

Greetings Spartan Families,

The official countdown to school has begun! We are looking forward to welcoming all of our learners in about 2 weeks. It's sure to be a new year of learning, growing, achieving, and reaching new horizons.

I am so excited to announce that we will have a new hot lunch program here at St. Luke this year. This program will be more convenient for families and students. You will not have to pre-order online, rather you would be able to place your orders at school each day! Please note that this lunch program is only available for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade, pre-kindergarten students are required to bring their own lunch each day.

Please take a minute to review the sample menu

here: http://www.stlukepalmsprings.org/images/Sample_Menu_2017.pdf

In order to provide the best possible service to you, please complete this brief survey to help our new lunch vendor: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QF7HQPG>

I am looking forward to a wonderful school year. Enjoy your last few weeks of summer with your little ones!

Blessings,

Mrs. Lopez

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 [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.

Enrollment is still Open!

Our enrollment for next year is on the rise and we still have a few seats remaining. If you have any relatives, friends, or neighbors that might be a great fit for our school, please encourage them to contact us for a tour and to consider our school for August!

Sales Tax Holiday

The 3-day sales tax holiday is August 4 – 6. During this period, no Florida sales tax or local option tax will be collected on sales of clothing, footwear, and certain accessories selling for \$60 or less per item, on certain school supplies selling for \$15 or less per item. For more information, visit: <http://floridarevenue.com/backtoschool/Pages/default.aspx>

Summer Renovations

We have been very busy this summer! We are undergoing window renovations in just over half of the main school building. In addition, we have been restructuring our campus in order to provide you with a new PK3 classroom, a Media Center, a new Music classroom, and an Art Studio. In addition our team has been working all summer on cleaning, painting, pressure cleaning, etc.

Supply Lists

The 2017-2018 supply list can be found at: http://www.stlukepalmsprings.org/images/Grade_Supply_List_2017-2018.pdf

Uniforms

St. Luke students are held to a high standard and it shows through our school uniform. This year, we will be truly focusing on high standards not just in academics but also in our attire. As a reminder, our policy is located in our Family Handbook under "Dress Code" and can be found

here: http://www.stlukepalmsprings.org/images/Files/Principals_Corner/handbook_16-17_1.pdf

As a reminder, our uniform vendor is Harris School Uniforms. They are located at 4152 W. Blue Heron Blvd Suite 118 in Riviera Beach. Please note ALL learners will be expected to wear the PE shirt that is available at Harris Uniforms. The Used Uniform Sale will be on August 1st 11am-3pm, August 2nd 12pm-4pm, and August 3rd 9am-1pm. In order to maintain additional reverence for Mass every Friday, the following will be required for the 2017-2018 school year:

- K-8 Boys: white oxford shirt with school initials embroidered and navy tie (with pants only, no shorts)
- K-5 Girls: plaid jumper with white oxford blouse (no skirts or shorts)
- 6-8 Girls: plaid skirt or skort with white oxford blouse (no shorts)

Pre-K Uniforms – 5 different color t-shirts are available for purchase (\$5/shirt) through Mrs. Fulk (nfulk@stlukeparish.com). It is required that each child purchase all 5 shirts. Regulation bottoms from Harris Uniforms should be used. PE shirts from Harris Uniforms are not required, but are accepted.

School Shoes – This year we will be diligently enforcing our current shoe policy. The policy states...Black, brown or navy blue leather shoes. No sneaker type shoe like Vans or other skateboard shoes are allowed—black shoe laces only—must be kept tied.

- Sport shoes or tennis shoes may also be worn on PE days. They must be predominately white, black, gray or navy with coordinating shoelaces.
- Pre-K – K: may wear sneakers---we encourage sneakers that are double knotted each day. We encourage velcro sneakers.
- Shoes may not have removable wheels—no roller shoes. No open toed or open heeled shoes of any type are allowed.

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. Stay tuned for additional information to purchase these for \$10/shirt.

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!

Aftercare Info

Don't forget that we offer aftercare until 6pm during the school year for an additional fee. More info will be coming regarding this program.

Health Forms

ALL new and returning incoming PK3, PK4, Kindergarten, and 7TH grade students are REQUIRED to submit:

1. Form DH680 (immunization)
2. Form DH3040 (Physical Examination)

These are requirements of the Palm Beach County Health Department and must be done prior to the start of school. Students will not be admitted into school without these forms.

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.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

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, July 31 – Fall Festival Meeting 6:30pm
- Tuesday, August 1 – Used Uniform Sale 11am-3pm
- Wednesday, August 2 – Used Uniform Sale 12pm-4pm
- Thursday, August 3 – Used Uniform Sale 9am – 1pm
- Monday, August 7 – Teachers and Staff return to school
- Friday, August 11 – 6thGrade Orientation 8am – 12:30pm; PK3 and PK4 Open House Orientation 5:30pm; New Family Gathering 6:30pm

- Saturday, August 12 – 11am Luncheon for Students that participated in Summer Athletic Camps
- Sunday, August 13 – 11am Family Mass (all St. Luke Families and Staff), following Mass families can come meet their teachers and drop off school supplies
- 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.)
- 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.)