

Dear St. Luke Families,

Thank you so much to our teachers and staff that made our annual Back to School Night such a success. We appreciate you taking the time to join us at St. Luke on a Thursday evening. It was great seeing so many of you on our campus. We hope that you had an opportunity to sign up to volunteer at St. Luke for this school year. Thank you so much for all those that helped with our various passport stops that were set up throughout the Parish Hall.

Now that we are in full swing and back to school, I wanted to share some tips for a productive school year. Try to practice these regularly to guarantee a successful school year.

- Set routines and practice them.
- Go to bed and wake up at the same time each day.
- Ensure that your child read daily for 20 minutes and set a quiet area and time each night to complete homework.
- Talk frequently about goals with your child and how school is going to help them achieve these goals. This will set purpose for attending school and will help develop a sense of ownership over their education.
- Practice your faith as a family by praying at meals, before bedtime, and attending Mass together on Sunday

Wishing you a great week!

Blessings,
Mrs. Lopez

National College Colors Day

On Thursday, August 31st, join SLCS in promoting higher education and also support your favorite college or university by wearing t-shirts, jerseys, or your favorite college colors. More info about this event can be found at: www.collegecolors.com. If you post pics of this fun day on social media, be sure to tag St. Luke and #collegecolors.

Kona Ice

Kona Ice Food Truck will be here after school this school year at our first Friday noon dismissal days. Families are welcomed to purchase a frozen treat on these days. A portion of all sales are contributed back to our school.

Free Concert with Mr. Faulkner

Join us for a free concert with Mr. Kevin Faulkner! He will be performing a concert for all on Sunday October 1st at 7:00pm in the church. He will be playing Charles Tournemire's magnum opus "Seven Chorals on the Seven Last Words of Christ". This is a huge work that will be accompanied by slides of artwork pertaining to each word. In

addition, there will be poetry read to explain each word. The concert will approximately 1 hour.

Knights of Columbus

Thank you to our partners and friends at the Knights of Columbus. They were represented at our annual Back to School Night and presented us with multiple checks totaling almost \$1,000. We appreciate your support with the Fish Fry, BBQ, and supporting our back to school teacher breakfast and lunch!

Religious Education

This week you will be receiving information on our religious education program. If you are new to St. Luke, looking to become Catholic, or have any questions about sacraments, please contact Sully at sully@stlukeparish.com

Ordering Lunch from Meals to Go Catering/Chef Gina

In order to better serve you through our new lunch program, it is preferred and ideal for students to order their lunch in advance rather than the morning of the day lunch is being requested. Please note, we have tried to make it more convenient for you by changing the menu from monthly to weekly. By ordering a week in advance, it will help all involved to best serve you. Remember, pizza is every Friday. Pizza must be ordered by Thursday, not on Friday mornings. If you need additional copies of the menu, they are available in the main office.

Lunch from Home

Please be sure to send your child with his/her lunch each day rather than dropping it off in the middle of the day. It becomes disruptive when students have to leave class to pick up lunch from the office. Please help us to keep instructional time sacred and free of interruptions.

Arrival/Dismissal Reminders

Please remember that student drop off begins at 7:30am. Staff supervision of students is not available prior to 7:30am. Dismissal begins at 3:10pm and ALL families (except for PK3 who are permitted to walk to the gate) should use the dismissal car line. For the safety of all, please be sure to follow procedures on map. If you arrive after the car line has cleared, your child will be sent to extended care and assessed a fee. If you are picking up your child early, you must report to the office and sign him/her out for the day. Parents are not permitted to come on campus unless they have checked in to the office and have a pass. In order to be less disruptive to the classroom environment, students are not dismissed from school after 2:40pm.

Birthday Celebrations

Please be sure to coordinate with your child's teacher if you are planning to bring in a special treat for the class for your child's birthday.

Spirit Shirt Thursdays

SLCS participates in a school-wide spirit day every Thursday. On Thursdays, students may wear a "Spirit t-shirt". Students are permitted to wear these shirts from previous years or the new shirt that will be available for purchase. Information will soon be available so that you can purchase this year's shirt.

Severe Weather Situations

In cases of severe weather, please remember that SLCS follows the decision made by the School District of Palm Beach County for school closing.

Extracurricular Opportunities

This year we are enhancing our after school extra-curricular programs. Some of the programs we will be offering include: Music Caribe, Mad Science, Lil Sluggers, Robotics, Chess Club. Please stay tuned for more info on these as they become available.

If you are interested in having your child participate in violin lessons, join Musicaribe Project. Mr. Mattos, Director, will be at school in the Music Room to speak with parents, answer questions, and collect registration forms on the following days:

- Monday, August 28th 3pm – 4pm
- Wednesday, August 30th 3pm – 4pm

Mr. Mattos can also be reached via email at musicaribeproject@gmail.com

Another extracurricular opportunity we will be providing is an opportunity for your child to participate in a Mad Science Club. This is an after school science club for grades K through 5th. Flyers were sent home last week, but you can register online at www.madscience.org/palmbeach or by calling [561-747-3033](tel:561-747-3033).

Spartan Athletics

Flag Football and Volleyball Practices continue this week. Flag Football practices are 3:30pm to 5:00pm at St. Luke. Volleyball practices are 6:00pm-7:30pm at St. Luke. It's not too late, if you are still interested in participating in Spartan sports come out and try out!

Athletic Forms

Students entering 4th 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.stlukepalsmsprings.org/school-life#athletics>

Protecting God's Children Class

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

1. Go to www.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.

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. We are currently seeking a few volunteers to help with the Box Tops for Education collections. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Martinez at maria.martinez@stlukeparish.com

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!

Social Media

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

Facebook ~ www.facebook.com/stlukecatholicsschool

Twitter ~ @StLuke_ND_ACE

Instagram ~ stluke_nd_ace

Remind App

Get text messages from Mrs. Lopez or text her directly by: 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>

Get text messages from Coach Preves or text him directly by: text this message [@tprevies](https://www.rmd.at/tprevies) to this number [81010](https://www.rmd.at/tprevies) or follow this link: www.rmd.at/tprevies

Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday, August 29 – Coffee Talk with Mrs. Lopez
- 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
- Friday, September 15 – 8:15am Mass (Students should wear church uniforms.)
- Saturday, September 16 – 10am – 1pm Protecting God's Children Workshop
- Friday, September 22 – 8:15am Mass (Students should wear church uniforms.) and our annual Dance-a-thon Fundraiser