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Vision is…

communicating the uniqueness of St. Laurence High School while mindful of our responsibility as an educational institution to look to the future—
to adapt to changes, to continue to give our students leadership opportunities, to stay on the cutting edge of technology, and to remain a leader at the forefront of Catholic education.

We want to welcome prospective families, communicate with current families, and stay connected with our alumni. With your help, we will continue building St. Laurence into a lifelong learning environment that empowers intellectual, spiritual, moral and emotional growth.

Come walk with us.

Dear Friends of St. Laurence,

Happy New Year! As I reflect upon the past year and a half, I am amazed with all the enhancements we made in such a short time, which is thanks to the faculty, staff, alumni, parents and students that were willing to help. In fact, much of this work was from our faculty holding multiple positions, including those working in our administration.

We successfully completed the evaluation process with the Provincial Leadership Team of Edmund Rice Christian Brothers of North America and received full support for our vision and direction for the future of St. Laurence. It is a time for us to celebrate as we continue spreading the mission and essential elements. Another exciting piece of news is that we had our second consecutive increase in test takers this year, which is one of the few increases for boys taking the entrance exam at Catholic high schools!

We continue to implement our StL STEM applied learning approach, our improved schedule, and our tier approach, developed with a goal to keep classes under 25 students. This is a four-year implementation strategy, and we are now in the process of curriculum mapping to show the enhancement of every subject through increasing time in Math, Science and English, and providing an additional year of coursework in Social Studies and Foreign Language.

As for athletics, Tim Chandler and his team of coaches continue to impress me. Many athletic programs improved this year, including Coach Blackmon’s football team with a better record, and Coach Gahagan’s wrestling team, who had two wrestlers in the top 8 in the state, and one who placed 3rd in the state. We look forward to another great year of baseball led by Coaches Pete and Adam Lotus. Please come out to support our athletic programs, and be on the lookout for our new head soccer coach, Matt Prunckle.

I am also proud of the progress Adam Lotus made as our Alumni Director, including a 37% increase in attendance at our alumni golf outing, and $7,000 in additional funds raised at our Viking Pride Dinner. He brought the Viking Pride Dinner back to the gymnasium, created new awards, and implemented the Viking Pride Scholarship, which raised over $9,000 for future Vikings. In addition, he started to get alumni to volunteer to teach a career class for interested juniors and seniors, and he is planning our 10-, 15-, and 20-year reunions for this spring.

St. Laurence needs you to Walk With Us as we implement our strategic improvements. Outside of volunteering, we are creating many opportunities for you to give back, including our online-giving campaign, named scholarships, and the Viking Voyage, an appeal dedicated to funding athletics. Please help us continue to enhance our Annual Fund. We also have our established endowment if you are looking to provide money to the long-term stability of St. Laurence, its students, faculty, and facility improvements.

I look forward to having you walk with us on all our future endeavors. Thank you and God Bless.

Warm Regards,

Joseph A. Martinez, ’90

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.

—John F. Kennedy
Dear StL Alumni and Parents,

St. Laurence is extremely excited to announce that for the second year in a row our test numbers have gone up! This positive outcome can be attributed to the faculty, staff, parents and alumni all working together to spread the news about all the new and unique things going on at St. Laurence. The new schedule, SIL STEM learning approach and Leadership Program have attracted well-rounded students who value an education that will prepare them for college, and the jobs that will be in demand in the years to come.

I would also like to thank the parents and alumni who volunteer their time through the St. Laurence Ambassador Program. Your love and dedication for St. Laurence is evident, and your hard work is greatly appreciated. A special thank you goes out to the Petan (Paul ’82), Carroll (Tim ’89), Krutulis (Paul ’78), Miller (Bill ’78), Lange and Finley families for hosting Meet and Greets at their homes. Thank you for giving potential StL families a great opportunity to meet faculty and staff and gather information about our school in such a unique setting. We are also proud to announce that the Alumni Son Grant has been increased to $1,250 per year, or $5,000 over four years.

