



## **Bulletin – September 9, 2009**

### **Golden Grace for September**

Complete your homework every day.

### **Health Emergency Forms**

If you have not sent in your child's Health Emergency Form, please do so immediately! The form is available on the school web site. <http://www.stlouisparish.org/school/admissions/healthforms.html>.

### **Homework Requests**

If a child is absent and a parent would like to pick up missed work, parents should call the office no later than 9:00 a.m. Requests should not be emailed. Assignments will be available for pick up after the conclusion of the school day. School policy also states that teachers will not provide assignments prior to a student's absence (e.g. prior to a trip or other planned absence).

### **Individual School Pictures**

On Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> individual school pictures will be taken. Order forms are being sent home today. Students may come out of uniform, but students should wear clothing appropriate for school. No jeans, halter tops, tank tops, or crop tops are permitted. Students may wear their St. Louis khaki shorts or their gym shorts. No other shorts may be worn.

### **Back to School Night**

Our Back to School Night for parents of students in Pre-K to grade 4 was held on Tuesday evening. Back to School Night for parents of students in 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.

### **Opportunity for State Funding**

Please see the letter and survey being sent home today. We are requesting that each family complete the State Textbook Family Survey for all Catholic Schools and **return it to school by this Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Providing us with all the information requested on the survey might help us to receive more funding for textbooks, a greater discount on technology, and may increase the educational services we are now providing our children. Thank you for your assistance by filling out and returning this very important survey.

### **Parent Access**

Parent Access to PowerSchool provides parents/guardians with an additional means of communication about their child's 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 Archdiocese has changed all of the PowerSchool Parent Access usernames and passwords this year. If you have attended a PowerSchool training session in the past, please email Mr. Rich Brotzman ([rbrotzman@stlouisparish.org](mailto:rbrotzman@stlouisparish.org)) to request your new login, and he will send it to you.

The web address for PowerSchool has also changed. The new address is <https://archbalt.powerschool.com>.

If you have a child in grades 3-8 and have not previously attended a Parent Access session, the next one is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the Library/Media Center. Parent Access will be enabled on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **From the Health Room**

Vision Screening will be held on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> for Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. Please remember to send in your permission form. Your child will be bringing home a copy of the permission form if we have not received one. We will not screen your child unless we have a signed permission form. Also, if your child wears glasses, please make sure he/she brings them to school on screening days.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Please consider volunteering to help with the Vision Screening on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. We need parents to escort students and help with recording data. Please call the Health Room at 410-531-7936 if you can help. We are looking for volunteers for the morning or afternoon.

### **HSA Meeting Minutes Correction**

Minutes from the HSA meeting that was held on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> were emailed to parents on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Included in the minutes was a date for the Lord and Taylor Benefit Bash. The date was incorrectly listed as November 25<sup>th</sup>. **The correct date is Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.** We are sorry for the error.

### **Factors of Viability**

To ensure the stability of its Catholic schools, the Archdiocese of Baltimore has implemented an evaluative protocol entitled *The Factors of Viability*. Each archdiocesan school has submitted a self study examining ten categories (from Catholic Identity to Technology) and will be visited by a team of archdiocesan representatives. With input from our priests, faculty, staff, School Board, HSA, and students, we prepared our report which was submitted on August 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be visited on September 30<sup>th</sup>, and the team will observe classes and interview students, parents, and faculty/staff. After their visit, the team will issue a report with commendations and recommendations, and based upon that report, we will develop an action plan to help improve our school. We are looking forward to the team's visit and to their comments. We would like to thank all those who assisted with the preparation of our report; your insight is very important to us. I would especially like to thank Mrs. Ewachiw who was instrumental in coordinating our self study. We know that the visiting team will enjoy spending time with our extraordinary community and meeting many of our members during the interviews. We are very proud of our SLS family.

