



Bulletin – October 15, 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.

OPEN HOUSE

Our first **Open House** of the school year is this Sunday, October 18, 2009 and we are looking forward to a wonderful afternoon showing off all of the great things that we have going on here. **Thanks to those who posted signs and flyers in your communities and to those who have volunteered to guide tours and help with set-up.** We will be here around 11:30 a.m. for those who would like to help set-up. For those who have volunteered to guide tours, expect an email with some particulars, but plan on getting here by 1:30 p.m. so we can give you some tips. Please contact Colleen Craig at ccraig@stlouisparish.org if you would like to help out.

Tuition Statements

Tuition statements for the month of October were sent home yesterday in the Wednesday folders. Tuition payments are due by October 31st. 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 October 31st due date. **Please be sure to return the blue envelope, unsealed, with your tuition payments. The envelopes are reused each month.** Thank you.

Banking Program

The Banking Winner for October is Maryellyn Musselman. Congratulations, Maryellyn!

Hot Lunch Information

There have been several questions about receiving a credit or refund for lunches that are missed due to a student's absence from school. Unfortunately we must order our lunches in advance and are not permitted to change the number on the day of the particular lunch. Due to this fact, it would be impossible to credit or give a refund for a missed lunch.

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.

Health Room Volunteers needed

Please consider volunteering to help with the Hearing and Speech/Language Screening on October 26th. We need parents to escort students. Please call the Health Room at 410-531-7936 if you can help. We are looking for volunteers for the morning or afternoon.

Student Council

Service Day is coming quickly – Saturday, October 24th!!! Permission slips were sent home with all of the students in grades 5-8 and we would like to have them returned by Wednesday, October, 21st. We are in need of many adult volunteers and drivers so please check your schedule and see if you are able to help out. This is a wonderful community service event and gives us all a chance to fill someone's bucket!

Photo Retakes

Photo retakes are scheduled for Thursday, October 29th at 1:00 p.m. Parents may request that their child have their picture retaken for any reason. Retakes are free if there is a photographer or lab error. There is no charge for eyes closed, mouth open, off center prints, or out of focus prints. For all other retakes there is a \$5.00 sitting fee. If your child was not photographed due to absence from school, please send a note to the office and we will send an envelope home for you. If you are having a photo retaken for any reason, you must return the entire, un-cut portrait package to the photographer on the day of retakes. Students who are having retakes may come out of uniform, but must wear appropriate clothes. No jeans, shorts, short skirts, sweat suits, or midriff-baring tops are to be worn.

WE LOVE CHICKIN'!!

Thanks to all of our families who came out to **Chick-Fil-a** last week! It was a great crowd and according to the manager, we did much better than most schools -- almost \$2000.00 in sales, so we will be getting a check for 20% of that!! **Way to go St.Louis School!!** Stay tuned for other restaurant nights throughout the year – Three Brothers and Looney's, and maybe another Chick-Fil-a! A great big **THANK YOU to Susan Difibaugh**, our restaurant chairperson, who has done such a **great** job already this year, not only with Chick-Fil-a and Let's Dish, but she is also our St. Nick Night Chairperson! **What an awesome job!!**

Volunteers- STAND Certification

In an effort to ensure that all of our volunteers are compliant with our Archdiocesan Child Protection Training (STAND) we will be sending home next Wednesday a letter and Reference Update Form. We realize that many of you may have completed this form when you initially completed the STAND packet. However, the form has recently been updated and everyone must complete it and return it to us. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but our ultimate goal is to ensure the safety of all of our students.

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. Please consider signing up to help.

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.

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 p.m. or 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.). The event itself will run from 5:00-8:00 p.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

If you cannot come in on your lunch duty day, you are asked to find a substitute and call or email Mrs. Anne Sanagursky, lunch room coordinator, at 301-466-3079 or amsanagursky@yahoo.com the night before or early in the morning of the day of your lunch duty with the name of the substitute you have arranged to fill in for you. Lunch duty volunteers were given a list of substitute volunteers. If you need an extra copy of the list, please contact Mrs. Sanagursky or stop by the school office. It is important that we have adequate coverage for all lunch shifts. Thank you for your help.

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.

Innisbrook News

Last Friday we held the Money Machine Assembly for Innisbrook. The top ten sellers each spent six seconds inside the money machine trying to grab as much money as possible. It's not as easy as it looks, but no St. Louis student came out with less than \$20.00.

