



## **Bulletin – September 2, 2009**

### **Golden Grace for September**

Complete your homework every day.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

It is imperative that we have an Emergency Form for each child that in the event 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 immediately. The form is available on the school web site.

<http://www.stlouisparish.org/school/admissions/healthforms.html> We also ask that all families register with [www.schoolsout.com](http://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.

### **School Holiday**

School will be closed on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday September 7<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day. We hope you enjoy the long weekend with your family.

### **Parent Reminders**

Children leaving early must have a note and children leaving with someone other than their parent / guardian must also inform the office with a note also!

### **Two Additions to the September Calendar**

#### **Individual Pictures**

On Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> individual school pictures will be taken. Students may come to school out of uniform, Sunday Dress.

#### **Homework Club**

Homework Club begins on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Permission slips were sent home today.

### **H.S.A. Meeting Recap**

For those of you who missed last night's H.S.A. meeting we will send a synopsis tomorrow. We are off to a wonderful start! Your children are awesome and we are happy to be back.

### **New Students**

We welcomed 61 new students this year (twenty five are new kindergarten students).

### **Morning Car Duty Volunteers**

We are in need of additional Volunteers for morning car duty from 8:40 a.m. to 9:05 a.m. This is a great way to receive your volunteer hours and meet other parents and students. If you are able to help, please e-mail Julie Hudson at [HUDSONPBJ@VERIZON.NET](mailto:HUDSONPBJ@VERIZON.NET). Thank you.

### Lunch Duty Help of Needed

We are in need of parent volunteers for lunch duty and recess on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please contact Anne Sanagursky at [amsanagursky@yahoo.com](mailto:amsanagursky@yahoo.com) if you can assist.

### Back to School Night

Our back to school nights will be held next week. The parents of students in Kindergarten through grade four will meet on Tuesday. Parent's of PRE- K – 2 should report to their child's homeroom from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m., and grades 3 -4 should report from 7:15 – 8:00 p.m. Back to school night for grades five to eight will be held on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. There will be a meeting for parents of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on Thursday evening as well. That meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please be sure to attend as we discuss the high school application process as well as all of the exciting events that await your 8<sup>th</sup> grader.

### SCRIP News

NEWSFLASH!!!! – Our SCRIP/Gift Card Program now carries \$25 Aeropostale gift cards! Did you know ... The top 2008 – 2009 SCRIP participant received a \$388 tuition credit on their August tuition statement? This could be you next year!

Each month the family who purchases the most gift cards will win an Out of Uniform pass. The winner will be announced the first Wednesday of the month. Don't forget to stop by the parking lot in the morning or after all Masses to purchase your gift cards!

### Innisbrook Fundraiser

Tomorrow is the Innisbrook Fundraiser Kick-Of Assembly. Please look for the envelopes that your children will bring home tomorrow.

### News from the Wine Tasting Committee!

You should have received your Wine Tasting flyer in last week's bulletin, and we hope you have marked your calendar! It is going to be a great night and a fun way to kick-off the year! **Get those ticket orders in NOW!** All tickets ordered by school families will be delivered through "kiddie-mail" to your oldest child, unless otherwise noted on your form. Also, included in today's folder is a form for donations to our Mystery Wine Raffle. Please take a look and when you are out shopping, pick-up a bottle of wine to help the cause. **You can bring your wine bottle donation to the school office or to either Back-to-School night next week. Thank you!!**

### St. Louis Family Directory

Coming home today is a form for each family to update, verifying your home information. The information will be used to publish our St. Louis School Family Directory. Please review the form, make any necessary corrections, and return the form by Tuesday, September 8th. We hope to be able to publish the Family Directory by Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help.

### Peanut Reminder

If your child brings peanut butter for lunch, please send a note alerting your child's teacher. In order to minimize the likelihood of exposing allergic children to nut-containing products, children with peanut butter will be directed to a designated table in the lunchroom. Thank you for your assistance in helping to prevent possibly life threatening allergic reactions in some of our children.

## Uniform Policy

We sent a copy of the Uniform Policy to every parent over the summer. You will also find the information in the Parent/Student Handbook that was sent home last week. 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.

## 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](mailto: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: Mr. DeLuca. If it is something easily addressed, the representative will handle it. If it is something that requires greater attention, the representative will enlist Mr. Mark DeLuca to handle the issue. The Bus Committee will keep the Administration and HSA fully aware if there are any systemic issues. Our sincere thanks to Mr. DeLuca for serving as chairperson of this very important committee.