Lastly, if you know any families who may be interested in St. Laurence for their son, please direct them to myself in the Admissions Office at (708) 458-6900 ext. 252, or visit our website and select the Admissions tab for information regarding our academic and athletic camps for fifth through eighth graders.

Go Vikings!

Joe Spano ’94
Director of Admissions
Driver’s Ed Coordinator
Transportation Coordinator

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Danny Carroll, ’18
Future Viking

Student Note

I chose St. Laurence High School because it makes me feel at home and I am a part of something greater. At St. Laurence, I get the impression that the students and faculty care about each other. From attending camps and shadowing I know that everyone at St. Laurence is treated as equals. Every time I visit St. Laurence I feel safe and comfortable. I will have the incredible opportunity to read “Leave as a Leader” every day when I walk out the doors for the next four years. In classrooms, hallways, the gym, the cafeteria, I always feel like I belong. At St. Laurence, everyone respects one another.

St. Laurence is an incredible place whether you are in a library or in the computer lab. The atmosphere is relaxed and you can always feel safe. Everyone at St. Laurence is very friendly and is always willing to help you with your problems. I have made a lot of friends here in the past two years and I know that I will have a lot more friends when I graduate.

St. Laurence is an incredible place and I am very happy that I chose to go here.

Danny Carroll
Future Viking

We made friends with each other while we had sons here, and we want to maintain those friendships.

Brother Tim Smyth
President of Parents’ Club

Brother Tim Smyth with students on a Kairos retreat.

Laurenta Club

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When the Laurenta Club was formed, four purposes were identified. The first was to raise funds for the Brothers who minister in the school; the second was to provide ongoing support for school activities; the third was to raise funds for particular groups; the fourth was to provide support for the parents’ clubs.

To carry out these purposes, the club holds six monthly meetings on their own and shares three annual meeting with the parents’ clubs. Laurenta members conduct fundraisers during the school year such as the Craft Fair and Brunch at the Races, and assist at certain school events, such as the Open House, the Mother/Son Dance, Young Hearts for Life, and the Final Four Extravaganza.

When asked why the Laurenta Club exists, most of the members would provide the same response. “We made friends with each other while we had sons here, and we want to maintain those friendships.” Most of them also say that it is fun and rewarding to share their time and energy with each other for the sake of Saint Laurence.

Meetings are held on the first or second Wednesday of the month except in the months of the combined meetings (September, December and March). Any alumni parent interested in attending a meeting should consult the school calendar.

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LEADERSHIP

Mark Scott
Vice President
Director of Leadership Program
Leadership and Theology Teacher

The Leadership Program has seen another advancement in the effort with the adding of Youtopia to the Team of Teams initiative. Team of Teams has been operational since early this school year and, with a good amount of preparation, Youtopia was activated and added to the Team of Teams.

Youtopia is an online system which allows the students to keep track of their service, academic achievements and school participation in working towards the goals established for the entire school.

Each student can check his page and mark when he accomplishes a goal. His faculty mentor then confirms or denies his accomplishment, and when confirmed a designated number of points is added into the student’s total number of points for the team. During their meetings, the teams continue to work on team-building activities and monitoring their goal accomplishments.

St. Laurence conducts a Leadership Week each year in January and the week starts off with a noted guest speaker at the opening assembly on the Monday of the week. Unfortunately, as we all know, Mother Nature has not been cooperating with many of us and this has been a tough winter.

The weekend before Leadership Week saw snow and record low temperatures which meant school closings for two days all around the metropolitan area including St. Laurence. We were lucky enough to stop the guest speaker, Mike Smith, from beginning his journey to Chicago when the decision was made to close the school. Currently we are looking for another date in Mike’s schedule, and Mother Nature will all get on the same page.

Finally, our leadership workshops for selected seventh grade students from local Catholic schools took place in February. Our own students help conduct the workshops and act as group leaders. Most of them have been in the leadership class and are able to demonstrate and teach what they learned. It is a great day for the grade school students and it introduces them to leadership and St. Laurence, the school “Where Leadership Begins.”

