Dear Friends of St. Laurence,

Thank you for unifying with us as we pursue excellence in all endeavors. We enter this year on the heels of a successful 2015-16, and now look to capture that momentum and build toward a better future for our students, and for our school as a whole.

As we strive to become the premier school of choice on the south side of Chicago, we are thrilled to announce a 14% increase in overall enrollment, a statistic unheard of among Catholic schools these days. This success is a direct result of cultivating a culture that will challenge our students and promote a strong academic curriculum.

While the courageous culture began with our faculty, parents and students, we could not have made these positive strides without the continued commitment of our gracious alumni. Through collaboration and providing a shared responsibility for our mission, we empowered all members of the community. As a result, this fall we will publicly launch our Defend the Glory Campaign. Building on the new energy that we have created, this campaign seeks to raise $5 million to benefit students, faculty and infrastructure.

So far, we have received several sizable commitments toward our goal. These resources will be invaluable, as they will truly pave the way to us becoming a leader in education throughout all of Chicago. They also will help us fulfill our mission: “St. Laurence is an all-boy Catholic college preparatory high school, rooted in the education tradition of the Blessed Edmund Rice Christian Brothers where academic excellence and leadership are developed within a diverse community.”

In order to enhance our mission and achieve excellence in academics, athletics and leadership, we must maintain the active participation of our entire diverse community. We look forward to working with you as we launch this campaign in the near future and exceed our $5 million goal. Our community will always be the foundation for success. Please help us maintain a courageous and winning attitude with our future endeavors.

Thank you and God bless.

Warm Regards,

Joseph A. Martinez ’99
President

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**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

*Leave Your Legacy*

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**DEFEND THE GLORY CAMPAIGN KICKOFF AND CELEBRATION**

**Friday, October 21, 2016**

**12:30 PM**

Registration Begins

**1 PM**

Optional Guided School Tour

**1:45 PM**

Event Begins

Please register by 1:30PM to ensure event begins promptly

Hors d’oeuvres, wine and beer to follow

St. Laurence High School
5556 West 77th Street
Burbank, Illinois

Rsvp

DefendTheGlory.Eventbrite.com
St. Laurence has experienced a 14% increase in enrollment!

The freshman Class of 2020 is the largest since 2008, and 40% of the class tested into AP or Honors programs.

Our surge in enrollment is attributed to the leadership of our administration, teachers, coaches and past and present families. In addition, and just as importantly, our enhanced curriculum, iPad integration, winning athletic programs and upgraded technology throughout the school have contributed to our tremendous successes as well.

If you have a son, relative or neighbor in grade school that is interested in St. Laurence, please contact the Admissions Office to be added to the communication list. Lastly, please follow St. Laurence on Facebook (facebook.com/stlvikings), Twitter (@stlaurencevikes), and Instagram (stlaurencevikes) to receive up-to-date information about St. Laurence.

GO VIKES!

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As I enter my 41st year at St. Laurence High School, I have seen the school go through many changes. There are some things that never change, however, and one of those is the emphasis on spirituality.

Our Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother are displayed throughout the school, serving as a reminder of what our students should strive for in their actions. One Element that has been put into practice is standing in solidarity with the poor. Vikings have always been generous by nature, taking part in no shortage of missions collections, food drives, clothing drives and the like. This group of Vikings has shown that the spirit of generosity that has become a tradition at St. Laurence is alive and well.

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I feel that I have given much of myself to my students over the last four decades, but I have received much more from them. Every year I encounter kids who inspire me to be a better Christian. As I look through the yearbooks and old grade books, I am reminded of many young men who I consider among the finest people that anyone could ever meet.

Alumni can certainly rest assured that our current crop of Vikings is just as dedicated to spiritual values as those of the past.
The young men of St. Laurence are positioning themselves to become the future leaders of our world.

As we begin the 2016-2017 school year, we will continue to strive for excellence in our current programs, while embarking on exciting new initiatives that will allow us to not only groom students, but citizens of the world.

Our STL STEM program took a major step forward this summer, as all STL freshmen were introduced to the iPad. Christian Brother Services, Mr. Dan Turyne and our Computer Lab Assistants held four sessions over the summer to help our incoming freshmen get up to speed with modern tools such as Google Drive and Classrooms, eBooks and iBooks. The goal of the session was to make sure that all freshmen received the instruction needed to be successful from day one. Every freshman attended the orientation sessions before the first day of school.

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ATHLETICS

Year-End Update
The 2015-16 school year produced one of the most successful athletic campaigns for the Vikings in recent history, with winter and spring student-athletes building off of the momentum that the football team started in the fall. Coach Maley’s sophomore season saw the basketball team finish with a winning record for the first time since 2005-07. The 16-15 record included a run to the semifinals of the CCL tournament. As a whole, the program finished with a 70-30 record for the first time since 2006-07.

