



Bulletin – September 23, 2009

Golden Grace for September

Complete your homework every day.

DON'T FORGET YOUR INNISBROOK ORDERS!!

Friday is the deadline for Innisbrook orders and we are counting on you to help us reach our goal!

We have only reached 25% of our goal. If anyone does not have access to a computer or needs assistance entering your order, 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.

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.**

Lost and Found

We have found a gold "SLS '96" ring, size 7; you can pick it up in the office.

Tuition Statements

Tuition statements for the month of September were sent home last week in the Wednesday envelopes.

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.

St. Louis School Family Directory

The 2009 - 2010 St. Louis School Family Directory is being sent home today. **Next school year, in an effort to "be green" the St. Louis School Family Directory will be available electronically only.**

Student Council

Our student council members were inducted into office at a wonderful service yesterday. President Emma Williams reminded all of the student body about the school and parish theme of “Do this in Memory of Me”. The Student Council will be working with this theme by “filling buckets” as they join together as a community for fun activities, doing service and working toward a school-wide recycling program.

As one of their first fun activities, Student Council will sponsor an **Out-of Uniform/Donut Day this coming Friday, September 25th**. Student Council representatives will be in all homerooms by 8:45 a.m. on Friday to sell the donuts (50 cents) and to collect the money for out-of-uniform (50 cents). We ask that the students follow the guidelines for appropriate and acceptable attire for non-uniform days. Out of uniform attire should be appropriate for St. Louis School. Students will be asked to call home for a change of clothes if the administration or faculty deems that the clothing is suggestive or inappropriate. Students may not wear explicit or offensive clothing, skirts/dresses/skorts/shorts shorter than 2 inches above the knee, torn clothing, and excessively baggy clothing, belly shirts/midriff baring shirts, low cut tops, halter tops, pajama bottoms, low cut slacks, flip flops, or sandals.

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 St.Louis families.

Members of the team will be in the parking lot for arrival and dismissal and may approach parents during this time to say hello.

WINE AND BEER EXTRAVAGANZA -- GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

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. We have planned a fun evening for all, see you there!!!

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Thursday, September 24th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Girls 3-4 at St. Louis Gym

Sunday, September 27th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Boys 5-6 at Reservoir High School Gym
6:30 - 8: 00 p.m. Boys 3-4 at Reservoir Gym

Monday, September 28th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Girls 3-4 at St. Louis Gym
Girls 5-6 at St. Louis Gym

Rec 7-8 grade tryouts to be set soon!

If you are interested in coaching, please contact Steve Musselman, 301-600-1832.

stephenmusselman@netzero.com. **All coaches must be STAND certified.**

8th Grade Girls, CYO Basketball Tryouts

Attention 7th and 8th Grade Girls! It's time for CYO Basketball Tryouts for the 2009-2010 school year.

Tryouts are being held on Sunday, September 27th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. and

Tuesday, September 29th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Louis gym.

Both tryouts are mandatory for full consideration. Any questions, please contact

Mr. Columbia (ejc_hoops@yahoo.com) or Mrs. Tomasic (mjtomasic@stlouisparish.org).

The Fall Book Fair is Coming!!

The Library/Media Center is excited to announce that the theme of our Fall Book Fair is "Read Around the World". Posters will be going up next week, and a flyer will come home with the children next week also. The event will run from Monday, October 12th through Thursday, October 15th. There is no school on Friday, October 16th. Volunteers will be needed to set up the book fair on Friday, October 9th, at 4:00 p.m. and to take it down on Thursday, October 15th; parents will also be needed to serve as cashiers during the Book Fair. The hours of operation will be from 8:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday the Book Fair will close at 4:00 p.m.

Please think about volunteering as we really need your help! The children love this event, and it is fun to experience their excitement while meeting other parents, too. All proceeds will be used to purchase new books for the library especially in Science and Social Studies. Please email Mrs. Ryder, the Librarian, at jryder@stlouisparish.org if you can help.

Let's Dish!

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. **Go to www.letsdish.com, check out the recipes and see what it is all about!**

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.

St. Louis Church Children's Liturgy Program

We are looking for children in grades 2 through 8 who are interested in participating in the 4:00 p.m. Mass once a month. Children can participate as Readers, Lectors, and Ushers. Masses are 10/3, 11/8, 12/5, 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, and 5/1. Students can volunteer for one or more masses. There will be training in advance for the Readers. The students are also invited to participate in the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass reenacting the Nativity Scene and on Easter Sunday reenacting the Resurrection. There are rehearsals for the reenactments as well. If you are interested in any of these opportunities contact, Aileen Musselman at 410 984 7997 or Musselman.as@pg.com.

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.

Please Note!

Please make all dismissal arrangements for your children before they come to school. Please send a note to school with your child if the arrangements are other than usual. It is very disruptive to the teachers and classes when we have to call with changes to transportation arrangements. Please be considerate of the teacher's and the students' instructional time. Also, children are not to come to the office to make phone calls about last minute arrangements for staying after school. These arrangements must also be finalized before children come to school, and children must bring a note to the office signed by a parent. Thank you.

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).

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.

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. Thank you.

Commendations

N.U.T. Cards or Peanut Cards

We would like to congratulate the following students for receiving a N.U.T. or PEANUT (No Uniform Today) card over the past few weeks. They have been recognized for various types of behavior including: being a good friend; complimenting another student; encouraging another student; keeping someone safe; comforting a student who was upset; helping out a Kindergartener; being helpful; taking over a responsibility for someone; and showing kindness to a younger student.

Trisden Bovello

Grant Miller

Catherine Gervaise

Emi Moran

Kylie Kennedy

Kamille Pereira

Madison Mayer

Zach Schauerman

Lucas Tudor

Reilly Vicendese

We are very proud of all of you! Keep up the good work.

Attention 8th Graders

Since the 2005-2006 school year, the "privilege" of wearing a Red Sweatshirt to school has been a tradition reserved solely for the 8th grade class. It is time to order them for your soon-to-be graduate! The 8th grade voted on keeping the design the same as in past years, with "St. Louis School" on the front right side of the sweatshirt and their graduation year on the back.

Areas That Need Improvement

None at this time

Coming Home Today

Dance Day Flyer (grades 6-8 only)

8th Grade Red Sweatshirt Order Forms

Catholic High School Fair Flyer (grades 6-8 only)

October Calendar

St Louis School Family Directory

Innisbrook Flyer

Girls' CYO Basketball flyer (for 7th & 8th grade girls)

Sent Home Electronically

None at this time

Upcoming School Lunches

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

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
Arlene Wilczynski , grandmother of Philip (7A) and Olivia (2B) Magaletta

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
Daniel Donoghue, grandfather of John, Colleen, Brendan, and Rose O'Rourke, St. Louis graduates

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.