



Bulletin – August 26, 2009

Welcome Back! We hope that you and your family had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. We can tell by all of the smiles that everyone is excited to be back.

Golden Grace for September

Complete your homework every day.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

It is imperative that we have an Emergency Form for each child so in case of an emergency we are able to reach you. If you have not completed and returned the Health Emergency Form we ask that you do so ASAP. If you do not have a form, you may call the school office for one or you may locate it on the web. We also ask that all families register with www.schoolsout.com. For no charge, parents can check the status of our school and can enter their e-mail address to receive an e-mail whenever the status of our school changes. For \$19.95 a year, parents can receive a text message on their cell phone whenever the status of our school changes. With this service parents do not need a computer to receive emergency notification.

Reminders

Thursday, August 27th and Friday, August 28th this week are full days. **No milk will be provided these two days so please send a drink in with your child. Also, there is no school lunch this Thursday August 27th. There are no A.M. or P.M. buses on Thursday and Friday of this week.**

School Holiday

School will be closed on Friday, September 4th and Monday September 7th for Labor Day. We hope you enjoy your days off.

Thank You

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who has volunteered to help us in one capacity or another. You will be contacted shortly concerning how we can best use your assistance. We would like to especially thank the H.S.A. for taking the lead in coordinating our volunteer activities this year.

We would also like to thank all of the members of the baking committee who, under the leadership of Mrs. Kaschak, donated many delicious desserts for us during our faculty/staff orientation days. You are all so generous!

Donation - Thank You

With the Carnival Day proceeds we made a donation to the Tom & Mary Therese Family Fund. Tom Driscoll was involved in a very serious car accident in January of 2009 and has suffered severe brain trauma as a result of the accident. Tom Sutton is the cousin of Patrick Smith (1B), Jack Sutton (2B), Aidan Smith (3B), and Jay Smith (8B). We received a lovely thank you note from the Smith, Sutton, and Driscoll families. Mr. Tom Driscoll has also been on our prayer list and we would like to ask for your continued prayers for his recovery.

Uniform Policy

We sent a copy of the Uniform Policy to every parent over the summer and you will also find it in the Parent/Student Handbook that was sent home yesterday. We have reinforced with the faculty and staff the need for consistent application of the school uniform policy. Mrs. Ewachiw and I will be doing periodic uniform checks. We ask for the assistance of all parents in insisting that their children comply with the school's uniform policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

This week we have noticed the following uniform violation.

- **Hair is too long. Bangs must be above the eyebrows for boys and girls. Boy's hair must be above the top of the ear and above the collar. We ask that students be in compliance ASAP and no later than Monday, August 31st.**

Summer Tutoring Report

If tutoring was recommended or required for your child please return the St. Louis School Summer Tutoring Report to the school office as soon as possible.

Bus Questions and Concerns

Once you have seen your child's bus route if you have questions or concerns our Bus Committee stands ready and willing to help. Mark DeLuca (mdeluca4@verizon.net) is chairing the committee this year. In addition, each route has a representative on the Bus Committee. If you have a question or concern you should contact your bus representative and cc: Mark DeLuca. If it is something easily addressed the Representative will handle it. If it is something that requires greater attention, the Representative will enlist Mark to handle the issue. The Bus Committee will keep the Administration and HSA fully aware if there are any systemic issues.

St. Louis Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE...HIRE THE BABYSITTER...OUR COMEBACK EVENT OF THE YEAR IS AROUND THE CORNER!! "GRAPE EXPECTATIONS"--A WINE AND BEER EXTRAVAGANZA!!! Our first "FUN raiser" of the school year will be held on Friday, **September 25, 2009** as we host St. Louis' third community wine tasting event. Plans are underway for some fabulous food, a competitive silent auction and a mystery wine raffle, not to mention some fantastic beer and wine! A ticket order form is included with the bulletin this week so get your orders in early!! It should be a great night of fun and camaraderie and **we hope you will all join us!** Don't miss it!

Staffing News

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Kathy Mann, who served as Mrs. Parker's Kindergarten aide for the past two years, has accepted another position and will not be returning to St. Louis School this year. We will miss her and wish her all the best as she begins this new journey.