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Four members of Essential Elements evaluation team visited STL for three days and interviewed the faculty and staff, students, parents and board members and came to the following conclusions: the Essential Elements self-study process was inclusive; administrators, faculty, staff parents and students were all involved in assessing the living of the Essential Elements at St. Laurence. It is very evident that the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education are being lived at St. Laurence.

The school provides a warm family environment, where there is mutual respect and positive relationships among the students, their teachers and parents. Parents and students find the teachers approachable, and know that the teachers want their students to succeed. Parents are appreciative of the culture of the school where their sons are being educated. Parents are confident that their sons are receiving a good education.

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The charism of Blessed Edmund Rice is reflected in the many contributions that Christian Brothers have made and continue to make to ensure that the St. Laurence faith and learning community stays true to its mission. The desire to grow in Faith was reflected by requests by the students to have more Masses, for more time for reflection and contemplation, and to increase their service hours.

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Students who come to St. Laurence find a welcome and a sense of community and brotherhood. Students feel valued and supported by their teachers, and parents are pleased that their sons are getting a very good Catholic education. We have embarked on new initiatives to make St. Laurence even better and stand out even more among private and Catholic schools in our area. Given all we have accomplished at St. Laurence High School, both in our Essential Elements Evaluation and in our day-to-day ministry among our students, there is much to celebrate!

ACADEMICS

Jim Muting
Principal

After a successful fall homecoming week, the Student Council started planning the winter spirit week. This spirit week was held the last week of February, and every day the students were able to dress down and participate in the daily themes. Throughout the week there were also all-school assemblies where students competed against each other in various activities. At the end of the week there was an all-school pep rally where we recognized the Hockey, Wrestling, Basketball, and Bowling teams for all of their contributions to the school throughout the winter season. The point of this week was to honor our winter athletes and coaches, but also to boost school morale, which is usually lower near the beginning of the second semester.

In the spring, the Student Council will be running a St. Baldrick’s fundraiser, a spring spirit week to honor our spring sports, and many other things to keep the Vikings energized about the rest of the school year.
The tradition of St. Laurence athletics is one full of great success and pride.

I have thoroughly enjoyed talking to the numerous alumni who have shared their stories about the dominance of Viking athletics in the 70’s, 80’s, and 90’s. All of our programs are working hard to match or exceed that level of success.

One of the programs that is on that path is the wrestling program. Under the guidance of first-year coach Johnathan Gahagan, ‘14, the wrestling team has had a tremendous season. After finishing at or near the bottom of all tournaments last year, the grapplers have three top-5 tournament finishes this year. This includes a 4th place finish in the Chicago Catholic League tournament with 99.5 points, the most points for the Vikings since 1999 and far better than an 11th place finish last year. The Vikings’ efforts this year have led them to be ranked 16th in the state in 2A by Illinois Matmen.

Senior Johnathan Gahagan is leading the charge for STL. He is currently undefeated and is ranked 4th in the state at 138 pounds. Johnathan has four tournament titles, including a Catholic League championship. He is poised to make a run at the State Championship as well. Freshman 106 pounder Brandon Ramos, senior 113 pounder Bill Touhy, senior 195 pounder Josh Smith, and junior heavyweight Frank Tomaskovic also have been ranked this year. Regardless of how the Vikings fare in the postseason, the future is definitely bright for the wrestling team.

The program that has been a model of consistency within athletics is the baseball team. Under the guidance of Pete Lotus (‘94) the Vikings have won 6 Regional titles in the past 8 years, including 3 straight, and 6 CCL championships in that same span. They have also won 219 games, or an average of 27 games a year. The Vikings will enter this season as the defending champions of arguably the toughest division in the state, the Catholic League Blue.