In the spring, the baseball team capped an undefeated conference record. In the postseason. The Vikings won their second trip to the Supersectional, losing to Plainfield North 2-0 to finish the year 31-9. Also, the Vikings fell just short in the state tournament since 1993 with a 4-3 win over Rockford Boylan to be the program’s first Sectional champion for the first time in a decade. The Vikings also captured their sixth straight Regional title, the most in school history. Coach Maley’s sophomore season saw the basketball team finish with a winning record for the first time since 2005-07. The 16-15 record included a run to the semifinals of the CCL tournament. As a whole, the program finished with a 70-30 record for the first time since 2006-07.

In the spring, the baseball team capped a tremendous season with a deep run in the post-season. The Vikings won the Sectional title and captured the program’s first Sectional championship since 1993 with a 4-3 win over Brother Rice. The Vikes fell just short in the Supersectional, losing to Plainfield North 2-0 to finish the year 31-9. Also, in the spring, the lacrosse team placed fourth in the CCL tournament, Doug Kosch and Lonnie Chambers qualified for state in shot put and discus respectively and the bass fishing team qualified both boats for the State Finals. Paul Petan and Matt Misicka finished 28th in state and Jack Nowak, Brendan Cavanaugh and Anthony Plask took 48th in state.

With the 2016-17 school year underway, we are looking for continued success from our student-athletes. Thank you to all of our alumni, parents and friends for your support of Viking Athletics. We look forward to seeing you at our sporting events this year!

Thank You Coach Murphy
Coach Terry Murphy ’68 oversaw his final track meet for the Vikings this past spring. Coach Murphy spent 42 years coaching various sports, including 38 as the head cross-country coach and 32 as the head track coach. A huge thank you to Coach Murphy for his years of dedication to Viking athletics and for the positive impact that he has had on so many of our alumni.

Welcome Coach Reed
We are excited to welcome Coach Darrell Reed to the coaching staff. Coach Reed takes over the cross-country and track programs from Coach Murphy. He comes to STL with a number of years of coaching experience, most recently at Lincoln-Way East. He also serves as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for USA Track and Field. This role allows him to continue his passion for coaching and athletics immediately.

Choose from two Membership Levels!
Benefits Include:

- **VIKING CLUB**
  - Includes 2 passes for all home sports games (excluding IHSA-hosted events such as playoff games), a Viking Club t-shirt and a STL athletic alumni car window decal

- **VIKING PLUS**
  - Includes 5 passes for all home sports games (excluding IHSA-hosted events such as playoff games), a Viking Club polo shirt and a STL athletic alumni car window decal

Join the Viking Club today! Email Jim Tracy at jtracy@stlaurence.com

There are many exciting things happening within the activities department at St. Laurence this fall. This is my first year as the Activities Director and I have already seen the commitment the teachers and students have to their respective clubs. Many teachers have come to me with ideas for new clubs and with questions about how to start or get involved in an already existing club. That said, this year will be an amazing year in the activities department.

One thing that sets Vikings apart from other Catholic school students is their enthusiasm and willingness to get involved within their educational community. With such a diverse and active student body, new and incoming students will find that there is an activity that fits most every interest. From the Comic Book Club to Sports Media, the student body continues to drive the formation of new clubs each year. 100% involvement by the students and teachers is a point of great pride for St. Laurence.

To drive the student involvement a step further, this year we will incorporate the Viking Period. During this time, students will have time to meet with their clubs and activities during the school day every few weeks. This time allows all students to attend meetings that they previously might not have been able to make due to after-school conflicts. Extracurricular and after-school activities are whole-heartedly embraced by the faculty and students of St. Laurence and continue to grow each year.

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ACTIVITIES

Kate Gaffey
Activities Director
Art Teacher
Alumni Director

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Alumni events helped raise nearly $100,000 through the 2015-16 school year!

What a year it has been for St. Laurence in the alumni department! While we had many accomplishments this year, there were certainly major highlights to share:

- Hosting our first 50-year reunion in the fall of 2015
- Posting a record number of attendees at the Viking Pride Dinner
- Raising close to $40,000 from the annual Final Four Extravaganza
- Selling out the Alumni Golf Outing with 144 golfers for the first time in school history

We couldn’t have achieved these milestones without the tremendous support of our alums. It has truly been great to see so many of you reconnecting with classmates, teammates and the school in general.

The 2016-17 school year is already off to a great start, as we hosted our first ever STL Alumni Block Party. We had a great turnout, as it kicked off the Class of 1966’s weekend-long 50-year reunion celebration. Other classes jumped in on the fun to celebrate their reunions, along with several Vikings from throughout the years. We look forward to next year’s block party, which will be highlighted by the Class of 1967’s 50-year reunion.

We now look ahead to our next event, the Viking Pride Dinner on Friday, November 4th. This will be a special night where we will celebrate our latest honorees, including ten Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and three Presidential Award winners. Additionally, we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the 1976 football State Championship.

