

Dear Parents:

Now that we have completed our first couple weeks of school, I feel like everyone is getting into the swing of the new school year. I have been extremely impressed by the behavior of our students and the way they represent St. Lawrence School. As I have been in and out of the classrooms, I have really enjoyed seeing the rigor and relevance of the lessons that our teachers have been providing our students and the engagement of the students as they participate in those lessons.

With so many new cases of Covid-19 in Dearborn County, we may have to change some of our Covid-19 policies very quickly. We are in contact with the health department and will do whatever is necessary to protect our St. Lawrence community. Please make sure you are checking your email for updates. I thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

God Bless!

Mr. Detzel

**Panther Prowl** – The Panther Prowl was a great success! Thanks to everyone who supported this race!

**St. Lawrence LIVE Ticket Sales Continue, Sponsors Needed** - If you missed the early-bird ticket sale deadline for St. Lawrence LIVE, don't despair! Ticket sales continue. Prices are now \$60 each. You can submit your ticket order form in the Friday folders. We ask that all ticket orders be submitted no later than Monday, Oct. 4. Don't wait too long, as this event is likely to sell out! The St. Lawrence LIVE planning committee is still seeking event sponsors at all levels. St. Lawrence families made up more than half of our contributing sponsors in 2020, and many of our sponsoring businesses are run by or connected to families at St. Lawrence School or St. Lawrence Church. View sponsorship opportunities online at <https://stlschool.com/live>. If you have any questions or wish to get involved with this year's event or planning for 2022, please email [stlawrencelive@gmail.com](mailto:stlawrencelive@gmail.com).

**Spirit Wear** – Just a reminder that Fridays are Spirit Wear Days. Students can wear a St. Lawrence spirit wear shirt or sweatshirt with regular dress code bottoms. Below is the link to the fall spirit wear order. The sale is open and will close on Sunday, August 22. Items will be delivered in 3-4 weeks after the close of the sale.

<https://stlawrencspiritwearfall2021.itemorder.com/>

**Girls on the Run** - We are excited to announce a fall season team being offered for girls 3rd-5th grade from St. Mary's and St. Lawrence schools to participate in Girls on the Run. Girls on the Run is a nationally successful character development program. The program inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, age appropriate experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running with games. Over the course of the season, the girls build up their ability to complete a 5K. It is designed to help girls realize one's uniqueness, inner strength, beauty and build their confidence and character. They learn to create positive connections with peers and adults and how to respond to others and oneself with care and compassion. The program is non-competitive. Every girl is encouraged to try her best and may walk/run. Girls on the Run season starts Monday, September 13th and meets for 10 weeks on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:15pm-4:45pm at the Lawrenceburg Community Center. We will not meet fall break. The program is offered on a sliding scale from \$10-\$165 per girl. As a non-profit,

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GOTR will provide scholarships to any girl in need. Visit [www.gotrcincinnati.org](http://www.gotrcincinnati.org) for more info on the program or contact Jenn Ruter@ 812-290-7684 [jennruter@gmail.com](mailto:jennruter@gmail.com) or Laurie Fisher @513-218-7272 [LFisher@grayaviation.com](mailto:LFisher@grayaviation.com) Registration opens August 23rd. Girls on the Run is so much fun!

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## **Important Dates**

8/25/21 – Cross Country Meet @ Jac-Cen-Del

8/26/21 – Cross Country Meet @ East Central

8/31/21 – Cross Country Meet @East Central

9/6/21 – No School – Labor Day

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**Academic Corner** – *With our first E-learning day under our belts, I wanted to share some benefits of online learning.*

### **Five Benefits of Online Learning**

**1. Better Time Management** - Students have the flexibility to create their own schedules, it's up to the student to proactively reach out to faculty, complete assignments on time, and plan ahead. Online classes keep you on a regular schedule of making and meeting deadlines, allowing you to practice managing your time and staying productive.

**2. Demonstrated Self-Motivation** - By working independently, students are demonstrating that they can practice time management and are self-motivated. These are two skills which are among the top 10 employability skills employers want to see in new hires.

**3. Improved Virtual Communication and Collaboration** - In an online program, you'll also participate in discussion boards with your classmates, communicate with teachers via email, and collaborate through various software programs. Participating in discussion boards is a lot like participating in a virtual team. Communicating your ideas clearly and getting responses are necessary skills in a virtual workplace. Teachers expect you to write respectful, thoughtful, and polite communications, respond to different perspectives, and build a rapport with your peers. Luckily, in an online platform, students will refine this skill quickly.

**4. Refined Critical-thinking Skills** - Online learning facilitates the ability to think critically about what you do every day. Mastering this skill is what will set you apart as a student, and later on as an employee. Critical thinking plays a role in any type of education; however, online learning forces you to develop your critical thinking skills in ways that you might not have practiced in an in-person classroom setting. This sort of self-paced and self-motivated learning demonstrates that you have the ability to think critically and overcome any obstacles that might stand in your way.

**5. New Technical Skills** - Online learning equates to strong technical skills. As part of your coursework, you will likely need to utilize digital learning materials, get familiar with new tools and software, and troubleshoot common issues. In today's world, it's important to learn how to collaborate remotely. Embracing technology is also crucial. When you're working on a group project, sharing files or status updates can become difficult via email, so you might need to use other communication programs such as Skype, Google Meets, Dropbox, etc.

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