroit Dog Rescue is a great resource to help keep dogs safe, happy, healthy, and off the streets.

I will be collecting items **April 1-12th**. There will be collection bins located in each classroom.

Below is a list of supplies that are desperately needed:

- Fleece for tie Blankets (Approx 4'x4')
- Blue Buffalo Dry Food (Chicken & Rice)
- Blue Buffalo Canned Dog Food
- Kirkland/Costco Dry Food (Chicken & Rice)
- Royal Canin Hydrolyzed Protein Food
- Zuke's Training Treats
- Jiff Creamy Peanut Butter
- Bully Sticks
- Large Kongs
- Fluff & Tuff Stuffy Toys
- Benedryl 25mg Pills
- Adaptil Spray
- Liquid Lysol Cleaner
- Gift Cards & Gifts of Money
- Martingale Collars (Med and Lg)
- Freedom Harnesses (Med and Lg)
- 6 ft Clip Leashes
- Heavy Duty Cable Tie Outs
- Clean or New Towels
- Clean or New Blankets (Please NO large comforters)
- Plastic Dog Igloo's
- 13 Gallon Garbage Bags
- 42 Gallon Contractor Garbage Bags
- HP 952 Black & Tricolor Ink Cartridges
- HP 63 Black & Tricolor Ink Cartridges
- White Printer Paper

No time to shop? DDR has a wish list on Amazon!



Come one, come all – St. Lawrence School Theatre Program presents



RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN'S

Cinderella



Saturday, April 6, 2019

7:00 PM



Sunday, April 7, 2019

3:00 PM

St. Lawrence Catholic School - Gymnasium

44429 Utica Road, Utica, MI

TICKET INFORMATION – General Admission

Adult: \$10.00 each

Student/Senior/Veteran: \$5.00 each

(Includes children under 12 years of age)

Student/Family Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Email: _____ ***Phone:*** _____

DATE	ADULT - \$10.00	Student/Senior-\$5.00 <i>(Children under 12)</i>
Number of Tickets for Saturday, April 6th		
Number of Tickets for Sunday, April 7th		
Total Number of Tickets		
Total Amount		

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL

Return Order Form to the School Office by: Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Tickets will be sent home with student listed on form

Tickets can also be purchased in the school office

HEY KIDS! DON'T MISS

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CHILLERMANIA!

BOOK FAIR

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**MICHIGAN
CHILLERS**

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MEMBERSHIP OF CHILLERS FROM MICHIGAN CHILLERS



"THE EASIEST SCHOOL BOOK FAIR IN AMERICA!"

DOLLAR STORE DANNY

**Freddie
Fernortner**
FEARLESS FIRST GRADER

MEET
THE
AUTHOR!

APRIL 11 - 14, 2019

LAKESIDE MALL, STERLING HEIGHTS!

Come to the Chillermania Book Fair at Lakeside Mall April 11th - 14th and earn 10% back for your school! Books are available at regular low retail prices (\$4.99 - \$6.99), with over 100 titles to choose from, including *Michigan Chillers*, *American Chillers*, *Freddie Fernortner-Fearless First Grader*, *The Adventure Club*, and the all-new *Dollar Store Danny* series for beginning/early readers! Participate in a FREE trading card treasure hunt and collect dozens of book-themed trading cards! Author Johnathan Rand will be at the book fair all four days to personally autograph books. Book fair hours: Thursday & Friday 3 - 9; Saturday 10 - 9, & Sunday 12 - 6! **PLUS: This event will feature the WORLD PREMIERE of American Chillers #43: Robotic Rodents Ravage Rhode Island! Buy it here before it's available in stores or online!**

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