## **St Louis Bus Reps 2009-2010**

**Bus Committee Chair: Mark De Luca**

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**\* Temporary - looking for volunteer**

## New Bus Dismissal Information

Beginning next Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Buchta will stop the traffic on Ten Oaks Road at dismissal time to allow the buses to exit onto Ten Oaks safely and quickly. (We called the police department and they do not have enough manpower.) We will have two lanes of buses exiting from our driveway. Therefore no cars may enter our driveway by Ten Oaks after 3:40 in the afternoon to allow for these two lanes of buses to exit. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **School Hours Reminder**

The school day this year is 9:05 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. Students may enter their 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**

## **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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **Tuition Statements**

This is a reminder that tuition for the month of August was due on August 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have not yet sent in your tuition payment, please do so immediately. Please record on the statement any volunteer hours worked during the month. Remember, late fees are assessed if tuition payments are not received by the due date. Thank you.

## **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 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 have been 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 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.

### **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 students' names will be returned to their owner.

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Library/Media Center.

### **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.

### **Library News**

The library is up and running! The students have begun to check out books as they come to their library classes. Grades 2 through 6 may take out 2 books at a time, while Kindergarten and Grade 1 may take out one book at a time. Families will receive an e-mail from the library as a reminder when books are overdue. Any overdue books should be brought to the library by the students and put into the library return crate. Thank you for your assistance in getting the books back to the library. The students at St. Louis School do a wonderful job of caring for our library books so few of them are lost or damaged. Did you know that we have 11, 800 books in our collection? During the school year new fiction and nonfiction books will be added as older books are retired so the library stays up to date.

Students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to borrow books from the library even though they no longer have library classes. Please encourage the older students to stop by the library before or after school to browse and borrow books. Parents, there are some books in the counselor's office near the school office that you may check out also. These books cover different topics pertaining to children. The St. Louis Library is happy to welcome Mrs. Lori Schenk as the new library assistant two days per week. Remember our Library motto....Reading takes you places!! We look forward to seeing you at the St. Louis Library and having a great year with the children.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email our librarian, Mrs. Ryder, at [jryder@stlouisparish.org](mailto:jryder@stlouisparish.org).

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Louis Church. Check the Parish bulletin for more details and the schedule of dates to purchase tickets

## Commendations

All students are doing a fabulous job!!!

## Coming Home Today

Blue Ribbon Committee on Catholic Schools Flyer  
(8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only) Catholic High School Fair Flyer  
Rainbows for All God's Children Flyer  
Grape Expectations donation Form  
St. Louis School Family Directory Form  
Homework Club Permission Forms  
Picture Day Flyer

## Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pizza (2 slices), White Cheddar Popcorn and Lemon Lemonade Ice  
Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – Chic-fil-A Sandwich, Potato Chips and Fruit  
Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – Beef Hot Dog, Tots, Cinnamon Cookie  
Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – Pizza (2 slices), Pretzels, Apple Dippers  
Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Chick-fil-A Nuggets, chips and fruit  
Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – Steak & Cheese sub, cherry mixed fruit and a brownie

## Reminders

Thursday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Innisbrook Gift Wrap Kickoff Assembly @ 3:00 p.m. 3:45-4:45 p.m. Symphonic Band Rehearsal (Grades 7-8)
Friday, September 4 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed
Monday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day-School Closed
Tuesday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	3:45-4:45 p.m. Symphonic Band Rehearsal -Grades 7 & 8 Back to School Night 6:30-7:15 p.m.- Pre-K to 2 7:30-8:15 p.m.-Grades 3 & 4 7:00 p.m. Parent Access (Library) Student Council room reps announced
Wednesday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>	3:45-4:45 p.m. Symphonic Band Rehearsal (Grades 7 & 8)
Thursday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School Night 6:00 p.m.-Mtg. for 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Parents 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Parents of grades 5 to 8 Individual School Pictures – Out of Uniform (Sunday Best)
Friday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Patriot Day-Students may add red, white and blue to their uniform for Patriot Day.
Sunday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	3:00-5:00 p.m. Catholic High Schools Fair (Martin's West)
Monday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Vision Testing (Pre-K, K and 1 )
Tuesday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Band performance to recruit new musicians
Wednesday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Vision Testing Homework Club begins – 3:45-4:30p.m.

**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)  
Diane Miller, friend of Lynn Devroye and Kathleen Duckhorn  
Noah Thyberg, neighbor of the Del Buono Family  
Joyce Bartolomeo , sister of Sister Lois Blessing  
The mother and new baby brother of Mirela Olivera (5A)  
Brother James M. Kelly, C.F.X., President of Mount St. Joseph High School

**Please pray for those who have died**

Jane Kolb, grandmother of Joshua (8B), Elizabeth (6B), Maria (2B) and Therese (1A)  
Christina Strain, close friend of the Magaletta Family  
Msgr. Myles McGowan, former pastor of St. Louis Church

**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](mailto:bhossick@stlouisparish.org).**