



Bulletin – October 28, 2009

Golden Grace for October

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

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.

Important - 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).

Field Trip Reminders

-6th grade permission slips and chaperone forms to the Walters Art Museum on November 10th from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. are due this week.

-7th grade permission slips and chaperone forms to the Baltimore Basilica on November 10th from 12:00 p.m.-3:20 p.m. are due this week.

Student Art Projects are Perfect Christmas Gifts

Art to Remember is a program that reproduces your child's original artwork onto a variety of unique products. These products make great holiday gifts! We have participated in Art to Remember for the past few years, and families have received many beautiful items. Proceeds benefit St. Louis School.

Students in the following grades have completed projects that will be submitted to Art to Remember:

Pre-K	Santa Hands
Kindergarten	Snowmen
Second Grade	Angels
Fourth Grade	Saint Nicholas
Sixth Grade	"So I think I can dance!"
Eighth Grade	Nativity

Information/order packets will be sent home today. **Please return the art work, orders, and magnet (if not purchased) to Mrs. Ruppert by October 30th.** Orders will be processed and shipped for production by November 4th; items will arrive in time for Christmas. **Please make checks payable to St. Louis School.**

Please note: **The magnets are not free.** If you do not wish to purchase the magnet, simply return it with your child's envelope.

Volunteers- STAND Certification

Thank you to everyone who has already filled out the New Reference Form for our STAND certification database. We are striving to make contact with references, and it would be helpful if everyone would include email addresses for their references to expedite this process. If you need to print out the New Reference Form or any other STAND forms, you may do so by clicking the STAND Certification link on the left hand side of the school's web site (<http://www.stlouisparish.org/school>). Please remember, we would like all parents in the school to submit the New Reference Form by Monday, November 2nd, so that we may meet the expectations set forth by the Archdiocese. If you have any STAND related questions, please feel free to email Mr. Victor Pellechia at (vpellechia@stlouisparish.org).

Powerschool Parent Access

The diocese and Powerschool are still trying to correct the issues with Parent Access. Until the matter is resolved, there may be some inconsistencies with the grades which parents are seeing. The diocese asks that you remain patient.

There will be one final Parent Access training for parents of students in grades 3-8 who have not previously attended a session. The meeting will be next Wednesday, November 4, at 5:00 p.m. in the library/media center.

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 serve 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 at rbrotzman@stlouisparish.org.

Tuition Statements

Tuition statements for the month of October were sent home earlier this month in the Wednesday envelopes. 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 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

Student Council

Service Day will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14th. If your student signed up to help for the previous date, please e-mail Maureen Osborne at mosborne@stlouisparish.org to let her know whether or not they can continue to help on the new date. If your student had not signed up on the original date and can now help, please let Maureen Osborne know that!

Halloween is fast approaching – don't forget to have your student buy their chance for the Cauldron of Candy!!!! Student Council members will be selling chances on the Cauldrons of Candy during lunchtime in the cafeteria. Chances are twenty-five cents each and there will be four drawings (one winner in each of these groups – grades 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 have to buy candy for the Saturday night Trick-or-Treaters! The proceeds of the sale will be used for a charity yet to be decided.

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.

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.

Lost and Found

Parents and students, please check the Lost and Found. We will be donating all unclaimed items to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at the end of October.

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

We know it is early to start thinking about this, but we need some commitments so we can move forward. On Saturday, December 5th, we will be holding our new and improved St. Nick Night...bringing back the vendors and those lovely poinsettias! We are still in need of volunteers to "staff" the events for part of the evening. **PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING A PART OF YOUR NIGHT SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO ELIMINATE TINY TIM'S TREASURES OR SOME OF OUR OTHER EVENTS!** We'll need help with Bingo, **Crafts**, and **Face Painting** and many of our other activities. The event itself will run from 5:00-8:00 p.m. **You can volunteer for just part of the evening and/or 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. Thank you!

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.