The top ten sellers were: Alex Gloth (6A); Andrea Russell (3A); Brenna O'Reilly (1B); Emma Williams (8B); Julia Duffy (KB); Hunter Jackson (4A); Jenna Florenzo (5A); John Reed (4B); Madison Vicendese (7A); and Jacquelyn Sita (1B). Special thanks go out to Maria Acaron (1B), who went in the money machine on behalf of her friend Jacquelyn Sita.

Five students were also drawn at random. They were Marissa De Luca (6B); Hailey Griffin (3A); Thomas McCabe (5B); Michael Garvin (3A); and AJ Battista (KA).

We would especially like to thank Mrs. Schauerman and Mrs. Dickins for all their hard work in chairing this fundraiser. Thanks also to all of our families who helped to make our Innisbrook Fundraiser a success!

Let's Dish

Why don't you make things easy on yourself and sign up for a session at LET'S DISH? 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 their order. You will come home with dinner for a week and look like a gourmet cook on top of it! Let' Dish is offering St. Louis School 10% of all sales that we do from October - December, when we use our school's promotional code (**F4-SLS**). Check out the webpage at www.letsdish.com, organize your friends, and sign up for a session! FYI -- 2nd grade is having their LD party on November 16th at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Kathleen Hoffman and the 6th grade party is on November 12th at 7:45 p.m. hosted by Aileen Musselman! Thanks for organizing, Kathleen and Aileen!

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 10th** at the Lord & Taylor store in the **Columbia Mall**. To participate, purchase a ticket for \$5.00 and receive a storewide savings coupon for 20% off a single item (no exclusions for Cosmetics or Fragrances) 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, and another \$1000 to the organization with the most attendees! 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 Coffeeshouse 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, 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! If any 8th graders would like to earn some volunteer hours babysitting during this event, please contact Mary Kolb @ 410-964-1885.

Basketball News

This is the last week to sign up and register for Basketball. The link to register is http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1797800.

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

N.U.T. Cards and 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 nice to an adult in the lunchroom; helping without being asked; returning the sticker chart to the proper classroom; winning a reading contest; cleaning up trash in Before Care; helping during New Parent Orientation; and helping a new student feel welcomed.

Susan Blake

Caroline Kelly

Kevin Bruce

Lindsay Khalluf

Michael Casey

Gabrielle Lewis

Miela Cohen

Bridgette Mady

Garrett Connors

Tommy McCabe

Matthew Depp

Sara Minnis

Alex Gloyd

Luke Musselman

Matthew Hostutler

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

Areas That Need Improvement

- Students need to remember to stay to the right when walking down the stairs and the hallway to ensure the safety of every student walking to and from classes
- Please remind your children about appropriate bathroom behavior

Sent Home Yesterday

The Puppet Theater Flyer (for grades 5 and 6)

The Art Club Flyer (for grades 7 and 8)

Sponsor An Ad Flyer

October Tuition Statements

Sent Home Electronically

Lord & Taylor Benefit Bash Ticket order form

Upcoming School Lunches

Tuesday, October 20th – Chick-Fil-A sandwich, chips and a fruit cup

Wednesday, October 21st - Hot dog, fries and a cookie

Thursday, October 22nd – Pizza, carrots & ranch dressing and a brownie

Reminders

Friday, October 16 th	SCHOOL CLOSED Howard County Schools Closed
Saturday, October 17 th	5:30 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception for Fr. Jim Sorra
Sunday, October 18 th	Open House for Prospective Students & Their families 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Monday, October 19 th	Winter Uniforms begin Math Fun groups for grades 6-8 during recess Primary Chorus 3:45-4:45 p.m. Art Club 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 7 & 8 It's Academic 4:00-5:00 p.m. for grades 6-8
Tuesday, October 20 th	9:30 a.m. Mass Band Lessons for grades 5 & 6 NO DRAMA CLUB Concert Band for grades 5 & 6 - 3:45-4:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting (Pastor's Conference Room)
Wednesday, October 21 st	Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. for grades 1-8
Thursday, October 22 nd	Band Lessons for grades 4, 7, & 8 Puppet Theater 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grade 6 Symphonic Band for grades 7 & 8 - 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Friday, October 23 rd	5 th Grade Field Trip to MD Historical Society & BMA Sports Club 4:00-5:30 p.m. for grades 7 & 8
Saturday, October 24 th	8:00-10:00 a.m. Saturday Detention 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Service Day

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

A friend of the Chaundy family

Barbara Evans, mother of Kyle Evans, a St. Louis School graduate

Mrs. Mary Olenski, great grandmother of Joseph (4A) and Matthew (1B) Pereira, and Celeste (6A),

Robert (4B) and Mary Grace (1A) Goyena

Eric Uttenreither, father of Victoria Uttenreither (1B)

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.