## **SCRIP**

Pink SCRIP envelopes with an order form and instructions inside are being sent home today. As an incentive to our parents, the SCRIP committee has included a gift card holder with each envelope. Only about a third of our parents use SCRIP. We are hoping that if we help you get organized, we will have greater participation. If you would like to order SCRIP through the school mail, please send in your orders with a check or cash in the pink envelope on Monday mornings. DO NOT seal the envelope because we will send your order home in the same envelope. The orders will be filled and returned with your certificates and a new order form by Thursday. We cannot guarantee delivery on Thursday if we get the envelope after Monday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Williams at [kimswilliams@verizon.net](mailto:kimswilliams@verizon.net) or Meg Clarke at [jmjclarke@comcast.net](mailto:jmjclarke@comcast.net).

## **Innisbrook Fundraiser**

It's the time of year for our Innisbrook gift wrap and chocolates sale. Our goal this year is to sell \$30,000; St. Louis School receives 50% of the total sales. We are off to a great start--we have already sold \$600!!!

This year, Innisbrook has instituted the EZ entry system to try to reduce errors. This means that the first thing each parent should do is register their child/children at [www.Innisbrook.com](http://www.Innisbrook.com).

On the home page, you will see that the screen is divided into two halves. The left side EZ for Parents is where you need to register your children. Innisbrook suggests that you use your email address as your user name. Once you register your children you can have Innisbrook send emails to your out-of-town friends and relatives who will then use the right side of the screen to order on behalf of your children and St. Louis.

After you register your child, you will not need to go back to the web site until your child is finished selling. Then you will go back into the EZ for Parents screen and enter your School Order. The Innisbrook system will tally your orders and total monies due and create a voucher which you will print. This voucher, along with the collected monies, is what you will turn in--there will be an Innisbrook box in the school office. Please do not turn in the form which came in the catalog. That is for you to use when delivering your orders.

If anyone does not have access to a computer, please call Chris Schauerman (410-203-2688) and she will be happy to register your child and enter your orders on your behalf.

There are just a couple of things to remember--

- 1) Register your child!!!
- 2) There is no sales tax due.
- 3) Only out of town family and friends pay shipping as their orders are delivered to their home or office.
- 4) The sale ends September 25<sup>th</sup>. Sales after this point benefit St. Louis School, but do not earn prize credits for your children.
- 5) Delivery/Pick up of Innisbrook items will be October 28--more information to come.
- 6) Register your child!!!

If you have any questions, please call Chris Schauerman at 410-203-2688 or Natalie Dickins at 410-884-6774.

### **Homework Club**

Homework Club is being offered on Wednesdays after school for students in grades 1 through 8. There is no charge for Homework Club; however, Homework Club is not a drop-in opportunity. A commitment to come each Wednesday is expected. Children who attend After Care are welcome as well. Those children should pick up their After Care snack before proceeding to Homework Club. Homework Club will meet from dismissal until 4:30 p.m.

Please send a dry snack with your child. Students may eat their snack and use the water fountain as they begin their homework. The expectation is that students will work quietly on their homework. A teacher will be present to assist with homework and answer questions.

Parents are asked to come to the Religious Education foyer to meet their child. Children will only be released to a parent or designated person. Children will not be released to walk to the parking lot alone. We want to ensure the safety of all the children.

Homework Club will begin on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and continue until May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 on Wednesdays when school is in session for a full day. Permission slips should be sent to the school office by Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mark your calendars! It's time for Family BINGO!!!**

Come join the fun! Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in our school's gymnasium we will hold our first BINGO of the year. Bring the whole family! Come for dinner, come for a lot of fun, and come play BINGO!!!

We hope to see you there!!

### **Student Council News**

Student Council homeroom representative elections were held yesterday to choose those students who will be working on Student Council for this school year. Anyone interested in running for a position was required to give a speech to the students in their homeroom. There were several very close elections during which the winning students won by only 1 vote; so everyone did a very good job with their speeches. We would like to congratulate the following students who were elected to Student Council for this school year:

5A	Sarah Rosso Carter Williams
5B	Grace Sullivan Mary Kate Johnson
6A	Colette McGarvey Zachary Schauerman
6B	Sara Minnis Michael Rutkowski
7A	Madison Vicendese Danica Garvin
7B	Conor Habiger JP Osborne
8A	Lauren Comeaux Katherine McGivern
8B	Chris Magnolia

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The following students were selected last year to serve on Student Council and will join the homeroom representatives as at-large members:

7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Sydney Dominguez Will Essl Nellie Hines Hae Mee Lee
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Sarah Hannan Sam Kolodrubetz Amy Nwaba Kyle Van Winter

The officers for this school year were elected last year and have already begun planning with the moderators.

