



ST. LUKE SCHOOL'S A-Z GUIDE

Annual Auction – The school's flagship fundraiser of the year (typically held in the Spring) features a silent auction, live auction, donation appeal as well as food, cocktails, music, dancing and lots of fun for our school community.

Annual Fund – The second largest fundraiser of the year in which parents can make a tax-deductible donation to help support the ongoing operations of our beloved school.

Back to School Night - An opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher, visit their classroom and hear about the wonderful things their child will be doing throughout the year. Attendance is strongly encouraged.

Book Fair- Twice a year the library hosts a Book Fair as a fundraiser. Classes sign up two times to visit the library. The first day is to make a 'wish list' and the second day is to purchase (there is some flexibility with this). The librarian also allows students to come and purchase other days at set times, and parents can bring their children after school to shop.

Catholic Schools Week- Usually held the last week in January. The Diocese of Arlington unites with dioceses throughout the United States to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Special events are held during this week (e.g. Special Lunch, Turn Around Day) to celebrate our Catholic identity.

Christmas Concert and Pageant – An annual Christmas tradition including carols and religious stories about of the Birth of Christ. This event is held in the school gym and will be sure to get you in the Christmas spirit.

Colonial Day- Grades 4 and 7 host an on-site 'field trip' with a day full of colonial inspired activities. Other classes may join for quick observations, but the fourth and seventh graders have a full day of participation.

Field Day – A fun-filled day of outdoor activities lead by our Middle School PE and Art teacher, Mr. Wittman. Students wear tie-dyed tee shirts (made in Art class) and compete in team events with their school peers. Parents are asked to volunteer to be a team leader or make refreshing snow cones for the students.

Grandparents Day- A school tradition typically held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving break. Grandparents are invited to attend Mass, and a reception in Flaherty Hall followed by a visit to their grandchild(ren)'s classroom(s).

Halloween Parade/Pumpkin Patch/Green and Gold Classic – On Halloween, students in grades Pre-K-5 dress-up in Halloween costumes and participate in a Halloween Parade in the gym after morning drop-off. Grades 6-8 get their faces painted and participate in the Green and Gold classic—a spirited flag football game. Students are divided into teams and wear their team color. All grades participate in the Pumpkin Patch extravaganza where each child gets to take a fun item home (e.g. stuffed animals, games, treats, etc.).

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H.E.A.R.T - St. Luke School aims to instill these core values -- Honesty, Empathy, Achievement, Respect, Trust in God -- in each of our students. HEART grounds our discipline and classroom management strategies and is part of lessons across the school. Each month, a lower and middle school student who particularly exemplify these values is awarded the HEART award at Mass.

Hopes and Dreams- A parent teacher conference held before the first day of school, where parents meet with the child's homeroom teacher to discuss their child's personal goals.

Hot Lunch- Students can bring their lunch or order hot lunch (e.g. Vocelli's pizza, Chick Fil-A). If you order lunch, you will be asked to renew or change your order before Christmas break for the next semester. Hot lunches are ordered by semester (twice a year) during the first week of school and before Christmas break.

Mass- Students attend Mass every Wednesday at 9:00am. Students wear the uniform that corresponds to that day for their schedule (e.g. if it's a PE day, they wear PE uniforms; otherwise they wear the regular uniform). Parents are welcome to attend school Mass.

Mass Buddies – each year younger students are assigned older student “Mass Buddies”. Mass Buddies walk to Mass, sit together during Mass and are often paired during the year for fun school activities, like the Book Fair and Santa's Workshop.

May Crowning- A beloved yearly tradition during the month of May, where we celebrate our Blessed Mother by reciting the Rosary as a school community. The 2nd grade class leads the entire school in Rosary and the Crowning. The May Crowning is immediately followed by a whole school community (parents and students) picnic on the school fields. The event is usually held on a day with early dismissal and is a great way to celebrate our faith and community.

NUT “No Uniform Today” Day- a no uniform day in which students can dress down (based on a theme) within handbook guidelines. NUT days are sometimes sponsored and other times it may be a fundraiser (a \$1 donation)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Day- A special mass celebrated in December where students and parents celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe with mass and joyful music provided by a local Mariachi band.

Parent Teacher Conferences (All Day)- Typically held at the end of the first trimester. Schedule an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress. Babysitting is available in the school library during your conference.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) - Provides an environment for parents, teachers and administrators to work together to enhance and maintain the school's high quality of education, and its integral role in the Saint Luke Parish community. In addition, the PTO promotes positive engagement between the school and the parent community.

Pep Rally – A spirited event with fun for all children. Watch out for “celebrity guest appearances” from our awesome mascot, “Luke” the Wildcat!! Pep Rallies occur throughout the year. Parent are welcome!

PI Day – Celebrated on 3.14 (March 14). Sixth Grade designs shirts with our Art Teacher, Mr. Wittman, and sells slices of assorted pies at lunch to raise money for a charity decided among the 6th Grade.

Room Parents – Parent volunteers for each class that support the teacher during the school year. Responsibilities include, providing weekly classroom level updates and information to parents via email, organizing classroom celebrations, events and field trips.

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Santa's Workshop – Held during December, this is an adorable 8th grade class tradition in which 8th grade students and parents transform our library into “Santa's Secret Shop”. Children in all grades get to shop for their parents and siblings with the help of 8th graders (a.k.a. Santa's secret helpers). Gifts are typically \$5 and under and all proceeds benefit the 8th grade class.

Scantron Testing- Standardized testing that happens in the Fall, Winter, and Spring for grades 3-8.

Seder Meal- Held each year on Holy Thursday, our faculty, staff, and students join together as "one body" and partake in this rich biblical tradition. It's a beautiful way to celebrate the culmination of Lent. The event ends with noon dismissal and the launch of Spring Break.

Sign-Up Party – A fundraising event in which a group of parents hosts a party at their home, or another venue and all school families are invited to attend by paying a fee. Parties can be geared towards parents, children or both. All proceeds from these events benefit St. Luke School

Social Committee – a sub-committee of the PTO that assists with the planning and execution of PTO related social events.

SMUG MUG- A password protected program for parents to access photos from school events. The username and password can be found in the Wildcat Weekly.

Spirit Day Fridays – held the first Friday of every month. Children may wear school spirit wear and PE shorts or pants. Spirit wear includes SLS logo wear, or other SLS gear. Spirit wear sales are held throughout the year.

SLS App - our school wide app used to help facilitate online registration, our school directory and volunteer needs.

Thanksgiving Feast – A Thanksgiving tradition for children and parents in Grades K and 1 held the Monday before Thanksgiving in Flaherty Hall. The event begins with an adorable performance from the Kindergarten and 1st and is followed by a traditional Thanksgiving feast prepared by parents.

Turn Around Day- Each year the 8th grade class has the honor of becoming “Teachers for Day”. 8th Graders dress up and present a lesson plan to the class they are assigned that day. It's a really special treat for our student body!

Wildcat Weekly – Our school's weekly e-newsletter that includes a Principal's Message and all important school related information related to the upcoming week(s).

Wildcat Weekend – A very special Mass weekend held the weekend launching Catholic Schools Week. Children in each grade are assigned masses to participate in all weekend at St. Luke Church. Children serve as ushers, greeters, readers, and offertory servers, representing SLS in the parish and celebrating a Catholic education.

Wildcat 5K/Fun Run- One of the larger fundraising events held during the year. Runners of all ages and skill sets are encouraged to partake in our 5K race. Little ones can choose to do the 1-mile Fun Run instead. Afterwards there is dancing and contests with a DJ as well as small amusement rides and face painting for children. It's a great day to support and celebrate our community with the whole family!