



Bulletin – October 7, 2009

Golden Grace for October

Greet faculty and staff members when you see them in the hallway or outside.

REMINDER, SCHOOL is CLOSED ON OCTOBER 16TH

School is Closed on Friday, October 16TH. What a great opportunity to schedule your child's doctor or dentist appointments so they won't miss school time.

Letter from Dr. Peter Beilenson, Health Officer, Howard County Health Department

Dear Elementary School Principal,

We were informed by the health department in August that they would hold multiple seasonal flu vaccination clinics for elementary school-aged children. Unfortunately the local Health Officers have recently been informed by Maryland State Secretary of Health, Mr. John Colmers, that the School FluMist Program is suspended due to distribution challenges with the vaccine.

The flu clinic scheduled for October 8th for elementary school-aged children must be cancelled, as well.

It is unclear if or when the vaccine will be available. We encourage parents to reach out to their primary care providers and local pharmacies regarding vaccine availability. Although these services may come at a cost, we believe that this vaccination is the best way to prevent the seasonal flu.

Additional information is available by calling Kristine Holmes, R.N. School FluMist Coordinator at 410-313-7528. Thank you for your understanding and please continue to take steps to prevent the flu.

Chick-fil-A Night!

This Thursday, from 5-8 p.m. the "new" **Chick-fil-A** located in Maple Lawn on Johns Hopkins Road will be hosting a Spirit Night to benefit St. Louis School. No cooking allowed... Take the kids on the way home from practice and have dinner, or go through the drive-thru. **Chick-fil-A** will give St. Louis 20% of all the proceeds for those people who **bring in their flyer!** Don't forget!!

Let's Dish

Let' 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. We still need **hosts** for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 2nd grade!! As a host, all you have to do is pick a date and invite people to come. They will sign-on to the webpage themselves, pick their recipes and pay for themselves. Check out the webpage at www.letsdish.com, organize your friends, and sign up for a session! **Joanne Reed will be hosting a party for the 4th grade on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:45 p.m. If you would like to come, contact Joanne at Jsr813@comcast.net so that she can save a space!**

Volunteers- STAND Certification

It is imperative that we are compliant with our Archdiocesan Child Protection Training (STAND) for all volunteers in the school. We will be asking all parent volunteers (lunchroom, recess, classroom, library, etc.) to fill out a reference form that can be picked up next to the sign-in sheets in the main office. Many of you may have done this in the past, but we are in the process of updating our records. We will be contacting volunteers on an individual basis if we require additional information at this time. When you sign-in, the names of parents who are already STAND certified will appear on the form and you need only enter the location, time in, and time out for the day. If you do not see your name, you may enter it in one of the blank spaces. If you would like additional information about volunteering at St. Louis School, please contact Victor Pellechia (vpellechia@stlouisparish.org).

VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS!!

YOU ALL KNOW THAT ST. LOUIS HAS AN ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS – AND WHAT AN ARMY WE HAVE! This weeks' bulletin is jammed-packed with numerous opportunities for you to put your special stamp on one or more of our events. From the Open Houses to Let's Dish, and Bake Sales to St. Nick Night, we are grateful for your service! Please take out your calendar before you begin reading, and consider signing up to help out. You'll be glad that you did!! And we will be grateful!

From the Health Room

Please consider volunteering to help with the Vision Screening on October 23rd and October 26th. 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 Bake Sale

The HSA Bake Sale that was scheduled for October 11th **has been rescheduled for November 8th**. This is a great opportunity for any parent who needs volunteer hours. Volunteers are needed to prepare baked goods, set up, sell baked goods, and clean up. If you wish to help with the sale, please contact Teresa Shafer at tdshafer@comcast.net.

