

CALENDAR

February 18-21
Weekend Visit

March 5
End of 3rd Quarter
Winter Break Begins

March 18-21
Weekend Visit

April 2
Easter Break begins at 12:30

April 11
Students return by 8:30 P.M.

April 15-18
Weekend Visit

April 21
Midquarter

April 24
Sesquicentennial Kick Off Event—
Milwaukee

April 25
Confirmation

April 30 | May 1 & 2
School Play

May 19
103rd Field Day

May 23
Graduation

May 26
Last Day of Classes

ST. LAWRENCE SEMINARY HIGH SCHOOL

In The News

FEBRUARY 2010

YOU SHOULD BE SO PROUD!

What's so great about a Catholic education? The obvious benefit is that it is CATHOLIC. I learned about God, Jesus and the Church in elementary and middle school. That was great but I am in high school now. I can't just know ABOUT God, I have to KNOW Him. There is a difference. Think about it like this: knowing that someone doesn't like brussel sprouts is not the same as having a relationship with that person. A Catholic high school teaches young adults that God is actively engaged in our lives. Then it takes us one step further—we learn to recognize Him in the moments throughout the day. This integration of the presence of God throughout the day is a very important and helpful step in developing one's individual relationship with God.

Catholic education also presents opportunities to learn about the world through the eyes of faith. Does faith matter when one learns algorithms in trigonometry or how oxygen reacts with hydrogen in chemistry?

YES! All subjects, when studied in the context of faith, instills a sense of the order and care of God in creation and of the meaning and purpose of each human life. But this is only the beginning. I am also learning that I have been given so many gifts in order to share them with the world. I have a responsibility to



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use these gifts in a productive way for the greater good instead of just for my own personal gain.

Our culture teaches us to compartmentalize our faith. Young people absorb the message that it is impolite or politically incorrect to apply the values of our Catholic faith in daily situations. Even worse, religious values are depicted as rules that keep you from having the fun you want to have. So many think they are old-fashioned and out of date so just ignore them. These attitudes make it an even greater challenge for teenage high school students to want, seek, and choose any form of religious education.

“Religious” teens are seen as “uncool”. Teens don't want to be “different” and become vulnerable to the ridicule or criticism of peers. How do we respond?

The challenge of being a Christian is to rise up to the pressures, the difficulties, the criticisms, and the hardships of everyday life and trying to respond to them as Jesus would. This takes practice. Teens spend many hours in school each day. In a Catholic high school, we begin to see through the mixed messages of the media, stand up to peer pressure, and just do the right thing because it is not only taught in theory but internalized and implemented daily.

I have chosen to continue my education at St. Lawrence Seminary High School. In a recent homily, Fr. Dennis Druggan summed up the importance of a Catholic education. He pointed out that all of the material things we may want or acquire in life will wear out or become useless and be a memory of the past.

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-Anonymous SLS Student



Parents at Home-Work



Student Views

“If there were more schools like this in the world, it would be a better place.”

Hector Ocon (2011)

“Teachers are always available.”

Mario Rentas (2013)

“I’ve learned to manage my time, as each day is filled with so many options.”

Jimmy Saenphonphakdee (2013)

Research tells us that *Word of Mouth* (WOM) advertising is the most effective form of promotion, and that holds true for St. Lawrence as well. Anticipating the boys time at home over winter break we asked that they think about others in their immediate and extended family and friends who might be a good fit for St. Lawrence — and bring back a name. In the past, this outreach approach has proven to be very successful. At this time however, we don’t think the boys fully understood the importance of the WOM approach and its impact on the future of their school. So we come to you. Here are a few ways you can help:

- Set up a SLS pulpit presentation (a 2-3 minute talk after communion) at your parish. You do the scheduling, we’ll do the talking—unless you feel comfortable acting as a SLS ambassador (script provided).
- Better yet, over any break, arrange for your son to make a pulpit presentation. (Script provided)
- Supply the name and e-mail of the bulletin editor at your parish so we can

share the good news of your son.

- Pay for enough copies to be inserted into your parish bulletin about SLS.
- Let us know the name of your Director of Religious Ed or Faith Formation programs. Potential SLS candidates are not always in the parish schools.
- Hold a Donuts & Coffee Gathering after mass featuring “The Third Option” video presentation and talk.
- Provide us with contact information for prospective students in the 6th thru-9th grades. We have designed a “student friendly” newsletter to mail to potential students.
- Cover the cost of a SLS ad in your parish bulletin.
- Invite 2 or 3 families to your home for a Dessert Night and to learn that beyond public schools and private schools there is a “Third Option”.
- Make connections. Does your school or church hold a high school fair, a ministry fair, or open house?
- Bring a potential family with you the next time you come up to the Hill. You already know how beautiful it is, and

besides, it’s a great ride in the hills of Wisconsin.

