

THE LION'S PRIDE

NEWSLETTER

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October

Saint Leo the Great Catholic School

2025-2026

Greetings from Mrs. Miller

What a wonderful start to our 2025-2026 school year!

The very best part of my day is greeting your children as they step off the school bus each morning. Their smiles, energy, and kindness remind me that they are truly Saints in the making. Seeing so many happy faces brings great joy to my heart. I hope everyone has already made new friends and that together we continue to grow closer to God each day.

October is a busy month filled with exciting activities. Be sure to check the calendar and ParentSquare for important dates. Some upcoming events include:

- Parent Drop-In during lunch (Grades PreK-2)
- Grandparents Day
- All Saints Day Parade

We are also so blessed to attend Mass together each week. Parents are always welcome to join us! After all, this is at the heart of who we are: celebrating the Mass, learning about Jesus, and growing in faith as a community.

I wish you a joyful and blessed October. Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Jennifer L. Miller



Important Dates

- **October**
 - Monday, 10/6 ...A Woman's Concern Baby Shower
 - Tuesday, 10/7....October Birthday Dress Down Day
 - Wednesday, 10/8 ...3rd Grade Field Trip
 - Parent Lunch Drop-in for grades Pre-K-3
 - Friday, 10/10 & Monday, 10/13NO SCHOOL!
 - Thursday, 10/235th grade Retreat
 - Friday, 10/24 ...Grandparents Day, Noon Dismissal
 - Friday, 10/31....All Saints Day Parade following Mass



Staff Spotlight

Welcome to our Saint Leo the Great Family Miss MaeLynne Connolly

I am so excited to be a part of the St. Leo the Great family! Attending a Catholic elementary school was a crucial component in the development and strengthening of my faith. I believe that God has given each student gifts that should be nurtured and grown. I take great care in creating a safe and supportive learning environment where my students can grow academically, socially, and spiritually.

I am from Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania and am a graduate of Susquehanna University. In high school, I participated in County, District, and Region Chorus and Band festivals. At Susquehanna University, I enjoyed volunteering in the community at the Elijah's Bowl Food Cupboard, Grayson View Nursing Home, and Relay for Life events.

In my free time, I like to spend time with my family. One of my current hobbies is pin collecting. I have two Bernedoodles: Bamboo (black) and Maya (white). I love taking care of my fur babies and buying them squeaky toys! Their favorite toys are the Kong moose and alligator plushies.

This will be my fifth year teaching middle school science. I love teaching the scientific method and working with students on their science fair projects. My students have won 18 awards at the North Museum of Science and Engineering Fair in 2022 and 2023. This week, we began researching topics for the science fair. I am seeing plenty of great ideas, and I can't wait to see how their projects turn out!



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News Around Campus

Employee of the Month

This year, we have started something very special at Saint Leo the Great Catholic School. A Teacher/Staff Member of the Month program.

Each month, we will be recognizing a member of our school community who goes above and beyond for our students, families, and staff.

This award celebrates outstanding dedication, leadership, and the positive impact they have on all of us.

For September, our focus was on Faith Leadership. This is a value that is at the heart of everything we do here at Saint Leo the Great. It means living out our faith each day, treating others with kindness and patience, and sharing our faith with joy.

I am so pleased to announce that this month's winner is Miss Emily Baker.

As our Teacher and Staff Member of the Month, Miss Baker will be honored on our Wall of Honor bulletin board. They will also enjoy a reserved parking spot throughout October and a special lunch with the principal as a token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

Please join me in congratulating Miss Baker on this well-deserved recognition!



First Grade Retreat "Let's Get to Know God's House!"



On Thursday, September 26th, our First Grade students enjoyed a wonderful retreat day filled with faith, fun, and learning.

The children rotated through three engaging

stations where they learned about the liturgical seasons and explored our church on a deeper level.

One of the highlights of the day was a church scavenger hunt, which helped them become even more familiar with God's house.

It was truly a special morning, and we are so grateful to the Spiritual Life Committee and all the volunteers who made this retreat possible for our first graders.

The first-grade teachers also had a beautiful opportunity to spend time together in the chapel for reflection and prayer.

We thank everyone who contributed to making this day meaningful and memorable for our students!