Open House

Our first Open House of the school year is just around the corner, and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** On Sunday, October 18, 2009 we will need some smiling, happy parents and students to help set-up and/or serve as tour guides for prospective students and their families. Prior to the Open House we will review pertinent facts about our school for you to share with our guests, as well as answer any questions you may have. Parents get credit for their service hours and all students participating will receive a NUT card for their service!! Please contact Colleen Craig at ccraig@stlouisparish.org if you will be able to help. She will be patiently (and gratefully) waiting to hear from you!

St. Nick Night

Want to spread some holiday cheer and earn volunteer hours at the same time?

We are looking for volunteers to help with **St. Nick Night** on **Saturday, December 5th**. Our event will be new and improved...bringing back the vendors and those lovely poinsettias! We are still in need of managers for the following events: **Bingo, Crafts, and Face Painting** and, back by popular demand –

Tiny Tim's Treasures – where the kids can shop for their own Christmas gifts! We will also need parent volunteers for the various events, including **Gingerbread Land**, the **Christmas Café**, and **ticket sales** throughout the evening. You can sign-up to help out for the whole event or just a shift (4:30-6:30 or 6:30 - 8:30p.m.). The event itself will run from 5:00-8:00p.m. **You can also volunteer to help set-up and/or cleanup.** If interested in assisting us with this family-fun event, please contact Susan Defibaugh at susandefibaugh@verizon.net or at 410-381-7791.

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. Saturday evening Mass once a month. Children can participate as Readers, Lectors, and Ushers. Masses are 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.

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 REALLY in need of volunteers for morning car duty from 8:45 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.

Fall Book Fair Volunteers Needed

The Fall Book Fair will be held from Monday, October 12th through Thursday, October 15th, and parent volunteers are needed to set up, take down, and serve as book fair cashiers. Parents, this is your opportunity to earn service hours by assisting with the book fair. The book fair will be set up on Friday, October 9th, at 4:00 p.m. and then taken down on Thursday, October 15th at 4:00 p.m. Cashiers are needed during our book fair business hours of Monday –Wednesday from 8:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Thursday from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Ryder, the librarian, at jryder@stlouisparish.org if you can assist.

From the Health Room

Hearing screening and speech evaluations will be held on Friday, October 23rd, and Monday, October 26th for Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st Grade. If your child is in grades 2 through 8 and you have concerns about your child's hearing or speech, please call the Health Room at 410-531-7936 or email us at nurses@stlouisparish.org to make arrangements for your child to be screened. You will receive permission forms by email. Please remember to send in your permission form. We will not screen your child unless we have a signed permission form.

5th Grade Field Trip News

Permission slips and the fee are due this Thursday, October 9th, for the 5th grade field trip to the Maryland Historical Society on October 23rd.

Innisbrook News

The Innisbrook fundraiser has concluded. Thank you everyone for your orders and especially for your patience with the new web site. Although we did not hit our target, we were close. We expect we will have raised \$13,000 for St. Louis after all is said and done. We will have the official numbers in November. Remember that you can order from Innisbrook.com using our school code (122295) all year long and St. Louis will receive 50%--think Communion gift wrap and Easter. Of course no prizes will be earned. If your child ordered 5 items and did not receive a bendable jungle animal or 20 items and did not receive a long-legged plush cat, please contact Mrs. Chris Schauerman at 410-203-2688 or cgzinwien@hotmail.com with your child's name and class. Thank you to Mrs. Schauerman and Mrs. Dickins for coordinating this important fundraiser for our school.

LORD & TAYLOR BENEFIT BASH

Calling all Shoppers! St. Louis will be one of a number of non-profit organizations participating in this year's **Private Shopping Day** to be held on Tuesday, **November 10, 2009** at the Lord & Taylor in the **Columbia Mall**. To participate, purchase a ticket for \$5.00 and receive a storewide savings coupon for 20% off a single item and another 15% coupon to be used all day. There will be TWO \$500.00 gift certificates given away to a lucky participant, as well as \$1,000.00 given to the organization with the most shoppers. Tickets will be on sale with scrip each day, as well as in the school office, or by ordering on the attached form. **Call your girlfriends, moms; sisters...plan a day out shopping to benefit the school!!** For more information email Joanne Reed at jsr813@comcast.net