Mrs. Coleen Hostutler has accepted the position and we are very excited to have her join our staff. We know that you will make her feel welcome.

School Hours Reminder

The school day this year is 9:05 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. Students may enter homeroom at 8:45 a.m. and must be in homerooms by 9:05 a.m. for prayer and announcements. Children arriving after 9:05 a.m. will be considered late and will need to report to the office for a late slip. We do understand that sometimes buses arrive after 9:05 a.m., and bus riders will not be marked late. **Consequences for repeated tardiness are specified in the Parent/Student Handbook that came home yesterday.**

H.S.A. Meeting

The first H.S.A. meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym. Please come and meet the faculty and staff!

Tuition Payment

The next tuition payment is due August 31, 2009; your tuition statement was mailed in early August. Please send your payment to the school office. If for some reason you cannot make this payment, please call Mrs. Hurst in the school office. If your payment is received after the due date, we will automatically assess a \$25 late fee on your next bill. Each month, beginning with the September payment, your statement will be sent home in a blue envelope with the Wednesday folder. Please submit your payment in the blue envelope and be sure to mark your check for the appropriate month. If you pay by automatic deposit, you will still receive a statement each month.

Please remember to record your volunteer hours and return the statement and blue envelope to the school office. Please do not write on the blue envelope as we reuse it.

SCRIP Credit and Automatic Payment of Tuition

For those families who purchase SCRIP, the SCRIP credit from the 2008/2009 school year is reflected on your August statement. If you have automatic payment of tuition, your withdrawal for August will be adjusted by your SCRIP credit. If you have any questions, please call or email Mrs. Hurst in the School Office 410-531-6664 or mhurst@stlouisparish.org.

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Immunizations and Health Records

As you know, Immunization forms are required for all children attending school. The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has informed us that children without the required documentation will be excluded from attending school 20 calendar days from the start of school. This exclusion applies to incomplete documentation as well.

We are encouraging you to send all your health forms in as soon as possible so that they may be reviewed. You will be notified as soon as possible if there are any discrepancies in your child's immunization records. If you have any questions, please call the Health Room at (410)531-7936.

H1N1 (Swine) Flu Guidelines for School

We will continue to follow guidelines set forth by the CDC and the Maryland State Department of Education regarding H1N1 Flu. **The most recent guidelines advise staying home from school when sick.** This also includes after school activities. Individuals with flu-like symptoms should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines. They should stay home even if they are using antiviral drugs.

Students who appear to have flu-like symptoms (fever 100 degrees or greater, sore throat, cough, body aches) will be isolated from other students at school and sent home. The CDC recommends that the ill students wear a surgical mask. We recommend contacting your physician if your child has any of these symptoms.

Hand washing and covering noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing and sneezing are some of the basic interventions for preventing flu. We will be teaching hand washing in school and ask that you reinforce strict hand washing guidelines at home.

Please contact the Health room if your child is at high risk due to medical health issues. Also, please let us know if your child is diagnosed with H1N1 flu. As with all communicable diseases, we will notify parents of any reported cases.

Please make arrangements to pick up your child if necessary. We are anticipating seeing a greater of number of children in the Health Room this year due to H1N1 flu and ask that you consider making plans for childcare if your child becomes ill. We ask that you also maintain updated contact phone numbers on the Emergency forms throughout the school year.

Flu Mist Vaccine

Howard County Department of Health will be providing Flu Mist Vaccine for all students in Pre-K through 8th grade this year. The Flu Mist does not immunize against H1N1 flu, however it is proven to be effective for seasonal influenza. We are hoping to have the vaccine available in September and we will conduct a flu clinic here at school. We will be sending out consent forms to parents as soon as we have further information. Please look for future emails and notices in the newsletter.

Volunteers Needed In the Health Room

We are looking for volunteers to help out during lunch time in the Health Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are interested, please contact the Health Room at 410-531-7936.

Uniform Exchange

Recycled uniforms that are in good condition will be available at dismissal each day this week. They will be in a marked blue minivan in the parking lot until the supply runs out. If you have items in good condition that you would like to donate, they may be brought to the van at dismissal or sent in to the office. Please note we do not recycle shoes. You do not need to donate an item to receive an item. This is a very popular service among our families, and we are extremely grateful to Mrs. Layug for coordinating the Uniform Exchange.

