

ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL

“His Banner Over Us Is Love”

September 13, 2016

Dear St. Lawrence School Families,

Welcome back! It was so wonderful to experience the energy and enthusiasm that filled the school building last week as our students began their first day of school. I want to thank every member of our St. Lawrence School faculty and staff for helping to make this day so special and run so smoothly for every student. I also want to thank our St. Lawrence School parents and family members for ensuring that every child arrived to school on time and prepared for the first day of school.

I am so excited to welcome our new faculty and staff members to St. Lawrence School this year. Terri Morgan is our new kindergarten teacher, Susan Pratt is our new first grade teacher, Codi Battaglia is our new second grade teacher, Alexandra Callinan is our new sixth grade teacher, Maura Spencer is our new after school care coordinator, and Gail Layer as our new office assistant. This year Ms. Toscano will be our new lunch coordinator as well as our physical education teacher. Ms. Collom will be our new AIS Math, Reading, and Enrichment teacher. Ms. McLaren is our new office manager and will be working closely with Ms. Layer as we move through the school year. We are so blessed to have such amazing individuals in our school community!

Our Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Team has been working diligently to begin preparing small group reading and math instruction for our students in need. This year all Diocesan schools are using the I-Ready program to evaluate the reading and math levels of every child in the school building. This information, combined with the New York State Test results will be used to determine which students will be receiving AIS and Enrichment this year. A letter will be sent out to all parents of students who become eligible for these services as soon as this information becomes available.

For the safety of all of our students, any parent wishing to walk their child to the classroom in the morning will be required to sign in and wear a visitor pass. We ask that after 8:00 AM, all visitors please enter the building through the main entrance by the school office during regular school hours. During afternoon dismissal, the doors at the north entrance will automatically unlock at 2:20 PM to allow parents access to pick up a child in the gymnasium. All parents must sign their child out with the dismissal monitor in the gymnasium. No child will be released to a parent until they have been checked off by the dismissal monitor. This is to ensure that each child is going home with the proper adult. We appreciate your understanding in helping to make our dismissal a safe and smooth process for every student.

When we mailed out our uniform policy this summer, you may have noticed that we updated our hair accessories guidelines. All hair accessories such as bows and head bands should be simple, neat, and school colors (red, white, or navy blue). We appreciate your cooperation in helping our students successfully follow the uniform policy.

Our Opening School Mass will be held on Saturday, September 24th at 4:00 PM. This mass will be followed by an Ice Cream and Pizza Social in Deacon Hall. I hope to see you all there as we celebrate the start of the school year!

Our Walkathon Kickoff Celebration will be this Friday, September 16th at 1:30 PM in the gymnasium. Parents are welcome to attend. Our Walkathon will be at St. Lawrence again this year on October 29th. I hope to see you all there for our only fundraiser to support St. Lawrence School!

Our school theme this year is “His Banner Over Us Is Love.” At St. Lawrence School, our students are continually reminded of the eternal love that Jesus has for all of us. We are all connected by this banner of love and because of this, we are constantly striving to live a life in the footsteps of Jesus, showing true love and compassion for others. I am looking forward to a successful school year where every St. Lawrence School student will grow and learn both academically and spiritually in the love of Christ. I wish you all a safe and pleasant week, and I pray that God fills you with peace and joy as you and your child begin the 2016-2017 school year!

God Bless,

Frank Arvizzigno
Principal



We'd like to welcome all of our new faculty and staff members!

Please Note:

PK3 Meet & Greet	9/13
PK4 Meet & Greet	9/14
Quiet Mass	9/15
PK3 First Day	9/15
Parent Information Night	9/15
PK4 First Day	9/16
Lunch and Milk Orders Due	9/16
Walkathon Kickoff 1:30 PM	9/16
Welcome Celebration RSVP Due	9/20
Opening Family Mass 4:00 PM	9/24
Welcome Celebration 5:00 PM	9/24
Lunch and Milk Program begins	9/26
AR night for 1 st grade 6:30 PM	10/4
School Pictures PK3 & K-6	10/4
Quiet Mass	10/6

Today's Envelope includes:

Superintendent's Letter
Boy Scout Information
Health Office Reminders
Volunteer Opportunities
NYS Testing Scoring and Reports

Welcome Mass

Our Welcome Mass is Saturday, Sept. 24th followed by a pizza and ice cream social. Please go to our website stlawrenceschool.org to RSVP!

Parent Information Night

Our Parent Information Night is scheduled for **Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m.** We hope at least one parent from each family can attend. Teachers will be sharing information about expectations and plans for the school year. We will begin the evening in the Gym. This night is for parents only.

Walkathon

Sat. 10/29

Our major fundraiser for the school year is the Walkathon, which is scheduled for **Oct. 29th right here at St. Lawrence!**

Milk Order

Children may purchase milk any day for 25 cents each day, or a milk order for the first half of the year is available on our website now. Please send in a separate payment for your milk order. Do not combine it with any other payment. Thank you!

Lunch Program

Any student who would like an alternative to bringing lunch from home may order lunch via our website using the school's online ordering portal. The lunch program will begin September 26th with online ordering available now.



Office Reminders

Please do not call or stop by the office between 2:00pm - 2:30pm, when we are concentrating on dismissal, unless it is an emergency.

Please get any changes in routine to us before 1:00pm to guarantee that word gets to your child in time for dismissal.