

Dear St. Luke Families,

Thank you for those families that came in and signed up for Fall Festival volunteer shifts. If you have not signed up yet or would like to sign up for extra hours, please do so this week in the school office. Remember, families are required to volunteer 25 hours per school year and 10 hours must be completed at Fall Festival. Remember, we are still selling discounted pre-sale tickets for the Fall Festival. Save money and purchase your tickets prior to the event, tickets will cost more if you wait until Fall Festival begins.

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

Blessings,

Mrs. Lopez

### 1st Quarter Report Cards and Honor Roll

Report cards for the first marking period will be sent home early this week. Students in grades 4 through 8 that have earned honor roll status will be provided with an additional note with their report cards inviting you to Mass and our Honor Roll assembly for Friday.

### Family Gardening Event

Thank you to Ms. Peifer and the wonderful team of volunteer parents and students that joined us on Saturday for our Family Gardening Event! We had a great turnout and the work that was completed is absolutely amazing. Our garden looks awesome and our learners will start doing some learning outside!

### 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!

## Step Up for Students Scholarship Update

This message was sent by SUFS:

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.

## 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).

### 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 [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.

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](mailto: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 to this number 81010 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 to this number 81010 or follow this link: [www.rmd.at/tpreves](http://www.rmd.at/tpreves)

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

## Upcoming Dates

- Monday, October 23 - Fall Festival Meeting at 6:30pm
- Tuesday, October 24 - 8:15am Coffee Talk with Mrs. Lopez; 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Friday, November 3 - Noon Dismissal
- Thursday, November 2- Sunday, November 5 - Fall Festival
- Sunday, November 5 - Daylight Savings Time Ends (turn clocks back 1 hour)
- Monday, November 6 - No School Fall Festival Clean Up Day
- Tuesday, November 7 - No School for students ~ Diocesan Professional Day for Teachers
- Friday, November 10 - 8:15am Mass (Students should wear church uniforms.)
- Thursday, November 16 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports go home
- Friday, November 17 - 8:15am Mass (Students should wear church uniforms.); School-wide Thanksgiving Luncheon (details on this will be coming soon!)
- Monday, November 20 - Friday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday/No School

- Monday, November 27 - Classes Resume