

Dear St. Luke Families,

What an exciting time we are having at St. Luke! Please find the upcoming events this week:

- Thursday, 11/16: Annual Thanksgiving Feast, the students are looking forward to it.
- Thursday, 11/16: Progress reports will be sent home.
- Friday, November 17: Regular school day.
- Saturday, November 18: St. Luke Car Wash. We ask everyone to come out and support our 8th grade students as they raise money for their field trip.

Congratulations to the St. Luke community on a successful Fall Festival. Parents, teachers, students, and parishioners volunteered their time, talents, and treasures to ensure success, demonstrating that effort unlocks potential.

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff of St. Luke Catholic School, I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. We are thankful for you!

We look forward to everyone returning on Monday, November 27.
Blessings,

Diann Bacchus
Principal

Core Values: Seek, Persist, Excel, Love, Serve

Each month we will highlight one of our NDAA core values. During the month of November we are focusing on the value of serve. Although we are celebrating service this month our students had a head start with the collecting of hurricane relief supplies. Our students participated in a two-week donation drive to help the residents of Puerto Rico. We received donations of food, water, clothing, and personal hygiene items to aid those in need. Members of our National Junior Honor Society and eighth grade loaded the donations into cars, and we are happy to say the donations made it to the island! We would like to thank the City of Greenacres and Mayor Joel Flores for their partnership in our endeavor.

If your child has participated in an activity or event outside of school please don't hesitate to drop me an email (diann.bacchus@stlukeparish.com). I

enjoy hearing how our students are living their Catholic faith and core values outside of school.

STEP- UP

The application process is now available for **renewal families** seeking a scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year. To take advantage of this status, you should complete the application by **December 31, 2017**.

There is a new On-Line Application system. This system is mobile-device friendly. We hope that our families will find this system easier to use and upload their required documents. Please contact the office with any questions or help regarding the renewal process. Below is a link to see a tutorial video on how this new application system works.

<https://youtu.be/TRXKhvpE8-0>

After School Clubs

Teacher sponsored after school clubs are in the works! The American Sign Language and Book clubs are underway Information about our STEM Club is forthcoming.

Weekly Message from Teachers

Please be sure to keep up with what's happening in your child's class by reading the weekly messages from our Spartan teachers.

Field Trips

Classroom field trips will begin in the next few months! This year, each class will participate in at least 2 field trips. In order to make these successful, we rely on our parent volunteers to act as chaperones. In order for you to earn hours by volunteering on a field trip, you must follow our Diocesan policy regarding clearance of volunteers. In order to maintain the safety of all children, our volunteers must be cleared through the Diocese of Palm Beach. Clearance involves fingerprinting and attending the workshop, "Protecting God's Children".

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.

Protecting God's Children Class

All volunteers must attend a "Protecting God's Children" class. Please register by following these steps:

1. Go to 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.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, November 16 – 2nd Quarter Progress Reports go home
- Thursday, November 16- School Wide Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Friday, November 17 – 8:15am Mass (Students should wear church uniforms.);
- Saturday, November 18 – 8th Grade Car Wash
- Monday, November 20 – Friday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Holiday/No School
- Tuesday, November 28 – Thursday, November 30 – Notre Dame Leadership Summit for Mrs. Bacchus and Dr. DeMartino
- Friday, December 1 - 8:15 AM Mass (Students should wear church uniforms.)
- Saturday, December 2 – Cardinal Newman High School Placement Exam for 8th Graders;
- Saturday, December 2 -- 10:00 AM School Advisory Council Meeting
- Week of December 4 – Secret Santa Shop
- Friday, December 8 – 8:15 Mass (Students should wear church uniforms.)
- Monday, December 11 – 5:00 p.m. Choir performing Christmas carols at Findlay Gallery
- Thursday, December 14 – 6:00 p.m. School wide Christmas Show