



Bulletin – September 16, 2009

Golden Grace for September

Complete your homework every day.

Important Reminders

- On Monday, September 28th, school will be CLOSED.
- On Wednesday, September 30th, there will be NO HOMEWORK CLUB.
- If you wish to add something to the Wednesday Bulletin please email Mrs. Brenda Hossick at bhossick@stlouisparish.org by noon on Tuesday.
- Please remember cars may not pass buses during arrival or dismissal.

Health Emergency Forms

Second requests have been sent home to parents who have not sent in their child/children's Health Emergency Forms. If you received a second request notice, please send in your child's completed Health Emergency Form immediately! It is very important that we have the ability to get in touch with you in the event of an emergency.

Tuition Statements

Tuition statements for the month of September are being sent home today in the Wednesday folders. Tuition payments are due by September 30th. Please record on the statement any volunteer hours worked during the month. Remember, late fees will be assessed if the tuition payment is not received by the September 30th due date. **Please be sure to return the blue envelopes, unsealed, with your tuition payments. The envelopes are reused each month.** Thank you.

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

Come join the fun! Sunday, September 20th 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!!! Please not the time change. We hope to see you there!!

Student Council

The induction ceremony for student council members and officers will be held next Tuesday, September 22nd at 9:15 a.m. in the gym. Following the ceremony, there will be a brief reception in the Howard Bishop Room for student council members and their parents.

Student Council would like to remind everyone to join them at Family Bingo on Sunday, September 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. – we'll be there helping and hope you'll be there to have fun!

WINE AND BEER EXTRAVAGANZA -- GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

The children have been busily making some special items for our silent auction, and our committee is putting the finishing touches on our kick-off event that is going to be FUN, FUN, and FUN! **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.**

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 immediately.**

5th grade: Arts and Crafts Basket
6th grade: Games Basket
7th grade: Movies and Snacks Basket
8th grade: Sports Basket

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Karin Lawrence at KarinLawrence@aol.com.

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 24th. We will be visited on September 30th, 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.

Sports Club

Fall Sports Club for 7th and 8th graders will begin this Friday, September 18th from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m. The deadline for turning in forms will be Friday morning. Those 7th and 8th grade students who have returned their signed permission slip and the \$30 fee should bring a change of clothes and a water bottle with them for each session. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Tomasic mjtomasic@stlouisparish.org.

CYO Basketball

Tryouts for the 2009-2010 CYO Boys Basketball Team will be held on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27, 2009 at St. Louis gym.

Saturday – 9/26 - 9:30am-11:00am **OR** 3:45pm-5:00pm (All interested players must attend **ONE** of these sessions).

Sunday – 9/27 - 4:00pm-6:00pm. Team will be chosen after the Sunday session.

This information is also available at the schools website:

<http://www.stlouisparish.org/school/basketball/CYOBoys.html>

Please contact Dave Walsh with any problems/concerns.

dwalsh@integ.com

(w)443-539-5256

(h)410-290-8250

Confused about Let's Dish -- Don't Be!!

At **Let's Dish** you assemble meals for your family, from fresh ingredients and take everything home at the end of your session. *You* pick your recipes ahead of time; *they* do all the shopping and set up. You just show up, assemble the recipe to your liking (leave out the curry, garlic or whatever you don't like), pack your meals up in freezer containers that they provide, slap on cooking directions (great if your teenagers help you at home) and then, when you are going "100 mph with your hair on fire" and you haven't even thought of dinner – pull a full meal out of the freezer! A half-hour later - - everyone is fed and you have saved the day – Yet again!!

Let's Dish is offering 10% of all sales that we do from October - December, when we use our school's promotional code (F4-SLS). You can dish on your own or plan to attend one of our "class" parties that will be scheduled from October through December. Parties are nothing more than a dedicated night to go to **Let's Dish** with friends, share a bottle of wine and some other goodies, and prepare your meals. You will receive an email invitation to a **Let's Dish** party for your grade from one of our parent hostesses.

We can have more than one party per grade and there are also a few grades for which we don't have a hostess yet! If you would like to host a party (aka – A Girls Night Out) at Let's Dish (**NOT in your home**), contact Susan Defibaugh at 410-381-7791 or susandefibaugh@verizon.net to receive simple step-by-step instructions and an email distribution list for your grade so that you can quickly send invitations online.

