

Dear Spartan Families,

We are officially back to school today! It has been great seeing so many smiling faces this morning. All students/families were given “homework” on the first day of school. Please check your child’s backpack for the family homework which includes:

- Signing the Family Handbook Acknowledgment form
- Signing the Volunteer Service form
- SAC nomination form, if interested
- Sunday Service forms (grades 4-8 only)

In addition the following items were sent home: car tags, volunteer forms, lunch menus, and after care forms were also sent home today. Please be sure to review all the information and contact us if you have any questions. **See you soon, dismissal at 12pm noon today!**

Blessings,  
Mrs. Lopez

### **Mass on Tuesday and Friday at 8:15am**

As a reminder, we have school liturgies scheduled on Tuesday and Friday of this week. Learners in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade should wear the required church uniforms. Students in grades 3-8 that may have Physical Education will be required to come dressed in church uniforms and then will be provided with an opportunity to change. For students in grades K-2, physical education uniforms are permitted for church.

### **Partners in Education**

We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child’s education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children’s success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

We ask that you guide and support your child’s learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day’s learning experience

- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college

### **Volunteering**

Please consider joining our school volunteer program as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations. We seek volunteers to help us with the following activities:

- 1) Teacher-led instructional support, usually in the classroom
- 2) Reading with children who need extra help
- 3) School-wide events
- 4) Student recognition events
- 5) Outreach and recruitment of parent and community volunteers
- 6) Assisting students during lunches

### **Extracurricular and Athletic Programs**

This year we are enhancing our extra-curricular and athletic programs. You will soon be getting information about these. Tomorrow our director of our new strings program will be showcasing his program during our Mass. Students will be provided with details about this program as well as an opportunity to register.

### **Protecting God's Children Class**

All volunteers must attend a "Protecting God's Children" class. The class will be held on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 1pm at St. Luke. This class will be conducted in English. The Spanish class will be on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am – 12pm at St. Luke. If you will be attending either of these classes, please register by following these steps:

1. Go to [diocesepb.org](http://diocesepb.org) and click on Quick links at the bottom right of the page
2. Click on Safe Environments

3. Click on VIRTUS Training from menu on left
4. Select Create a new VIRTUS account (Make sure to select Start Registration)
5. Complete all on screen instructions

\*\*Please note, returning parents only need to do this if you do NOT have a VIRTUS account.

### **Fingerprinting**

Volunteers are fingerprinted and cleared by the Diocese. Fingerprints are renewed once every five years. Please note, it will be by appointment only. If you need to be fingerprinted, please contact Mrs. Martinez in the Main Office for a fingerprinting authorization form.

### **Driving on a Field Trip**

Volunteers wishing to drive on a field trip must complete the volunteer driver information sheet and return it to the school office along with a copy of their driver's license and car insurance card. The volunteer driver information sheet, license and car insurance card copies must be re-submitted each school year.

### **Supply Lists**

The 2017-2018 supply list can be found at:

[http://www.stlukepalmsprings.org/images/Grade\\_Supply\\_List\\_2017-2018.pdf](http://www.stlukepalmsprings.org/images/Grade_Supply_List_2017-2018.pdf)

### **Spirit Shirts**

Every Thursday SLCS participates in Spartan Spirit Day. Learners are permitted to wear the spirit shirt of the year or past spirit shirts. Order forms to purchase these for \$10/shirt will be sent home this week.

### **Box Tops and Shoparoo**

Earn us free money by collecting Box Tops for education and sending them to the school office. You can also earn money while you shop by simply snapping a phot of your receipt. Please take a moment to download the

Shoparoo App to your smartphone, choose St. Luke as your cause and start capturing images of your receipts from grocery store, big box stores, pet supply stores, dollar stores and pharmacies to earn points for SLCS with each receipt scanned. Based on the number of points collected by the school, a donation will be made directly to us!

### **Athletic Forms**

Students entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up, should have updated athletic forms (sports physical form, consent forms, and concussion forms) completed every school year. The forms can be found here: <http://www.stlukepalmsprings.org/school-life#athletics>

### **Social Media**

If you haven't done so already, please follow us on social media.

Facebook ~ [www.facebook.com/stlukecatholicsschool](http://www.facebook.com/stlukecatholicsschool)

Twitter ~ @StLuke\_ND\_ACE

Instagram ~ stluke\_nd\_ace

### **Remind App**

If you haven't joined yet, you can sign up for text message alerts from Mrs. Lopez or text Mrs. Lopez through Remind. Simply text this message [@chg78](https://www.remind.com/join/chg78) to this number [81010](https://www.remind.com/join/chg78) or follow this link: <https://www.remind.com/join/chg78>

### **Upcoming Dates**

- Monday, August 14 – First Day of School, noon dismissal (aftercare is available)
- Tuesday, August 15 – Assumption of Mary 8:15am Mass
- Friday, August 18 – 8:15am Mass (Students should wear church uniforms.)
- Monday, August 21 – No School due to Solar Eclipse
- Thursday, August 24 – Back to School Night 6pm
- Thursday, August 31 – National College Colors Day
- Friday, September 1 – 8:15am Mass (Students should wear church uniforms.) Noon dismissal for students.

- Saturday, September 2 - 9am -12pm Protecting God's Children in Spanish
- Monday, September 4 - No School, Labor Day
- Friday, September 8 - 8:15am Mass (Students should wear church uniforms.)
- Saturday, September 9 - 9am School Advisory Council Meeting