RESERVE THE DATE

ACTS Coffeehouse Unplugged! Mark your calendar now for the upcoming St. Louis Unplugged Acoustical Concert on Saturday November 14th from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. There will be live music, dancing, light refreshments, auction baskets and lots of good fellowship! Tickets will be available after all Masses beginning October 31st. Tickets may be purchased for a reserved table of 8-10 p.m., so gather your friends now! Tickets will also be sold individually. If you are saying to yourself. "Man, I WISH I could go, but it is so **hard** to find a babysitter..." then say no more! We are offering babysitting in Room 306 for \$10.00 per family. The children will enjoy a movie, crafts and general fun. Diapers are ok! Please contact Kathleen Hrinkevich at kahbeach@comcast.net or Mary Kolb at thekolbs@verizon.net for information or to purchase tickets. Proceeds benefit our parish's upcoming ACTS retreats for men and women. Tickets are limited, so make plans to get yours soon!

Uniform Exchange

The Uniform Van is back! Look for Mrs. Layug's blue van near the SCRIP vehicle at morning drop off all next week. We start winter uniforms on Monday, October 19th so stock up now! Our bins runneth over with little girls jumpers, girls' blouses and unisex polos, so PLEASE help yourself to these and other uniform items. Just say "no" to mid-week laundry! We even have a few band uniforms for boys! You may still turn in any items your children no longer need. Clean, gently worn uniforms may be turned in at the office. If you are in need of any items and can't stop by next week, you may email Mrs. Lynne Layug at thelayugs@verizon.net.

Banking Program Begins

St. Louis School and Sandy Spring Bank are once again offering our banking program. It will begin on Wednesday, October 14th. Banking will take place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 8:45 to 9:05 a.m. in Mrs. Osborne's office, across from the school office. If you have any questions about the program, please email Mrs. Coyle at kcoyle@stlouisparish.org.

Grocery Store Cards

Don't forget to register your **Grocery store cards!! It is really easy this year!** Just open your wallet and take out your grocery cards... go to our webpage at www.stlouisparish.org/school. (Right now....) Under **News and Notes**, click the direct link needed to register your cards! That's it! Thanks so much!!!

Box Tops for Education

One way for our school to earn "free money" is by clipping the Box Tops for Education found on many of the products we use on a regular basis. Each box top is worth ten cents towards our school and although that may not sound like a lot, last year we earned almost \$1400 through this program! As an added incentive, we will be offering an out of uniform day and ice cream treat to the winning classroom in both the elementary and middle schools that brings in the most box tops during the school year. Collection bags are in each classroom and there is also a box in the front office. If you put your box tops in the box in the front office and want your child's classroom to receive credit, please be sure to put the box tops in a bag LABELED WITH YOUR CHILD'S HOMEROOM. If you have any questions, please to contact Anne West at anne_west@verizon.net.

A Flyer for Education

Another way for our school to benefit from items you may use is by submitting the UPC's from participating products made by Campbell's and Pepperidge Farms. While we only need the UPC's, including some of the label so that we can determine the product and point value is helpful. These labels **can be put in the box in the front office or put into the Box Tops for Education bag in your child's** classroom. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Anne West at anne_west@verizon.net.

A flyer went home last week with a list of participating products.

Student Council News

Service Day

Service Day is coming quickly – Saturday, October 24th!!! Permission slips were sent home today with all of the students in grades 5-8. Please return this form as quickly as possible if you and/or your middle schooler are able to help out on this traditional St. Louis event. It is a wonderful community service event and gives us all a chance to fill someone's bucket!

Out of Uniform/Donut Day

Next Thursday, Oct. 15th will be the next Student Council sponsored out-of-uniform and donut day (50 cents each). As October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, students are encouraged to add pink to their out-of-uniform attire on that day in support of this very important cause. All proceeds from the day will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Please note: 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 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.