Even with all of their previous success, this year’s team could be the best that Coach Lotus has had. The Vikings feature a loaded senior class, led by returning SouthtownStar player of the year Mike Kornacker. A Purdue commit, Kornacker headlines a class that could have up to 9 Division I players in it, with Brad Wood (Northern Illinois) and TJ Marik (Austin Peay) the other seniors who have already made their college commitments.

Additionally, the bowling team had another stellar season, finishing 2nd in the CCL and advancing to the IHSA Sectionals. Also, sophomore Manny Sanchez qualified for the State Finals. The football team saw a 3-win improvement in the fall, and they continue to rebuild under Coach Blackmon. His first freshman class won the CCL White Division and earned a signature win over Mt. Carmel. The future is definitely bright, and the Vikings should have a good chance at making the playoffs this fall. More over, junior golfer Jordan Velez made it to the State Finals for the 3rd straight year.

Finally, two programs are poised to take the next step; soccer and lacrosse are both under new leadership. For lacrosse, Dennis Foley (‘78) takes back over the program that he started 5 years ago and should see immediate results this spring. Meanwhile, Matt Prunckle recently took over the soccer program. With a number of years coaching at the collegiate level as well as with one of the top club programs in the area, Coach Prunckle should build upon the record success the soccer team experienced two seasons ago.

Student Note
I believe the weight training, team work-outs, and the overall time and effort expected of the STL baseball team has definitely enhanced my baseball skills to be ready to play at Purdue University. Academically, the honors courses and teachers here at St. Laurence have challenged me enough that I know I will certainly be prepared to handle the college coursework at Purdue. I expect to use the leadership skills which I have learned at St. Laurence for the rest of my life.

Mike Kornacker ’14

Follow Viking Athletics
The spring season is the busiest time for Viking Athletics, with six different sports and activities in action.
For all the latest athletic news, visit http://il8to18.com/STLaurence
Watch live events on High School Cube www.highschoolcube.com/schools/st-laurence-high-school-burbank-illinois
Follow the Vikings on Facebook at www.facebook.com/STLVikings

Viking Voyage
As the Viking Voyage continues to grow, don’t miss the boat! We are still accepting ambassadors for every sport.
To become an ambassador, please contact Tim Chandler at 708-458-6900 x246 or tchandler@stlaurence.com.
Thank you to those who have already volunteered to be ambassadors!

Scan here to donate to the Viking Voyage.

Tim Chandler
Athletic Director
Sports Management
Club Moderator

Matt Prunckle
Soccer Coach

Johnny Gahagan ’14, placed 3rd in state in wrestling.

Mike Kornacker ’14

Varsity players prepare for a game.
After the Christmas break, our new Chess Club was started.

Wow! It is hard to believe how fast the 2013-14 school year is progressing. Many activities have been taking place in and outside the school with our students and faculty. After the Christmas break, our new Chess Club was started. A nice-size group enjoyed playing chess together, while some members spent the time teaching the game to players who wanted to learn. If participation stays at this level, I am hoping we are able to form a Chess Team to join and compete in the Chicago Chess Conference, which is comprised of Chicagoland Catholic high schools, in the fall of 2014. Some other activities around the corner are the Junior Prom on March 7th and the Senior Prom on May 2nd. Both nights look to be memorable. The Junior Prom is in conjunction with the students of Queen of Peace and will be held at the Oak Lawn Hilton. The Senior Prom will be held at the Hyatt Lodge, McDonald’s Campus. Both nights look to be fun-filled for all the students and their guests. After the long, snowy, and cold winter make sure to get out this spring and enjoy the sunshine and take in some lacrosse, baseball, track and field, and other events that STL is hosting.

Laura Baldwin
Activities Director
Librarian
English Teacher
Chess Club Moderator
Yearbook Moderator

Student Note
Both the National Honor Society and Student Council have kept our student body busy. The NHS is proud of its recent success in reaching our goal for our annual Toy Drive. With the help and cooperation of the St. Laurence community, toys and monetary donations, equivalent to more than 500 toys, were donated to the Worth Township which was distributed during the Christmas holiday season. The NHS thanks the STL community for its continued support.