Innisbrook

The Innisbrook delivery was today. If you have not picked up your order, please do so as soon as possible. The boxes are sorted alphabetically in the Howard Bishop Room. Please check your orders for discrepancies. Innisbrook Customer Service would prefer to hear about them within 48 hours. Call the Customer Service Hotline at 1-877-525-5608. Thank you

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

It is hard to believe that holiday shopping time is almost upon us...DON'T PANIC!! LET'S DISH is coming to the rescue! Why don't you sign up for a session and pack your freezer with homemade meals that you can whip out at a moment's notice? Go to LetsDish.com and use our school's

promotional code (**F4-SLS**) when you choose your recipes. You can go by yourself or with a friend on any day or time that fits into your schedule, or join one of our class parties – entirely up to you! 8th grade is having their Let's Dish session on November 19th at 7:45 p.m. and Karin Lawrence is hosting a 7th grade party on December 3rd! Thanks Karin! Get your calendars out and schedule away!!

Lord & Taylor Benefit Bash!

Get ready, get setgo shopping!! Don't forget to pick up your ticket for our **Benefit Bash** on November 10th! Tickets are only \$5.00 and you will get two discount cards – **one for 20% off a single item** – another 15% savings pass that can be used throughout the store on almost anything including **COSMETICS AND FRAGRANCES**. So if you want that really expensive bottle of perfume – or need to buy a gift or something you've had your eye on – then this is the day to get it! **What else do you get for your \$5.00, you ask??** A chance to win one of two \$500.00 gift certificates for a lucky participant, a chance to help St. Louis win \$1,000.00 for the most ticket sales, and another chance to help St. Louis win \$1,000.00 for the most attendees. **We already have 100 tickets sold!!** Please plan a fun day with your friends and drop your ticket as you go in the door that day!! Any questions or for more information, please contact 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.

N.U.T.Card or Peanut

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: helping another student; winning a book contest; helping in Kindergarten; helping with the Open House; sharing; helping set up the Book Fair; helping the teacher; picking up a classmate's paper; putting up chairs; holding the door for a teacher; helping in Before Care; and helping with snapping cubes.

Maisie Birrane
Cianna Bisant
Julia Duffy
Danielle Ghine
Victoria Griffin
Sarah Heffner
DJ Hostutler

Julia Chiacchierini
Grace Chirozzi
Matthew Hostutler
Rachel Kaschak
Kate Lengel
Jillian McCarthy
Brenna O'Reilly

Patrick Smith
Haley Sullivan
Tatum Vicendese
Emma Williams
Emily Yang

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

Areas That Need Improvement

None at this time

Sent Home today

Not at this time

Sent Home Electronically

Bucket Filling is for Parents, too flyer

Upcoming School Lunches

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

Tuesday, November 3rd – Chick-fil-A sandwich, chips and a fruit cup

Wednesday, November 4th – meatballs w/pasta Alfredo, salad and a brownie

Thursday, November 5th – Pizza, pretzels and orange lemonade ice

Reminders

Thursday, October 29 th	Photo Retakes 1:00 p.m. 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 30 th	Art to Remember-Orders due! Out of Uniform (no charge) Halloween Activities in Afternoon Sports Club – 4:00-5:30 p.m. for grades 7 & 8 October Tuition Due
Sunday, November 1 st	All Saints Day
Monday, November 2 nd	It's Academic 4:00-5:00 p.m. for grades 6&8 Art Club 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 7&8 Math Fun Groups for grades 6-8, during recess Primary Chorus 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 1-4
Tuesday, November 3 rd	9:30 a.m. Tuesday Mass Drama Club 3:50-5:00 p.m. Band Lessons for grades 5&6 Concert Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 5 & 6
Wednesday, November 4 th	Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. Parent Access Training 5:00p.m. at the Library/media center
Thursday, November 5 th	End of 1 st Trimester Puppet Theater 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grade 6 Band Lesson for grades 4,7,& 8 Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 7 & 8
Friday, November 6 th	SCHOOL CLOSED 2 nd Trimester Begins Professional Day for Teachers
Sunday, November 8 th	HSA Bake Sale after Masses

Please pray for those who are sick

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).
Mr. Joseph Madden, father of Nicole (8A), was recently deployed.

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