



WELCOME, NEW FAMILIES

St. Lawrence Parents Club

2026 – 2027

New Family Night · Monday, August 3, 2026 · Higgins Hall

We are so glad you are here.

You didn't just enroll
in a school.

You joined a parish
family.



Everyone in this room was new once —
even the people standing up here
tonight.



*Sunday Mass, Grandparents Day, Christmas Play —
you'll see the same faces everywhere.*

What is the Parents Club?

Every **parent, guardian, grandparent, and extended family member** of a St. Lawrence student — united in deepening and enriching the educational, social, and religious lives of each student.



**Membership
is automatic**



**One form to
fill out**



**You have a
say**

So — welcome to the Parents Club. You're already in.

WHAT THE YEAR FEELS LIKE

A year in the life of an STL family

AUGUST

- ★ Fam Jam
- ★ First Day + Boo Hoo Coffee
- ★ Bell Ringing & Mass

SEPTEMBER

- ★ Grandparents' Day
- ★ Parent/Teacher Conferences

OCTOBER

- ★ Trunk or Treat
- ★ Donuts with Dad
- ★ Dads' Mass

NOVEMBER

- ★ All Saints Day Mass
- ★ Middle School Dance
- ★ Thanksgiving Pies

DECEMBER

- ★ Christmas Concert
- ★ Christmas Play & Tree Lighting

JANUARY

- ★ Father/Daughter Mother/Son Dance
- ★ Catholic Schools Week

FEBRUARY

- ★ Catholic Schools Week
- ★ Field Day
- ★ **The Gala**

APRIL

- ★ Fun Run
- ★ Celebration of the Arts
- ★ Muffins with Mom

MAY

- ★ Teacher Appreciation
- ★ May Crowning
- ★ 8th Grade Graduation

SUMMER

- ★ Summer Bash
- ★ ...and then we do it all again

Plus Book Fair, All Saints Club, Spring Musical, Career Day, class parties, and the ordinary Tuesdays in between.

MORE THAN A SCHOOL

Faith is woven through all of it



- Grandparents' Mass · Dads' Mass · Moms' Mass
- May Crowning and Eucharistic Processions
- Mother's Prayer Group
- All Saints Club
- Matthew 25 service projects

This is not a PTA that happens to meet at a Catholic school.

There's a place for every kind of parent



You want to be in the building

Homeroom parent, lunchroom help, Field Day, class parties.



You have one free evening

Trunk or Treat, Gala setup, Christmas decorations, the Middle School Dance.



You have a skill to share

Photography, spreadsheets, social media, catering, carpentry.



Your plate is already full

Write a check, send supplies, donate in kind. Still participation.

All four of these are real participation. Not one of them is the “right” answer.

LAST YEAR, TOGETHER

What parent support made possible

\$440,199

raised across all Parents Club efforts in 2025–26

\$150,000

given directly to St. Lawrence School

\$100,000+

seeded the school's brand-new endowment in its inaugural year



And every single thing our committees put on.

Parent support pays for the events and initiatives themselves — Fam Jam, Trunk or Treat, Grandparents Day, Field Day, the Christmas decor, Teacher Appreciation, Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, Summer Bash. If it happens at St. Lawrence, parent support paid for it.

Every one of those is run by parent volunteers and funded by parent support.

WHERE IT SHOWS UP

You can see it across the school



The vertical lift platform

Access to every floor of the school.



EC playground sun sails

Shade for our youngest students.



Arts, music & technology

Programs refurbished, not just maintained.



Outdoor lunch tables

Picnic tables so students can eat outside.



Campus security

Safety improvements throughout the school.



New academic programs

Piloted and funded before they were permanent.

...and so much more. This is what the commitment you're about to hear about turns into.

Every family participates. You choose how.

Participation is part of enrolling at St. Lawrence — you pick the option that fits your family.

OPTION A

Service + Financial

\$400 in qualified donations

+ 20 service points

OPTION B

Financial only

\$800 one-time donation

No service requirement

Both options are on the next two slides — and you'll get all of this in writing.

CHOOSE ONE

Option A · Service + Financial

\$400

accrued by the end of the school year through
qualified donations or contributions

AND

20

service points earned through volunteer
opportunities across the year



Most families choose Option A — and points add up faster than you'd think. A single committee chair role can cover most of an entire year's requirement.

Service points are tracked in an online system. Don't worry about it tonight — you'll get step-by-step instructions, and the All Parent Meeting in two weeks walks through it.

CHOOSE ONE

Option B · Financial only

\$800

a single donation to St. Lawrence School

DUE BY MID-SEPTEMBER 2026



No service requirement

Volunteering is always welcome and never required. Come to whatever you like, help where you want to — no tracking, no points.



Option A and Option B meet the same commitment in full. Families choose based on what they have more of in a given year — hours or dollars — and St. Lawrence needs both.

Payment details and a link will be shared at Parent Night — nothing is due tonight.

You have an Ambassador



No question is too small. That is the entire point of the program.



New Family Ambassador Program

Every new family gets one

A current STL family is matched with yours — for the small questions you don't want to email to the front office:

"Where do I actually park at pickup?"

"What on earth is a Celtic Pride Day?"

"Is my kid the only one who forgot the shirt?"

Your Ambassador will reach out before the first day of school.

And you have more than that



Your homeroom parent

Two or three per class — your first call for anything classroom-related. Party sign-ups, teacher gifts, what's due Friday.

Introduced in your first week



The other parents in your grade

You'll see these same families for years. Get in touch early and get to know them — it pays off all year.

Start at pickup on day one



The whole board

Fourteen parents and staff making this year work. Stop any one of us in the parking lot.

ParentsClub@stlawrence.org

You will not have to figure any of this out alone.

THE 2026–2027 ADVISORY BOARD

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Every one of us was a new family here once. Come say hello afterward.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Your first four weeks

AUG 9



Fam Jam

11:00am – 1:30pm
Higgins Hall

One great way to meet other families. Come hungry.

AUG 10



First Day of School

Noon dismissal • Boo Hoo Coffee, 7:30–9am

Drop them off, then come cry with us over coffee.

AUG 17
or 19



All Parent Meeting

EC–5 on the 17th
Grades 6–8 on the 19th

Where the nuts and bolts get covered, including Option A/B.

AUG 26



New Student Bell Ringing

Before the 8:30am School Mass

Your new student rings the bell. Bring tissues again.

All of these are on the school calendar and in the weekly emails — you don't have to memorize anything tonight.



Come to Fam Jam. Introduce yourself to somebody.

That's the whole assignment.



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One address for every question. We'll route you to the right person.

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Welcome to the family!