Basketball News

1st and 2nd grade Basketball registration is now open. See basketball page on the school's web site for information and registration, go to http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1797803.

GIRLS 7th -8th grade, REC MAKEUP DUE TO POWER OUTAGE; will be held on Saturday, October 10th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

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 his/her dismissal arrangements change. It is very disruptive to the teachers and classes when we have to call with changes to transportation arrangements. Please be considerate of the teachers 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).

Commendations

Alumni News

- (1) Angela Pannunzio, a St. Louis graduate from the class of 2009, has been selected as the Freshman Student of the Month by the Science Department of Our Lady of Good Counsel High School.
- (2) Venezia Ferraro Shiblee, a 2008 St. Louis graduate, was selected to serve on a three-student Academic Integrity Delegation for Good Counsel High School.
- (3) Nick Springmann, a St. Louis graduate from the class of 2006 and a senior at Mount Saint Joseph High School, was honored on Wednesday, September 30th, to deliver a keynote address to members of the high school's Saint Frances Xavier Society. His address focused on the meaning of the generosity of the donors and their impact on providing a Catholic education - - an opportunity that might not otherwise be possible for some students attending Mount Saint Joseph.

We are truly proud of these Saint Louis School graduates!!

Areas That Need Improvement

None at this time

Coming Home Today

Chick-fil-A Flyer

Service Day Flyer (grades 5-8 only)

Lord & Taylor's Benefit Bash Flyer

Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, October 8th – Pizza, applesauce and a brownie

Tuesday, October 13th – Chick-fil-A nuggets, chips and fruit

Wednesday, October 14th – Meatball sub, apple dippers and a cookie

Thursday, October 15th – Pizza, pretzels and a lemon ice

Reminders

Thursday, October 8 th	Band lessons for grades 4, 7 and 8 Symphonic Band (grades 7&8) 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Friday, October 9 th	Prize assembly for Innisbrook Fundraiser Sports Club 4:00-5:30 p.m. for grades 7&8
Saturday, October 10 th	Saturday Detention 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Monday, October 12 th	Book Fair 8:45a.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Library/Media Center Math fun groups for grades 6-8, during recess
Tuesday, October 13 th	Book Fair 8:45a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Library/Media Center Band Lessons for grades 5&6 9:30 a.m. Mass Drama Club 4:00-5:00 p.m. for grades 7&8 Concert Band (grades 5&6) 3:45-4:45 p.m. Meeting for parents of children who ride Bus 387 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Aftercare Room
Wednesday, October 14 th	Last day for Summer Uniforms Book Fair 8:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Library/Media Center Banking 8:45-9:05 a.m. in the Counselor's Office Homework Club 3:45- 4:30 p.m. for grades 1-8
Thursday, October 15 th	Student Council- Out of uniform and Donut Day (50 cents) Band Lessons for grades 4, 7 and 8 Book fair 8:45 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. in the Library/Media Center Symphonic Band (grades 7&8) 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Friday, October 16 th	SCHOOL CLOSED Howard County Schools Closed

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

Grace Hartley, friend of Olivia (2B) Magaletta

Nicholas Green, friend of Tommy (2B) and Emi (KB) Moran

For all those who have lost their homes and loved ones in the recent flooding in the Philippines

Joseph Firetti, grandfather of Ryan Kerr (4A) and Nick Varner (5A), and father of Mrs. Kerr (Pre-K teacher)

John M. Windsor Jr., grandfather of Kayla (6A) and Dayna (4B) Butler

Kitty Schisler, grandmother of Christopher (3A) Vielandi

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

Timothy Flanigan, grandfather of Benjamin (1B) Kopec

Marie Wiedefeld, mother of Mrs. Patricia Marlatt, former teacher at St. Louis School

Melissa Moody, friend of the Moran family.

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

David Kerr, husband of Mrs. Kerr (Pre-K teacher) and father of Ryan (4A), who was recently deployed to Saudi Arabia.

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