Treasurer – Tyler Gleeson  
Secretary – Mitchie Marsden  
Vice-President – Rachel Kostelec  
President – Emma Williams

Everyone is looking forward to a productive year! The Student Council Induction Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the gym.

**The first Student Council activity of the year is to encourage everyone to ADD red, white & blue colors to their uniform for this coming Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> for Patriot Day in honor of our country and the freedom for which we stand.**

**WINE AND BEER EXTRAVAGANZA -- GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

We are so looking forward to our first FUN-RAISER of the year and hope you are, too! It is going to be a great way to kick-off the year! **Please 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, don’t forget your wine bottle donation for our mystery wine raffle. When you are out shopping, please pick up a bottle of wine to help the cause. **You can bring your wine bottle donation to the school office or to Back-to-School night this week. Thank you!!**

**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS – EVERYONE CAN HELP!**

We have lots of **great** silent-auction items for our event and we are asking everyone in our community to get involved. Every grade will be represented! Middle school students- don’t forget to do your part to fill your baskets! Items can be dropped off in their classrooms in the boxes provided. As always, thank you for your support. **Please send in your items by September 16<sup>th</sup>.**

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Arts and Crafts Basket  
\*beads, craft books, craft paper, colored pencils, chalk
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Games Basket  
\*card games, small board games
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Movies and Snacks Basket  
\*gift cards to Blockbuster, popcorn, candy

8<sup>th</sup> grade: Sports Basket  
\*balls, jump ropes, team memorabilia, outdoor game equipment

\*These are only some ideas, anything would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Karin Lawrence at [KarinLawrence@aol.com](mailto:KarinLawrence@aol.com).

### **Banking Program Begins**

St. Louis School and Sandy Spring Bank are once again offering our banking program. Beginning on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, banking will take place on the second Wednesday of each month from 8:45 – 9:05 a.m. in Mrs. Osborne's office, across from the school office. In order to participate in the banking program, students must already have an established bank account with Sandy Spring Bank. Accounts can be opened at the bank with a minimum deposit of \$5.00.

Our banking program is looking for student bank tellers. If your child is in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and would like to be a bank teller, he/she should pick up an application from Mrs. Coyle (teacher-1A), fill it out, and return it to Mrs. Coyle by Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions about the banking program, please email Mrs. Coyle at [kcoyle@stlouisparish.org](mailto:kcoyle@stlouisparish.org).

### **St. Louis Family Directory**

A form went home last week for each family to update, verifying your home information. The information will be used to update our database and to publish our St. Louis School Family Directory. The form was to be returned by September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet returned the form, please review it, make any necessary corrections, and return it immediately. It is very important that we have accurate contact information for each family. We hope to be able to publish the Family Directory by Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help.

### **Art News!**

A wonderful mixture of last year's art work is currently on display at the River Hill Giant. The following students have a piece of art on display:

Jackie Branthover, Madeleine Campbell, Erin Clarke, Chrissy Godzuk, Ryan Kerr, Jessica Langsdale, Mary Beth Lewis, Shannon McCarthy, Camille McGarvey, Briannah Menelas, Andrew Oliver, Christian Salandra, Taylor Stone, Jenna Sweeney, Andrew Tiffey, and Victoria Vidi. We hope you will be able to view the work. This year's students are already busy with our school's latest masterpieces!

### **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 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.

### **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. Students may not bring peanut candy or peanut cookies to school. Thank you for your assistance in helping to prevent possibly life threatening allergic reactions in some of our children.

### **Bus Questions and Concerns**

If you have questions or concerns about busing, 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. DeLuca to handle the issue. The Bus Committee will keep the Administration and HSA fully aware if there are any systemic issues.

