

ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL

“His Banner Over Us Is Love”

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 K-5 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 truly enjoyed meeting all of our preschool parents last evening during our Preschool Information Night. Our preschoolers are participating in their meet and greet sessions today and tomorrow, and it has been so much fun seeing them explore their classrooms, play together, and meet their teachers. We are all looking forward to the first day of preschool on Thursday!

I am so excited to welcome our new faculty and staff members to St. Lawrence School this year. Jennifer Cellura is our new first grade teacher, Maggie Easton is our new second grade teacher, Lisa Milano is our new Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Coordinator, Jodylynn Guentner is our new AIS teacher, Silvia Parravano is our new preschool teacher, Annemarie Wegman is our new preschool instructional assistant, Casey Tarana is our new physical education teacher, and Lauren Lockhart is our new after school care assistant. We are so blessed to have such amazing individuals join our St. Lawrence School Community!

We have updated St. Lawrence School’s Handbook for the 2017-2018 school year. The handbook can be found on our school website in the For the Parents section (<http://www.stlawrenceschool.org/school-handbook>). Please read through the handbook and sign and return the Handbook Acknowledgement Sheet that is in today’s envelope. If you have any questions in regards to our school handbook, please feel free to contact the school office.

All K-5 teachers have been reviewing the responsibilities that students have as members of our St. Lawrence School Community. They have signed a Student Responsibilities Sheet that provides an abbreviated version of the responsibilities in the school handbook written in student-friendly language. Please review this sheet, sign the parent signature section, and return it to your child’s teacher.

Our Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Team has been working diligently to begin preparing small group reading and math instruction for our students in need. All Diocesan schools will again be using the I-Ready program to evaluate the reading and math levels of every child in grades K-5 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. I-Ready Testing began on Monday and will continue until Friday, September 22nd. These are online assessments that help our teachers assess student progress in ELA and math. Each of these tests takes approximately two class periods to complete. There is one ELA test this week and one math test next week. These tests are not in any way factored into your child’s report card grade. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher.

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 open at 2:20 PM to allow parents access to pick up a child in the gymnasium. Parents picking up half day preschool

students will be let in through the north entrance at 11:00 AM. All parents must sign their child out with the dismissal monitor in the gymnasium. We ask that parents bring a driver's license for the first few weeks of school until our monitors get to know who you are. 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.

I am excited to announce that our Walkathon will be returning to Aquinas Institute this year on Saturday, October 28th. Our Walkathon Chair is Leslie Deutsch and our co-chair is Jennifer DiVasto. I hope to see you all there to support St. Lawrence School during this big fundraising event. The Walkathon Kickoff Celebration will be this Friday, September 15th at 1:30 PM in the gymnasium. Parents are welcome to attend.

Parent Information Night for grades K-5 will be tomorrow, Wednesday at 7:00 PM. We will begin in the church this year and then walk over to the school for an opportunity to visit with teachers in classrooms. I look forward to seeing you all there!

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 2017-2018 school year!

God Bless,

Frank Arvizzigno
Principal



Please Note:

Parent Info Night 7pm	9/13
Parish Garage Sale	9/14-9/16
Preschool First Day	9/14
Walkathon Kickoff 1:30pm	9/15
Lunch and Milk Orders Due	9/15
September Pizza Lunch	9/21
Lunch and Milk Program begins	9/25
Opening Family Mass 4:00 PM	9/30
Welcome Celebration 5:00 PM	9/30
AR night for 1 st grade 6:30 PM	10/3
School Picture Day	10/3
Quiet Mass 8:30am	10/4

Today's Envelope includes:

Boy Scout Information
Health Office Reminders
After School Club Info
School Handbook Acknowledgement Form
Photo Consent Form
NYS Test Letter and Score Report
(Grades 4 & 5)

Parent Information Night

Our Parent Information Night is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 13th 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 Church. This night is for parents only.



Walkathon

Sat. 10/28

Our major fundraiser for the school year is the Walkathon, which is scheduled for **Oct. 28th at Aquinas!**

Lunch & Milk Orders

Our milk and lunch order is now open on the website. All orders and payments are due Monday, 9/15. Please contact the office with any questions.

Office Reminders

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

If you are missing any items from your school uniform order, they will be sent home with your child by Friday. Thank you for your patience.

Please send your weekly Tuesday envelope back to school every Thursday. If you are sending payments or any correspondence to the office, please include them in this envelope.

Please send your completed Photo Release forms to the office by Thursday, 9/14.



