



## **Bulletin – November 4, 2009**

### **Golden Grace for November**

Do something good without being asked.

### **Reminder – School Closing**

School is closed on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a Professional Day for teachers. Enjoy your day off!!

### **Note to Parents**

Parent Access will be disabled this evening (Nov.4<sup>th</sup>) at 8:00p.m.. This will allow the teachers to enter their grades and comments for the children's report cards.

### **Students Leaving Early**

Students who are leaving early must come to school with a note first thing in the morning. The office is required to have something in writing.

### **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).

### **Yearbook Information**

8<sup>th</sup> grade permission slips for students interested in joining Yearbook Club were distributed today.

### **Poinsettia Orders**

Poinsettia Order Forms are coming home today. Poinsettia orders should be sent in to the school office by Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Poinsettias will be available for pick up during St. Nick Night on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Art to Remember**

Final reminders will be going out this week, so the account may be closed and the orders mailed.

Please return the magnet or submit the \$5.00 payment for it, if you have not already done so. Late orders will be accepted until Thursday. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Ruppert.

### **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 as soon as possible, 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](mailto:vpellechia@stlouisparish.org)).

### **HSA Bake Sale**

The HSA Bake Sale that was scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> **has been rescheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:tdshafer@comcast.net).

### **Student Council**

**Wednesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, (Veterans' Day) will be the next Student Council sponsored out-of-uniform (50 cents) and donut day (50 cents). Students are encouraged to show their patriotic spirit by wearing red, white, and blue.**

Please note: Out of uniform attire must 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.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

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

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 served 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](mailto:rbrotzman@stlouisparish.org).

### **Banking Day Reminder**

This is a reminder that Banking will take place on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:45-9:05 a.m. in Mrs. Osborne's office.

### **From the Health Room**

Although the number of students with Influenza like Illness (ILI) has decreased, we are continuing to see cases in all grades. 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. Also, we are reminding all parents to **please call the school office to inform us if your child will be out sick**. We will then inquire about your child's symptoms, as the Health Department has asked us to keep track of children with flu like symptoms. **Students must be fever free for 24 hours prior to returning to school without fever reducing medications such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen prior to returning to school. Please continue to check your local Health Department's websites for H1N1 Flu Clinics in your area.**

Howard County [www.hchealth.org](http://www.hchealth.org)

Carroll County [www.carrollhealthdepartment.dhmd.gov/](http://www.carrollhealthdepartment.dhmd.gov/)

Baltimore County [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/health](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/health)

Montgomery County [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov)

### **Service Day**

**Service Day will be held on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., and we need your help!!!** As of today, we have fewer than 25 students signed up for the new date and are in desperate need of more middle school students (and parents) who can help out that day. If your student signed up to participate during the previous date, please e-mail Mrs. Maureen Osborne at [mosborne@stlouisparish.org](mailto: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 Mrs. Maureen Osborne know that! Groups will be assigned by Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, so please let us know before then whether or not you and/or your child can assist.

### **Fundraising News**

#### **TARGET Takes Charge of Education! – Sign up your REDCARD!**

Did you know that through TARGET's Take Charge of Education Program, all Target RED Card holders can designate St. Louis School, and Target will make a donation to the school!! Since the inception of the program, TARGET has donated \$6,944.00 to St Louis!! **Currently only 26 people are participating.** If you have a Target RED Card, go to our website, click on the link and enter the school code (7845) so TARGET can continue to give back!!

#### **Amazon Holiday Shopping**

Here is another brilliant way to help others give back to our school. We have enrolled in **Amazon's School Reward's** program, and we can earn up to 10% for every purchase we make through the link on our webpage! No need to remember passwords or codes, but you must **sign in via our link** and then shop as you normally would. Do your holiday shopping in your pajamas and make your holiday stress free – and help out St. Louis at the same time!!

#### **News from the GIFT CARD/SCRIP Program**

The Holidays are quickly approaching! Don't forget to use Scrip gift cards this season. If you purchase **any** Scrip gift cards during the month of November, your child will receive an ice cream treat Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to the Hall family, they are our top purchasers for the month of October! Zachary (KA) and Ian (2A) Hall will receive a Pink Panther out of Uniform Pass. SCRIP now has Lord & Taylor gift cards in stock and tickets to the November 10<sup>th</sup> Benefit Bash. Stop by and purchase your gifts cards in the school parking lot before school or after all weekend masses. Thanks for your support.

## **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! 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 dish by yourself or with a friend any day or time that fits your schedule or join one of our class parties. Eighth grade is having their Let's Dish session on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 p.m., and Karin Lawrence is hosting a 7<sup>th</sup> grade party on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Get your calendars out and schedule away!!**

## **Lord & Taylor Benefit Bash!**

Are you planning on buying UGGS for Christmas?

If so, then you should attend our Benefit Bash at Lord & Taylor on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>! With the purchase of a \$5 ticket, you get a One-time use, 20% coupon that you can use to purchase a pair of "Classic" UGGS – which are usually excluded from other coupons! In addition, you get a 15% coupon that can also be used for another pair of UGGS and/or Cosmetics and Fragrances! Get your tickets now either in the school office or on sale with SCRIP in the parking lot each morning. Doors open on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.!

## **Spirit wear Is Here**

Check out our new Spirit wear on display in the case at the entrance of the school. During the coming weeks, a page will be added to our website so that you can view and purchase all of the fun items. There are products you and your children can wear and spread the SPIRIT! Mrs. Ruppert has designed a cool new knight for us that will be featured on many of our items, and will be on display on a new banner in the gym. We will soon be adding some UNDER ARMOR® items and will be taking suggestions on other things you would like. Great new **Blue and White Golf Umbrellas** are for sale for \$25 each in the school office – a great Christmas present for Dad!!