- Share the first page of this newsletter with another family.
- Contact your local radio, television or newspaper and tell them you have quite a story to tell. We’ll fill in the rest. Having a local point of view helps us place these types of articles.
- If you are in public relations, the SLS public relations office could use some help placing national articles.

The **Third Option** introduces families to the research on and success rate of a boarding school environment. It addresses the myths surrounding residential living, takes a look at the future potential of the High School Seminary model, and why SLS continues to serve the needs of the present and future Church, and the world.

If you are able to help us with any of the initiatives listed above, please contact the Admissions Office at 920-753-7522 or mvoell@stlawrence.edu



Some things remain the same, while others don't.



The face of curiosity
and wonder.

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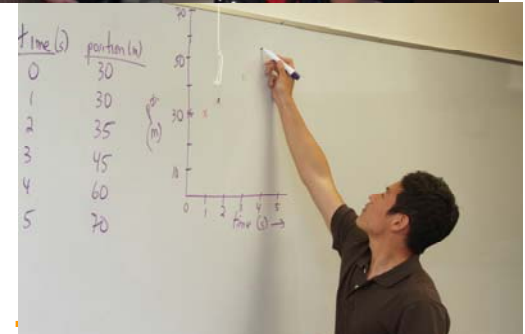
St. Lawrence College Catalogue

Students' Outfit

The quantity and quality of wearing apparel will depend on the condition and means of parents, but it is advisable that students bring with them 2 suits for daily wear and 1 for Sundays, 6 shirts, 6 pairs of stockings, 6 pocket handkerchiefs, 4 towels, 4 napkins, 2 or 3 pairs of shoes, 2 or 3 sets of underwear, 2 hats or caps, 1 overcoat, a toilet box containing comb, mirror, brushes.

Entrance Fee	\$ 5.00
Board & Tuition	\$ 60.00
Washing	\$ 5.00
Bedding	\$ 3.00
Piano and use of Piano	\$ 15.00
Violin	\$ 7.50
Use of Library	. 25

Those were the Days!



St. Lawrence Seminary High School Celebrates 150 Years CELEBRATE | DONATE | CREATE

CELEBRATE

Watch your mail and e-mail for reservation information for all upcoming Sesquicentennial Events. Here's a Sneak Peek:
Milwaukee Kick-Off Event | April 24, 2010
Mt. Calvary Hilltopper | September 17-19, 2010
Benefactors Day | October 17, 2010
Chicago Sesquicentennial Event | February, 19, 2011
Pilgrimage to Assisi | March 2011
Detroit Day of Celebration | April 30, 2011

DONATE

Donate items for our Silent Auction Events.

CREATE

Help us create a Sesquicentennial Theme Basket.
See Page 4 for class themes.



PARENTS & STUDENTS CREATE SILENT AUCTION “THEME BASKETS” FOR SESQUICENTENNIAL KICK-OFF CELEBRATION.

The April 24th Sesquicentennial Kick-Off Event in Milwaukee is quickly approaching and we need your support. Each class has chosen a theme to “build a basket.” For those familiar with theme baskets, students are asked to provide a new item that relates to a theme. Anything goes, which is what makes it fun.

Here’s where you come in. With the class themes in mind we ask that you purchase an item to be placed in the basket. Once the items are received they are attractively packaged in wicker baskets and enveloped in plastic wrap. They’re usually quite large and make a great impression. Quality matters, so the items need not be expensive but new. Whether you mail an item to the school, make a cash donation toward the purchase of an item, or send items back to the school with the student after break, please make sure we receive all items by April 10th. Then during the April 24th silent auction participants will bid and help us raise funds for SLS. Fun is had by all. Thank you in advance for participating in this first time initiative.

FRESHMEN

150 YEARS OF MUSIC

SOPHOMORES

SPORTS THEME

JUNIORS

AN INTERNATIONAL
CELEBRATION

SENIORS

OH THE PLACES WE’LL GO!

Note: The Dr. Seuss book has already been purchased.

What a great idea!

Our SLS Ministry Trip took a novel turn this past month. In an effort to reduce their annual budget, the city of Fond du Lac eliminated the picking up of Christmas trees. Seeing a need, and a way to raise funds, the Solution Center whose mission is to restore hope to those oppressed by

poverty and violence through empowerment, confidential support services, and a safe haven, adopted the “picking up and recycling” project. Area scouts, St. Lawrence students, and neighborhood volunteers donated their Saturday to load trucks and trailers with discarded

work. Alumnus parent, Carol Rottier said “the volunteers could have picked up 1,000’s, but after 300 trees, we knew the first year was successful.

Once the trees were piled high on the back of pick-ups they were taken to the City Service Department’s garage to be cut up and mulched. The city opened one of its buildings serving hot chocolate and snacks to all of Santa’s Post Christmas helpers.

A celebration party with bonfire of some of the saved trees was held on January 30th.

