



Bulletin – October 21, 2009

Golden Grace for October

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

Open House Thank You!

Thank you to all those who volunteered in *any capacity* to help out with this weekend's Open House. Whether you put up posters, guided tours, or folded tablecloths, we couldn't have done it without you!! Thanks to our wonderful baking committee for providing the yummy treats for our guests and volunteers, and to our great students and alumni for giving up a few hours of their weekend (in their uniforms, no less!) to spread the good news of St. Louis School. We will have a few more hospitality events in January and hope we can count on your help then, too!

Sisters from Haiti

We were honored to welcome Sister Marianne and Sister Marte, two of the Salesian Sisters of Mary Immaculate who staff the school in Haiti that we are in partnership with. They celebrated Mass with us and then visited every class on Tuesday. The children asked some excellent questions. For example: Why did you choose to become nuns? Where were you born? What sports do the children in Haiti like to play? How is our school different from your school in Haiti? The sisters were very happy to spend time with the children and thoroughly enjoyed their visit. I think the children were truly inspired by these dedicated and humble women. We presented them with some St. Louis mementos and assured them of our prayers. We will work with the Haiti committee to come up with a gift for the school. What a wonderful visit!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 23rd from 1:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, November 24th from 1:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This year conferences will be scheduled online using PTCFast.com. You must schedule a conference with your child's homeroom teacher in Grades Pre-K to 4. You may also schedule a conference with any of your child's other teachers. For students in grades 5-8 conferences are at your discretion; please feel free to schedule a conference with any of your child's teachers. Please follow the steps below to schedule a conference for your child.

1. Go to <http://www.stlouisparish.org/school/conferences> and click on the teacher with whom you wish to schedule a conference. This will open a page at PTCFast.com.
2. Enter your child's last and first name, your name, your email address and hit the *Submit* button. The system will immediately send a conference scheduling link to the email address that you provided.

3. When you click on the link it will open a page where you can select the date and time for your conference with that teacher. Your choice will not be finalized until you click on the *Done choosing appointment time* button.
4. A confirmation email will be sent once you have scheduled your conference. If you need to change your time at a later date, there will be a link provided within that email.
5. If you need to schedule additional conferences please return to <http://www.stlouisparish.org/school/conferences>, and begin the process again.

Conferences will be scheduled on a first come first serves basis. If you need to schedule multiple conferences, you will have a better chance of scheduling them consecutively if you sign up early. You must register your child for each teacher with whom you wish to meet. If you have any questions please contact Rich Brotzman @rbrotzman@stlouisparish.org.

Tuition Statements

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

From the Health Room

We are seeing an increase in the number of students with Influenza like Illness (ILI), particularly in the middle school. Please keep your children home from school if they exhibit any symptoms of the H1N1 influenza and ILI including fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea. If you have one child with ILI, please check siblings for symptoms and fever as well. If your child exhibits symptoms associated with influenza such as fever (100 degrees or higher), please consult your primary care physician for evaluation.

Students must be fever free for 24 hours prior to returning to school without fever reducing medications such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen.

Please check your local health department's websites regularly to see if there are any H1N1 flu clinics scheduled.

Howard County - www.hchealth.org

Carroll County - www.carrollhealthdepartment.dhmh.md.gov/

Baltimore County - www.baltimorecountymd.gov/health

Montgomery County - www.montgomerycountymd.gov

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.

Volunteers- STAND Certification

In an effort to ensure that all of our volunteers are compliant with our Archdiocesan Child Protection Training (STAND) we have attached to this bulletin a Reference Update Form and letter explaining the need for this new documentation. We realize that many of you may have submitted references when you initially completed the STAND packet; however, this form has recently been updated and everyone

must complete it and **return it to us by Monday, November 2nd**. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but our ultimate goal is to ensure the safety of all of our students.

Student Council

Service Day will be held this Saturday, Oct. 24th – weather permitting. If you have not signed up to help and would be willing to donate some of your time, please contact Peter or Cherie Congedo, our parent coordinators for Service Day, at peter.congedo@verizon.net. We are very much in need of more adult help for driving and supervision. Volunteers must be STAND certified, and drivers must have completed the additional driving clearance.

Buy your chance for the Cauldron of Candy!!!! Starting Monday, Oct. 26, Student Council members will be selling chances on Cauldrons of Candy during homeroom. Chances are twenty-five cents each, and there will be four drawings (one winner in each of these groups – K-2; 3-4; 5-6; 7-8). The cauldrons will be filled with a large assortment of Halloween candy – you can eat it yourself or not to have to buy candy for the Saturday night Trick-or-Treaters! The proceeds of the sale will be donated to charity.

Halloween Activities for K- Grade 8

Our Halloween celebration will be on Friday, October 30th.