## **St. Nick Night – December 5<sup>th</sup>**

It is time to "Deck the Halls" – or at least start thinking of it! Do you have any old, unused Christmas decorations you will be getting rid of this year? **Consider donating them to St. Nick Night Decorating Committee.** Our decorating committee is in need of the following items. ★ (10) Strands of white or colored lights ★ Ornament Hooks (4 boxes) ★ (1) Outdoor decoration with extension cord (inflatable snowman, reindeer, etc.) ★ Artificial Christmas tree (any size) ★ Christmas tree ornaments/decorations ★ (4 rolls) Christmas themed ribbon (wide, wired) ★ (4) Wreaths ★ (3) small (3 feet or less) artificial Christmas trees ★ (5) tree skirts (various sizes & or colors/themes). If you are able to donate or loan us any of these items, please contact Mary Fairbanks at [Mary.Fairbanks@noaa.gov](mailto:Mary.Fairbanks@noaa.gov) St. Nick Night is still in need of volunteers. The event runs from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on December 5<sup>th</sup>. You can volunteer for part of the evening and/or help set up and/or help clean up. If interested in assisting us with this family-fun event, please contact Susan Defibaugh at [susandefibaugh@verizon.net](mailto:susandefibaugh@verizon.net) or at 410-381-7791. If you are the parent of an alumnus who might want to get some service hours for the night (doing set-up, clean-up, or helping out in one of our venues), please contact Colleen Craig at [ccraig@stlouisparish.org](mailto:ccraig@stlouisparish.org) and we will add your graduate to the list! 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](mailto:Musselman.as@pg.com). Sign up forms are coming home today electronically for the Christmas Eve Liturgy.

### **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](mailto:amsanagursky@yahoo.com) the night before or early in the morning the day of your lunch duty. If you need a copy of the substitute 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](mailto:hudsonpbj@verizon.net). Thank you.

### **RESERVE THE DATE**

**ACTS Coffeehouse Unplugged!** Mark your calendar now for the upcoming St. Louis Unplugged Acoustical Concert on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 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 are available after all Masses on weekends. 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](mailto:kahbeach@comcast.net) or Mary Kolb at [thekolbs@verizon.net](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> graders would like to earn some volunteer hours babysitting during this event, please contact Mary Kolb @ 410-964-1885.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Basketball News**

Registration is now open for the First Grade Basketball Clinic. The clinic will begin in January. Dates are forthcoming. The clinic will be conducted by Mr. Dave Walsh. Team shirts will be given out in early December. Volunteers are welcome but must be STAND certified. See the link to register by January 1, 2010. [http://www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=1797803](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1797803). Contact Mr. Steve Musselman at 301-600-1832 with any questions.

### **Open House**

Mercy High School will be holding an Open House on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information call: 410-433-8880 or visit [www.mercyhighschool.com](http://www.mercyhighschool.com).

### **Areas That Need Improvement**

None at this time

### **Sent Home Today**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook Club Form

Poinsettia Order Form

Sunday Mass Offering Envelopes (Pre-K – 4)

### Sent Home Electronically

Children's Christmas Liturgy Information and Sign up Form Flyer  
Identify the Saints Contest Entry Form – due November 13<sup>th</sup>

### Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – Pizza, pretzels and orange lemonade ice

Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – Chick-fil-A nuggets, chips and a fruit cup

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Ziti w/meat sauce, cheesy bread and vanilla pudding

Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – Pizza, carrots & ranch dressing and a cookie

### Reminders

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| Thursday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>   | End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester<br>Puppet Theater 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grade 6<br>Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 7 & 8   |
| Friday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>     | SCHOOL CLOSED<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Begins<br>Professional Day for Teachers  |
| Sunday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>     | HSA Bake Sale after Masses  |
| Monday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Begins<br>Grade 4 Field trip Seton Academy<br>Math Fun Groups for Grades 6-8 during recess<br>It's Academic 4:00-4:45p.m. Grades 6-8<br>Art Club 3:45-4:45p.m. Grades 7-8<br>Primary Chorus 3:45-4:45 p.m. Grades 1-4   |
| Tuesday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>   | 9:30 a.m. School Mass<br>Grade 6 Field Trip Walters<br>Grade 7 Field trip Basilica<br>Drama Club Auditions until 5:00 p.m.<br>Concert Band 3:45-4:45 p.m.<br>Lord & Taylor Benefit Bash<br>Important meeting for parents of 5 <sup>th</sup> grade students 6:30 p.m. in the Art Room<br>Mrs. Osborne Presentation on Parenting & "Bucket Filling" 7:00 p.m. in the Howard Bishop Rooms – Sneaker passes given for the children of all parents who attend<br>Uniform exchange will be available before and after the meeting |
| Wednesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> | Veterans' Day<br>Out of Uniform & Donut Day (50 cents each)<br>Banking 8:45-9:05 a.m. in Mrs. Osborne's office<br>Veterans' Day Prayer and Guest Speaker 2:45 p.m. in the church<br>Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. for grades 1-8   |
| Thursday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Puppet Theater 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grade 6<br>Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 7-8   |

### 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  
Robert (4B) and Mary Grace (1A) Goyena  
Eric Uttenreither, father of Victoria Uttenreither (1B)  
Carol Sauter, friend of Mrs. Riser (8<sup>th</sup> 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  
Donald Schanck, grandfather of Jessica (8B) and Nicole (5B) Hatfield

**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).  
Joseph Madden, father of Nicole (8A).

**If you wish to add someone to our prayer list, please email Mrs. Brenda Hossick at [bhossick@stlouisparish.org](mailto:bhossick@stlouisparish.org).**