Labeling

Please remember to label all of your child's/children's belongings, including lunch containers. We will donate unclaimed lost and found items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society once a month. Items labeled with the student's names will be returned to their owner.

Morning Drop off of students

When dropping off your children in the morning, all cars must drive along the curb. No one should pass a bus or another car while it is unloading. We ask for your patience so that arrival is safe for the children.

Parent Access

The purpose of parent access to Power School is to provide parents/guardians with an additional means of communication about students' academic performance. Parent Access is available to parents of students in grades 3 – 8. It is not intended to replace other forms of communication or official student records. In order to use Parent Access, parents must attend an orientation given by our Technology Coordinator, Mr. Rich Brotzman. The next orientation will be Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library/Media Center.

Student Council

Calling all students! It's time for students to begin deciding if they would like to be a homeroom representative for Student Council. Homeroom Representative Speeches and elections will be held on Tuesday, September 8th. Application forms are available from Mrs. Purvis or Mrs. Osborne – check with your homeroom teacher if you have any questions on how to obtain an application form.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas would like to invite all women (mothers, daughters, sisters, best friends...) to its **Third Annual Communion Breakfast** on Saturday, **September 12th** following the 8 A.M. Mass. Check the Parish bulletin for more details and schedule of dates to purchase tickets.

Commendations

Emma Williams in 8B completed the Iron Girl Columbia Triathlon on Sunday, August 23rd. She completed a .62 mile swim, 17.5 mile bike ride, and 3.3 mile run in 2:18:27.

Congratulations Emma, we are proud of you!

Coming Home Today

September Calendar

Scrip Flyer

Grape Expectations Wine & Beer Tasting Flyer

Wednesday Folders

Upcoming School Lunches

Tuesday, September 1st – Chic-fil-A Nuggets, Potato Chips and Fruit

Wednesday, September 2nd – Mini Burgers, Steak Cut Fries and a Chocolate Chip Cookie

Thursday, September 3rd – Pizza (2 slices), White Cheddar Popcorn and Lemon Lemonade Ice

Tuesday, September 8th – Chic-fil-A Sandwich, Potato Chips and Fruit

Wednesday, September 9th – Beef Hot Dog, Tots, Cinnamon Cookie

Thursday, September 10th – Pizza (2 slices), Pretzels, Apple Dippers

Reminders

Wednesday, August 26 th	12:45 p.m. Dismissal, No A.M. or P.M. Buses Professional Afternoon for Teachers 6:30-7:30 p.m. Meeting for Parents with Dr. Curt Hinson 7:30-8:00 p.m. Meeting for Lunch/Recess Volunteers 7:00 p.m. Orientation for new members of the School Board
Thursday, August 27 th	Full Day No A.M. or P.M. Buses NO SCHOOL LUNCH/NO MILK-(Students must bring lunch and a drink)
Friday, August 28 th	Full Day NO A.M. Or P.M. Buses NO SCHOOL LUNCH/NO MILK-(Students must bring lunch and a drink) Lunch with the Principal for new students in Grades 1 -8 - Permission slip sent home today – Please return by Friday morning
Monday, August 31 st	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PRE-K &K – Welcome!!! Milk Begins
Tuesday, September 1 st	School Lunch begins 9:30 a.m. Opening Liturgy 7:00 p.m. Home School Association Meeting in the Gym Room Parent Meeting to follow

Thursday, September 3rd

Innisbrook Gift Wrap Kickoff Assembly @ 3:00 p.m.
3:45-4:45 p.m. Symphonic Band Rehearsal (grades 7-8)

Please pray for those who are sick

Mrs. Eichelberger, mother of Deanna (5B) and Kathleen (2B)

Tom Driscoll, cousin of Patrick Smith (1B), Jack Sutton (2B), Aidan Smith (3B), and Jay Smith (8B)

Please pray for those who have died

Jane Kolb, grandmother of Joshua (8B), Elizabeth (6B), Maria (2B) and Therese (1A)

Please also pray for all members of our military, especially those who are serving away from home.

If you wish to add someone to our prayer list, please email Mrs. Brenda Hossick at

bhossick@stlouisparish.org.