

Dear St. Luke Families,

Fall Festival is upon us and we are finalizing plans for our biggest fundraiser of the year! Thank you to those families that have already stopped by the office to sign up early for their required volunteer shifts. Remember, families are required to volunteer 25 hours per school year and 10 hours must be completed at Fall Festival. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are available in the school office. Please stop by this week to sign up early!

In addition to securing your volunteer shifts, we are already selling discounted pre-sale tickets for the Fall Festival. Save money and purchase your tickets prior to the event, tickets will cost if you wait until Fall Festival begins. In order to make it more convenient for you, we will have some rainy day dismissals so that you can sign up or purchase tickets as you come to pick up students from school.

Thank you for all that you do to make this event such a success!

Blessings,

Mrs. Lopez

Family Gardening Event

Please mark your calendar and join us this coming Saturday, October 21st for a school-wide gardening event. A flyer with details was previously sent home. Please be sure to RSVP to Ms. Peifer at kerri.peifer@stlukeparish.com

Arrival and Dismissal Safety

In order to maintain the safety of all students, please remember that morning drop off begins at 7:30am. Students should not be dropped off prior to 7:30am because supervision is not available. Please be patient while dropping off and picking up in our car line. Remember, our youngest Spartans are only 3 and they require a little more time to get in and out of their cars.

Lost and Found

This is the time of year that our lost and found shelves are completely full and students and parents start to realize that they have lost sweaters, lunchboxes, books, etc. Please be sure to stop by the school office and claim any lost items at our lost and found!

Dance-a-Thon

We raised \$2,878.75 at our annual Dance-a-Thon this year! Thank you so much for supporting St. Luke. All money raised will support Spartan Sports! The class that raised the most money was Kindergarten! Individual students who raised the most money are: 3rd place- Daniel Castaneda, 2nd place - Alexander Vaughn, and 1st place - Madison Vaughn. Thanks again for all of your support.

Trunk or Treat

Our annual Trunk or Treat event was this past Friday. As in the past, we had a wonderful turn out! Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez and all of the volunteers that made this event so much fun for our kids! Be sure to check out our Facebook page for pictures!

Step Up for Students Scholarship Update

This message was sent by SUFS last week:

Step Up for Students is preparing to start our renewal application season for the 2018-2019 school year. We are excited to announce a new application system for our parents to use in the 2018-2019 school year. The application season will begin in less than a month. Renewal families, please start to prepare your documentation so that you can apply early for the 2018-2019 school year.

Crayola ColorCycle Program

St. Luke Catholic School is currently recognized as a Palm Beach County Green School of Quality, and to help maintain this honor, we have set up a Crayola Green School Initiative. Collection bins have been placed in different areas of the school- the front office, the library, the cafeteria, and the art room. We will be collecting and returning old markers to Crayola, so Crayola can repurpose them. When you find old markers on your home, please do not throw them out; instead, send them to school with your children to place in the Crayola bins. Let's work together to make SLCS a green environment for all of us!

Fall Festival Details

Annual Fall Festival Carnival at St. Luke Church & School ~ November 2nd through November 5th, 2017

Official Press Release

Great Food, Rides & Entertainment scheduled for this admission free community event Palm Springs, FL- The much anticipated annual Fall Festival Carnival will take place on St. Luke Catholic School grounds, located at [2892 S. Congress Avenue](#) in Palm Springs, beginning on Thursday, November 2nd and concluding Sunday, November 5th, 2017. The entire community is invited to experience this fun-filled event!

Fall Festival is St. Luke Catholic School's signature event. This family friendly carnival began over thirty years ago, and has been attended by thousands of people over the years. The St. Luke campus is brilliantly transformed from green open grounds to an amazing array of rides, games, food and vendors.

Several local bands will grace the stage each night. New rides have been added to the festival and live entertainment will provide non-stop fun to this exciting four-day event. With all of the new changes coming to Fall Festival, many of your old favorites will be back as well. BINGO is always a crowd pleaser, the 50/50 raffle is back and with a huge jackpot already, the CCW dessert stand will be available, as well as school game booths, there is something for the entire family to enjoy.

The money raised at our Fall Festival will assist in funding educational enrichment, technology initiatives, sports programs, and countless other programs and endeavors.

Fall Festival 2017 Hours of Operation:

Thursday, November 2nd ~ 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Friday, November 3rd ~ 6:00 pm – 12:00 am

Saturday, November 4th ~ 12:00 pm – 12:00 am

Sunday, November 5th ~ 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Discounted food tickets (\$2 savings) and wrist bands - \$5 savings for single day or the option to purchase a 4-day mega band (only available at the presale for \$60) can be purchased at St. Luke Catholic School or Parish office on or before Thursday, November 2 (presales end at 3:30pm). Admission is FREE. Food, game, and ride tickets can also be purchased at the event. For more information about Fall Festival or sponsorship opportunities, please call [561-965-8190](tel:561-965-8190).

Free Concert

Join us for a free concert with Mr. Kevin Faulkner! He will be performing a concert for all on Sunday October 22nd 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.

Religious Education

A few weeks ago, you received 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

Field Trips

Some of our field trips will be happening 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 on clearance of volunteers. In order to maintain the safety of all children, our volunteers must be cleared through the Diocese. Clearance involves fingerprinting and attending a workshop called "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 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.

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

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 photo 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!

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 Mr. Preves, Athletic Director, or text him directly by: text this message [@tpreves](https://www.rmd.at/tpreves) to this number [81010](https://www.rmd.at/tpreves) or follow this link: www.rmd.at/tpreves

Get text messages from Mr. Faulkner, Music Director, or text him directly by: text this message [@g4a98](https://www.remind.com/join/g4a98) to this number [81010](https://www.remind.com/join/g4a98) or follow this link: <https://www.remind.com/join/g4a98>

Upcoming Dates

- Monday, October 16 – End of 1st Quarter
- Wednesday, October 18 – Title I Learn It Parent Workshop 3:15pm
- Thursday, October 19 - \$2 Fall Colors dress down/no uniform day to support middle school dance
- Friday, October 20 – No School; Teacher Work Day
- Saturday, October 21 – Family Gardening/Campus Beautification Event 8am
- Sunday, October 22 – Choral Concert with Mr. Faulkner at St. Luke Church
- Tuesday, October 24 – First Reconciliation Meeting 5:30pm
- Friday, October 27 - 8:15am Mass (Students should wear church uniforms.); 1st Quarter Honor Roll Awards after Mass; Middle School Dance 6pm-9pm
- Saturday, October 28 – Fall Festival Set Up Begins
- Wednesday, November 1 – 8:15am Mass for grades K-7; 12pm Mass for 8th grade
- Thursday, November 2- Sunday, November 5 – Fall Festival
- Monday, November 6 – No School Fall Festival Clean Up Day