Sergio Dominguez, ’18
National Honor Society President

25th Annual Alumni Golf Outing
Save the Date! May 30, 2014
Water’s Edge Golf Course, Worth, Illinois

Class Reunions
10 Year Saturday, April 12th, 5:00 pm
15 Year Friday, May 9th, 5:00 pm
20 Year Friday, May 9th, 5:00 pm
30 Year Saturday, April 12th, 4:00 pm
All reunions are at St. Laurence.

St. Laurence
Final Four Extravaganza
Saturday, April 5th – 4 PM to Midnight

Grand Prize $5,000 Super Raffle* - Vegas Style Gaming Squares & Split The Pot Raffle Prizes
Featuring These Craft Breweries
Virtue Cider One Trick Pony Lagunitas
Argus Brewery - Crispin Ciders
Blue Moon Brewing Co. Leinenkugel Brewing Co
Shoreline Brewery Deschutes Brewery
Emmett’s Brewing Co. Badehrau Brewing Co

Live band from 10 PM to Midnight

50/50 Admission - Includes Entry into raffle, Cider, Food, Beer & More!
Tickets can be purchased online or at the door
www.stlaurence.com - Click on the Alumni Tab
All proceeds benefit the Students of St. Laurence through the scholarships & Financial Assistance Program.

For more information, please contact Adam Love, 708.458.6990, ext 337, adlove@stlaurence.com
* Must be 21 years of age or older. Gaming is cash only. Casino Gaming License CG 1474
** Each raffle amount based on quantity of tickets sold.
Congratulations go out to Brian Benton, Class of 1986, who was named Chief of Police for the city of Joliet back in August. Brian has worked as an undercover narcotics officer and has led the Neighborhood Response Team and drug unit. He received awards from a state drug task force four years in a row for his outstanding work dismantling major drug trafficking. Joliet is the fourth-largest municipal police force in Illinois with 250 officers. He lives in Joliet with his wife and children. Good luck, and I promise not to speed my way through town, Brian.

After 31 years of highly honored employment at the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, Jim Coleman, Class of 1968, has moved to the Lone Star State. He has taken a position as head of the Electrical Engineering Department at the University of Texas in Dallas, actually located in the town of Richardson. Jim is now residing in Allen, Texas, but hopefully has not become a Cowboys fan. Good luck, and I know the U of I will miss you.

Joe Silich ’87 at Joseph.Silich@iurp.iu.edu. Or fax them to 708-458-7616. Or to ekozak@stlaurence.com. Or leave them there! Thanks to Mr. Miller for supplying us with this info. Did you get a chance to watch the BCS National Championship college football game earlier this year at the Rose Bowl? Did you see the guy that was out there for every play — he never came out of the game? Yes, STL’s very own Stephen Hassel, Class of 1974, was a member of the refereeing crew selected to work the title tilt. Steve has been an NCAA referee for 30 years now, with the last 16 years being in the Big Ten Conference, and rightfully earned his championship contest call. Steve’s day job is as a Claims Manager for State Farm Insurance. Steve and his family live in Bloomington, Illinois.

Something important in your life happen recently? Get engaged? Get married? Celebrate an anniversary? Get a promotion? Start a new job? Win an award? Have a baby? Pass the bar exam? Make it on television? If any of these things have happened to you recently? Get in touch! We’d like to know about it. You might just be included in the upcoming edition of the alumni newsletter.

You can send your news to Anthony Kozak, Alumni Relations, St. Laurence High School, 5556 W. 77th St., Burbank IL 60459-1398. Note that not all submissions will be used, and all are subject to editing. I look forward to hearing from you. Go Vikings!