1. **Students in all grades may come out of uniform.** We ask that the students follow the guidelines for appropriate and acceptable attire for non-uniform days.
2. Students in grades K-4 will bring their costumes to school and will change for our parade which begins at 2:30 p.m. K-4 students will parade through the middle school wing and outside to the parish office. After the parade, students have a party in their classroom until the end of the day. Students will change back into their regular clothes before dismissing.
3. **Costumes** – We are asking students to refrain from wearing costumes that are: scary, gory, violent, or suggestive. Students should not bring any weapons associated with their costumes. We would encourage story book characters, etc. Any student wearing an inappropriate costume will be asked to change back into their regular clothes.
4. Students in grades 5-8 will receive a candy treat.

Pre- Kindergarten Busy Bee News

Reminder, our Pre-k Halloween party is Thursday, October 29th from 9:05 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. in the Howard Bishop Rooms. Parents, please sign in with your child in the front office and proceed to Howard Bishop Room for the party. Your child may come dressed in his/her costume, you are encouraged to as well! We will parade around the school, visit our very own pumpkin patch, play games, eat, make crafts and decorate our pumpkins. Please remember, parents or grandparents, must be STAND certified to attend functions such as these. Please contact the office for information on this very important detail. Pre-K carpool lane: We would like to thank the parents of our Pre-K classes for joining together to make our Pre- K carpool drop off lane a success.

Puppet Theater – Thank you to Mrs. Morris for performing One Met Johnny in a puppet theater presentation. Mrs. Morris brought some wonderfully colorful characters with her! Thank you, and we look forward to more presentations during the year!

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.

Hearing and Speech Screening

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.

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.

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

The St. Louis Parish Children's Liturgy Committee is 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.

Let's Dish

Only a few more weeks for **Let's Dish**, so go online and pick a date -- **be your own Top Chef!** Thanks to all of you who have had private events. Mark your calendars: Aileen Musselman will be hosting a **6th grade party on Thursday, November 12, 2009** at 7:45 p.m. and Colleen Craig and Meg Clarke are hosting an **8th grade night on November 19th at 7:45 p.m.** Go to letsdish.com, enter the school code, and join the fun! You will be happy that you did -- and so will your hungry family!!

LORD & TAYLOR BENEFIT BASH

Mark your calendars for shopping at **Lord & Taylor** on **November 10th** and **get your tickets now!** **Let's try to "win" the \$1000 prize for most attendees!** Purchase a ticket for \$5.00 and receive some great money-saving coupons -- and go to the store on November 10th to have your ticket entered into the attendance count!! Now -- that is pretty easy!! Come on -- We can do it!! Tickets on sale with Scrip or in the office.

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, 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

2nd grade basketball, we need a final head count!! Please register today. The link to register is http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1797800.

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).

Areas That Need Improvement

None at this time

Sent Home today

Nothing at this time

Sent Home Electronically

Piano sale flyer

Letter from Dr. Valenti

Stand Reference Update Form and Information Letter

Upcoming School Lunches

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

Tuesday, October 27th – Chick-fil-A nuggets, chips and fruit

Wednesday, October 28th – Beef minestrone, grilled cheese sandwich and pudding

Thursday, October 29th – Pizza, cinnamon applesauce and a cookie

Reminders

Thursday, October 22 nd	Band Lessons for grades 4, 7, & 8 Puppet Theater -3:45-4:45 p.m. for grade 6 Symphonic Band -3:45-4:45p.m. for grades 7 & 8 p.m.
Friday, October 23 rd	5 th Grade Field Trip to MD Historical Society & BMA Hearing and Speech Screening 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
Monday, October 26 th	Hearing and Speech Screening Math Fun groups for grades 6-8 during recess Art Club- 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 7 & 8 It's Academic- 4:00-4:45 p.m. for grades 6-8 Primary Chorus-3:45-4:45
Tuesday, October 27 th	8 th Grade Retreat at St. John's Interfaith Center Oakland Mills 9:30 a.m. Mass Band lessons for grades 5&6 Drama Club- 4:00-5:00 p.m. for grades 7 & 8 Concert Band- 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 5 & 6
Wednesday, October 28 th	Innisbrook orders available for pick up Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. for grades 1-8
Thursday, October 29 th	Halloween Party for Pre-K (Howard Bishop Rooms) Band Lessons for grades 4 ,7 & 8 Puppet Theater 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grade 6 Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 7 & 8

Friday, October 30th

Out of Uniform (no charge)
Halloween Activities in Afternoon
Sports Club – 4:00-5:30 p.m. for grades 7 & 8

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
Joseph Firetti, grandfather of Ryan Kerr (4A) and Nick Varner (5A), and father of Mrs. Kerr (Pre-K teacher)
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)
Carol Sauter, friend of Mrs. Riser (8th grade teacher)
For all those who have lost their homes and loved ones in the recent flooding in the Philippines
Patty Lanter, aunt of Victoria (KB), McKenna (3B), and Madison (5B) Griffin

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.
Brennan Reid, uncle of Liam Herlihy (2B).

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