Also, **congratulations to our raffle winners** for Let's Dish Gift Certificates at Back to School Night: Rose Gilbert and Christa Blake!

Important Reminder for All Visitors

Everyone who enters the school building for any reason, and that includes walking your child to his/her homeroom before school begins, must enter the doors near Mary's garden, come into the office, sign in, and get a Visitor's Badge. There are no exceptions to this policy. **This policy is for the safety of all of our students.** Thank you for your cooperation.

St. Louis Family Directory

The St. Louis Family Directory is being sent home electronically today. If you have not sent in your Directory Change form, please do so as soon as possible. A hard copy of the directory will be sent home next week. If we do not receive your changes your information will appear as it does in the electronic copy.

Thank You

A special thank to Mrs. Kaschak and our Baking Committee for providing delicious treats in honor of the faculty and staff members with September birthdays. The treats were delicious and certainly made us smile! We appreciate your kindness.

Lunch Duty Volunteers

We still need lunchroom/recess volunteers for all days, especially Tuesday and Wednesday. If you can help, please call or email Mrs. Anne Sanagursky, lunch room coordinator at 301-466-3079 or amsanagursky@yahoo.com.

Reminder: On days when we do not have hot lunches (Mondays and Fridays), PARENTS, PLEASE PACK A LUNCH FOR YOUR CHILD.

Children Leaving School Early

If you need to pick up your child/children prior to the end of the school day, a note must be sent to the office in the morning.

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).

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) 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 23rd from 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the Library/Media Center.

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-- St. Louis students have sold \$2,000!!!!!!!!!!

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.

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 25th. 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.

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 HUDSONPB@VERIZON.NET. Thank you.

Commendations

Locks of Love

Stephanie Hammann (5A) donated her hair to Locks of Love. We are very proud of you!!!

America's Got Talent

One of our alumni, **Drew Stevyns**, Class of 1994, has made it to the finals on the show "America's Got Talent." On Monday night Drew competed on national television and did a great job! Watch the finals as the fourth season winner is crowned Wednesday night. Check out Drew on www.drewstevynsmusic.com. Congratulations, Drew – Great Job!!

Areas That Need Improvement

None at this time

Coming Home Today

The Boast Maryland Forum Flyer
Tuition Statements
Family Bingo Flyer

Sent Home Electronically

St. Louis School Family Directory
Let's Dish Flyer

Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, September 17th - -- Pizza (2 slices), carrots & ranch, and ice cream
Tuesday, September 22nd – Chick-fil-a sandwich, chips and a fruit cup
Wednesday, September 23rd – Baked ziti with meat sauce, ranch salad, and chocolate chip cookie
Thursday, September 24th – Pizza, pretzels and an ice cream sandwich
Tuesday, September 29th – Chick-fil-A Nuggets, chips and fruit cup
Wednesday, September 30th – Meatballs with pasta alfredo, bread & butter, and a brownie

Reminders

Sunday, September 20 th	Catechetical Sunday Catholic High Schools Fair (College of Notre Dame) 3:00-5:00 p.m. Family Bingo (Gym) 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Monday, September 21 st – Friday, September 25 th	ACRE Religion Assessment (Grades 5-8) testing dates determined by Religion teachers
Tuesday, September 22 nd	Student Council Induction Ceremony (Gym) 9:15 a.m. School Board Meeting (Pastor's Conference Room) 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 23 rd	Homework Club-3:45-4:30 p.m. Parent Access 7:00-7:30 p.m. - Library/Media Center

Friday, September 25 th	Student Council sponsored Out of Uniform Day (50 cents) and Donut Day (50 cents) Innisbrook Fundraiser ends Grape Expectations: Wine & Beer Extravaganza Parish Social Hall 7:30-11:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 26 th	Saturday Detention 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Monday, September 28 th	SCHOOL CLOSED Faculty / Staff Retreat
Wednesday, September 30 th	School visited by the Archdiocesan Factors of Viability visiting team NO HOMEWORK CLUB September tuition due

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 Shiblee who died over the summer
John T. Connors, Sr., grandfather of our former students, Caitlin (19), Colleen (15) and Maggie (12) Connors
Col. Ashley Day Jameson, great-grandfather of Annaliese (3B) and Austin (2A) Jameson

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.