The St. Laurence Office of Alumni Relations has learned of or been informed of the passing of the following alumni since August 2013:

ALLEN NELSON 1966
JUNE 26, 2008
RICHARD FALKENTHAL 1972
NOVEMBER 6, 2013
TOM ZIARKO 2003 JUNE 9, 2013
KEVIN HEALY 2006 AUGUST 22, 2013
JOSEPH KWASNIK 1985 SEPTEMBER 2, 2013
GEORGE KRESOVICH 1967 AUGUST 24, 2013
JOHN LALLA 1972 SEPTEMBER 17, 2013
STEVEN VIROSTEK 1970
GREGORY KLOCK 1965 MAY 27, 2012
JAMES MIKULSKI 2003 OCTOBER 2, 2013
ROBERT PIKULA 1973 OCTOBER 24, 2013
ANTHONY KONIEZKA 2004 NOVEMBER 5, 2013

Kozak’s Corner

The Comedy Club Moderator

Ed Kozak
Institutional Advancement Associate
Comedy Club Moderator

Thank you to all who attended the Viking Pride Dinner in November and helped make it such a successful event, raising more than $26,000. Our new addition of the Viking Pride Scholarship raised over $9,000 in under an hour. We look forward to expanding on the new additions to the Viking Pride Dinner for years to come. If you would like to nominate an athlete for the Athletic Hall of Fame or distinguished service to the school, please contact Joe Silich ’87 at Joseph.Silich@iurp.iu.edu. Another great way to interact with the students is our Career Class. We have completed our 8-week session and look forward to expanding this in the future. The Career Class is a way to expose our students to many different professional fields. Please keep an eye out for future emails to let you know when the next session will run.

Lastly, our largest fundraiser of the year will be held on Saturday, April 5th. Mark your calendars to join us for an evening of Craft Beer Tasting, Gambling and Final Four NCAA Basketball. This year’s event will feature many craft beer vendors: Lagunitas, Leinenkugel’s, Blue Moon Brewing Company, and Deschutes Brewery, among others. Tickets can be purchased online at the Alumni page at: www.stlaurence.com

We have had several well attended Meet and Greets with alumni as a way to reconnect with St. Laurence. These are an opportunity to learn more about the direction of the school. Thanks to those who have hosted or attended so far. If you would like to host some fellow Vikings for a Meet and Greet at your home or workplace, please contact our Director of Development Anne Tucker at attucker@stlaurence.com or (708) 458-6900 ext. 262.

We also have some new opportunities to give back to the students. In December, we introduced our second group of sophomores to the Mentorship Program. Twenty-four students were able to select a mentor to help them with high school, college and career decisions. If you would like to be a part of the mentorship program, please contact Joe Silich ’87 at Joseph.Silich@iurp.iu.edu. Another great way to interact with the students is our Career Class. We have completed our 8-week session and look forward to expanding this in the future. The Career Class is a way to expose our students to many different professional fields. Please keep an eye out for future emails to let you know when the next session will run.

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ALUMNI
On January 11, we had the second consecutive year of an increase in test takers, with nearly 200 choosing to test at St. Laurence. These prospective students and their parents recognize the value that a Laurence education has to offer.

While Catholic education has always been a financial struggle, never has it been the financial sacrifice that it is today for our current families. Yet, despite the financial burden our families choose to send their sons to St. Laurence knowing they will receive an excellent education, develop spiritually, compete athletically and mature socially into confident, well-rounded young men.

We continuously strive to offer the best possible education to our students with the StL STEM (Spirituality, Leadership, Science, Technology, English and Math) learning approach. In addition to StL STEM, we now have in place a mentorship program where sophomore students are mentored by STL alumni.

You, our alumni and friends of St. Laurence, have always supported us, giving of your time and talents and assisting us financially through annual fund giving. Annual Fund ’14 is past the halfway point, and we are confident that we will have a successful annual fund effort because of you. Please support us with a gift to Annual Fund ’14. Remember the experiences you had during your four years as a student and assist our current Vikings and their families.

If you are interested in learning more about the mentorship program, kindly contact Adam Lotus in the Alumni Office at 708-458-6900, x 237. Thank you for your continued commitment to St. Laurence. We appreciate all you do.

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Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.