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

**Bus Committee Chair: Mr. Mark DeLuca**

[mdeluca@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:mdeluca@howardcountymd.gov)

<b>Bus #</b>	<b>Rep Name</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Email</b>
11	Janice Schneider	410-997-3364	<a href="mailto:janicky@comcast.net">janicky@comcast.net</a>
92	Christine Pannunzio	301-776-2821	<a href="mailto:pannunzio@verizon.net">pannunzio@verizon.net</a>
168	Christine Divver	301-854-0788	<a href="mailto:cmdivver@verizon.net">cmdivver@verizon.net</a>
191	Lisa Ferraro	301-776-2345	<a href="mailto:Ferrevents@aol.com">Ferrevents@aol.com</a>
	Christa Blake	301-317-8071	<a href="mailto:cmlake301@msn.com">cmlake301@msn.com</a>
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151	Clare Brill	410-531-9166	<a href="mailto:cwidity@comcast.net">cwidity@comcast.net</a>
360	Mie Cook*	410-997-7068	<a href="mailto:emperor521046@yahoo.com">emperor521046@yahoo.com</a>
605	Sharon Miller	410-997-3339	<a href="mailto:millersharon@verizon.net">millersharon@verizon.net</a>
283	Camilla Duffy	410-531-0951	<a href="mailto:icjduffy@verizon.net">icjduffy@verizon.net</a>

**\* Temporary - looking for volunteer**

Note: Please remember that no cars may enter our driveway by Ten Oaks Road after 3:40 p.m. to allow the buses to depart by two lanes onto Ten Oaks Road in the afternoon. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Alumni News**

Elisa Tetro, a 2009 graduate of St. Louis School, was a member of the 13-and-under Maryland Grizzlies Basketball Team that won the Youth Basketball Organization of America National Championship in Orlando, Florida this summer. Congratulations, Elisa!

### **Commendations**

We're off to a great start!

### **Areas That Need Improvement**

## Coming Home Today

School Picture Order Forms

Pink SCRIP envelopes

State Textbook Family Survey for all Catholic Schools (**Please return by September 11<sup>th</sup>**)

## Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – Pizza (2 slices), Pretzels and 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

Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Pizza (2 slices), carrots & ranch, and ice cream

Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Chick-fil-a sandwich, potato chips and fruit

## **Reminders**

Thursday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Individual School Pictures – Out of Uniform (Appropriate attire) Back to School Night 6:00 p.m.-Mtg. for Parents of 8 <sup>th</sup> grade 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Parents of grades 5 - 8
Friday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Patriot Day-Students may add red, white and blue to their uniform. Homework Club permission forms due. <b><u>State Textbook Family Survey for all Catholic Schools due</u></b>
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 ) Parent Access will be enabled
Tuesday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Band performance to recruit new musicians
Wednesday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Vision Testing (Pre-K, K and 1) Homework Club begins – 3:45-4:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Catechetical Sunday 3:00-5:00 p.m. Catholic High Schools Fair (College of Notre Dame) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Family Bingo (Gym)
Monday, September 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>	ACRE Religion Assessment (Grades 5-8) testing dates determined by Religion teachers
Tuesday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15 a.m. Student Council Induction Ceremony (Gym) 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting (Pastor's Conference Room)
Wednesday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Homework Club-3:45-4:30 p.m. Parent Access 7:00 p.m. - Library/Media Center
Friday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Innisbrook Fundraiser ends Grape Expectations: Wine & Beer Extravaganza 7:30 – 11:30 p.m. Parish Social Hall

## 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 Oliveira (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  
Marion Clarke, grandmother of Kerry (8A), Erin (5B), and Emma (2A) Clarke  
Jullian R. Elliott, grandfather of Aubrie (6A) and Sienna (3A) Ferraro Shibleie who died over the summer

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

Chuck Campbell, father of Madeleine (4B), Gracie (4A), and Colleen (KA) Campbell, who was recently redeployed to Iraq

**If you wish to add someone to our prayer list, please email Mrs. Brenda Hossick at [bhossick@stlouisparish.org](mailto:bhossick@stlouisparish.org).**