Thanks again for all of the continued support, and Go Vikings!

2016 Hall of Fame Inductees
Michael Baetzel ’97  Football, Baseball
Vince Catalano ’00  Bowling
Tim Coco ’83  Wrestling
Robert Froio ’07  Basketball, Baseball
Robert Kenny ’72  Wrestling
Coach Tom Mangan  Football
Ray Michuda ’79  Football
Ed Quinn ’91  Cross Country
John Wojcik ’88  Football
Dan Wood ’07  Football, Baseball

2016 Presidential Award Winners
Nick Meniggiolli ’81  President of the Year
Kevin Scanlan ’67  Professional of the Year
Chris Tsakalakis ’85  Entrepreneur of the Year
Mike Swift ’51
is retiring from the United States Marine Corps. He has accumulated over 3600 hours of flight time. He did four combat tours: one in Afghanistan, two in Iraq and one in North Africa/Arabian Sea. He will officially retire from the USMC in February, 2017. His retirement ceremony is in November, 2016. All of us here at STL thank you for your service, Mike.

Bk. Karl Walczak ’66
recently celebrated his 50 years in the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers. He has served the religious order in many capacities and in many schools. Thank you, Brother, for your half-century of service to God and to us. We appreciate all your efforts, Bk. May God reward you. Brother Walczak lives on the south side of Chicago.

Congrats to John Tumpane ’01
who on July 1 of this year received his official full-time status as a Major League Baseball umpire. He actually made his MLB debut with UBS Investment Bank. His 30 years of financial services experience have been focused primarily in the equity and derivatives markets, in senior revenue and administrative leadership roles. Dave’s offices will provide the financial resources to support technology, facilities and opportunities that will help them in their development as students, professionals and individuals. Annual Fund ‘16 also provided financial assistance to families in need and supported a variety of other projects and improvements. Every gift is important and has an immediate impact on our students.

Because of the generosity of our alumni and friends of St. Laurence, Annual Fund ‘16 was a great success, closing at $435,161. We welcomed 51 alumni as first-time donors. Thank you to all alumni for choosing to support your alma mater! Your support demonstrates to us that you continue to recognize the value of a St. Laurence education for current students.

Your donation to Annual Fund ‘16 helped provide the financial resources to support spirituality, leadership, academics, athletics and activities. Our students now have access to technology, facilities and opportunities that will help them in their development as students, professionals and individuals. Annual Fund ‘16 also provided financial assistance to families in need and supported a variety of other projects and improvements. Every gift is important and has an immediate impact on our students.

The Annual Fund is our yearly giving program that truly makes a difference in the daily lives of our students by providing support to St. Laurence. As we work towards our goal of being the premier all-male high school of choice on the south side I ask for your ongoing help. If you were able to make a gift to Annual Fund ’16, I hope you will be able to continue your support in Annual Fund ’17. If you weren’t able to make a gift last year, please consider making one this year.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for the St. Laurence Community. We are truly blessed with great alumni and friends.

The St. Laurence Office of Alumni Relations has learned of or been informed of the passing of the following alumni since April, 2016:

ANTHONY BALEK ’66
December 7, 2015
JAMES HACKETT ’75
August 5, 2015
JOSEPH MARTIN ’69
December 30, 2013
JOHN GALVIN ’70
March 2, 2016
SAM MELANT ’15
March 5, 2016
KEVIN COLOLIA ’66
September 23, 1966
DAVID CONNELLY ’85
October 7, 2015
JAMES PEDERSEN ’66
February 4, 2016
TERENCE HUGHES ’81
March 11, 2016
ROBERT NAUMANN ’72
October 25, 2010
THOMAS NAUMANN ’78
May 11, 2015
DAVID LAPIERRE ’74
November 25, 2015
JOHN MCNEELY ’66
August 8, 2012
MICHAEL KOCKER ’68
June 30, 2016
WILLIAM FUNKE ’68
July 20, 2016
JAMES RAMSDEN ’76
August 4, 2016
WILLIAM O’DONNELL ’73
August 13, 2016
DENNIS MADERAK ’66
November 12, 2006

What’s your big news? Engaged? New job? Won an award? I’d like to know about it! Send your submission, with accompanying photos if possible, to ekozak@stlaurence.com or fax to 708-458-7166 or mail to Ed Kozak, Alumni Office, 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.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
PRESIDENT'S ST. LAURENCE
Michael Reilly ’82
James Reilly ’79
Charles Naso ’75
Gary Miller ’72
Daniel McCarthy ’84
Todd Krzyskowski ’78
Rick Klein  FR
Thomas Kaufmann ’75
Daniel Gregus ’79
Patrick Doorhy ’95
Kevin Dages ’75
James Cranley FR
Patrick Cooke ’85
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Deuteronomy 20:4

For the Lord your God is

the one who goes with you
to fight for you against your
enemies to give you victory.