

Dear Spartan Families,

With Hurricane Irma approaching, the Diocese and the school administration are continuing to watch the weather reports very closely. St. Luke Catholic School wanted to remind parents that our policy is to follow the directives from the Palm Beach County Schools in regards to school closing. The county does follow guidelines based on wind speeds and predicted rainfall. We will attempt to call news stations to bring our school to the forefront of clarity. We will further reach out through email blasts and the Remind App, which sends text messages to your phone. However, please note that re-openings are school specific and we do NOT follow the county schools. Many of the county schools are designated shelters and are unable to re-open quickly. In addition, damage at one school does not infringe upon the re-opening of another Catholic school.

As more information become available, we will send additional notifications. Thank you for your prayers and patience as we prepare for the storm and pray for the best outcome.

Blessings,

Mrs. Lopez

Free Concert

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.

Religious Education

Last week you will should have 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

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. Please know if you order and a child is absent or let's say we are off of school due to a hurricane, then you will be credited the amount paid and it can be applied to another future meal.

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. Shirts are still available for purchase, please visit the front office.

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 we do not have enough students enrolled, we will unfortunately have to cancel the Mad Science Club. If you are interested in having your little scientist be a part of this fun club, please sign up ASAP. Otherwise, we will have to cancel due to lack of enrollment. This is offered for grades K through 5th. You can register online at www.madscience.org/palmbeach or by calling [561-747-3033](tel:561-747-3033).

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized from September 15 through October 15. We are planning some events during this month for our entire school community. If you are interested in helping, please email Ms. Garcia at mercy.garcia@stlukeparish.com and/or Mrs. Machado at iliana.machado@stlukeparish.com

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. 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.

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 atmaria.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/stlukecatholicschool

Twitter ~ @StLuke_ND_ACE

Instagram ~ stluke_nd_ace

Get Text Messages from SLCS

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

- Wednesday, September 6 - \$2 Dress Down Day to Benefit Hurricane Harvey Victims
- Friday, September 8 - 8:15am Mass (Students should wear church uniforms.)
- Saturday, September 9 - 9am School Advisory Council Meeting
- Monday, September 11 - \$2 Dress Down Day to Benefit Hurricane Harvey Victims (Patriotic Theme...wear red white and blue)
- 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