



## **Bulletin – November 11, 2009**

### **In Loving Memory of John Evans**

One of our former students, John Evans, passed away suddenly on November 7<sup>th</sup>. John was a 2005 graduate of St. Louis School. He graduated from Mt. St. Joseph High School in Baltimore in 2009, where he played football and rugby. At the time of his death, he was a freshman at the Virginia Military Institute.

The arrangements for John Evans are as follows:

The viewing will take place at Witzke Funeral Home [www.harrywitzkefuneralhome.com](http://www.harrywitzkefuneralhome.com) on Old Columbia Pike in Ellicott City.

Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The wake is Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at St. Louis Church.

A reception will follow in the Social Hall of the Pastoral Center.

John was a wonderful young man with a bright future ahead. He will be greatly missed.

Please join the St. Louis staff in praying for John and his family.

If anyone would like to bake cookies for the reception, please drop them off at the Parish Social Hall. If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of fruit/cheese and cracker platters please send your donations to the school office to the attention of Mrs. Weiss. Thank you.

Below are links to two tributes to John. The first is a Facebook page. It is accessible to all.

[In memory of our friend and brother John Evans's Wall](#)

The second is a youtube video.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tv6eAC1d3m8>

Donations in John's memory may be made to The John A. Evans Memorial Fund for the VMI Foundation, c/o St. Louis Catholic Church, 12500 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville, Maryland 21029.

### **Golden Grace for November**

Do something good without being asked.

### **Veterans' Day**

Today we gathered in prayer for our veterans who have served and who are serving our country. We offered our prayers in gratitude for their service, for their sacrifices, and for the sacrifices of their families. We know they have given so much in order for us to enjoy the blessings of liberty. We will continue to remember these extraordinary men and women and their families in our prayers, and we ask your family to do the same.

During our prayer service, we were also joined by Mrs. Barbara Flanagan, the Coordinator of Operation Welcome Home-Maryland, a volunteer organization that greets military service members returning from

deployment. Thurgood Marshall-BWI Airport is the busiest non-military airport in the US for returning troop flights, and Operation Welcome Home greets approximately 5,000 service members per month. Each service member receives a small “goodie bag” including a handmade welcome home card. During the past few years, our students have made many cards, and we hope to become more involved with this very important effort. We encourage you to visit the Operation Welcome Home website ([www.owhmd.org](http://www.owhmd.org)) and share it with others. There are many ways to assist in welcoming home our service members and showing them our gratitude.

### **Eighth Grade Shadow Dates**

This is a reminder to eighth grade parents that students are permitted two excused absences for shadowing at non-public high schools. Any additional days taken will be marked as unexcused absences.

### **Holiday Gifts of Gratitude is Coming**

Yikes! The holidays are looming.....but never fear, the Gifts of Gratitude program is here to make your holiday shopping a bit easier. For those of you who are new to the school, the Gifts of Gratitude program is designed to provide one option for showing appreciation to the many wonderful faculty and staff members who make up our school community. Look for details in next week’s bulletin, and keep in mind that **the deadline for submitting contributions will be December 4**. Unfortunately, because of the way the program works, we cannot accept late submissions.

### **Poinsettia Orders**

Poinsettia Order Forms were sent home last week. 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>.

### **Holiday Service Opportunities**

With Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas approaching, we wanted to share with you our upcoming, school-wide service activities. We hope that this information is helpful as you plan your family’s observance of the holidays. Thank you for helping us to live the Gospel message.

### **Collection for our Sister Parishes in Western Maryland**

During this time of year, our hearts turn to those in need. We are collecting a wide variety of items including toys, gift cards, household items, and clothing for our friends in Western Maryland. During the next few days, each student will receive a flyer with information about the items his/her class is collecting. Families are also invited to make additional donations by contributing to the collections of any other grade. A full list of items being collected will appear on the flyers. We ask that all items be brought to school by Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Knights of Columbus have most graciously agreed to deliver the gifts. We are grateful for the opportunity to share our blessings and bring Christ’s joy to members of our sister parishes.

### **Book Collection**

To celebrate the special way that children can reach out to children in need, we will be collecting new books to be shared with the young guests of Sarah’s House, a Catholic Charities center providing emergency and transitional support to homeless families near Ft. Meade. We will conduct the collection in December. More information will be announced in the coming weeks, but, meanwhile, if you see a sale, you may want to purchase a book or two for a child or teen. Please note that Sarah’s House is not able to accept used books at this time.

### 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 written notification of a student's early dismissal.

### 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).

### Banking Day Winner

The Banking winner for November is Bladen Miller (6A). Congratulations, Bladen!

### Student Council - 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 are counting on your help!!!** If you have not notified Mrs. Maureen Osborne that you will be attending, please do so as soon as possible. Students should meet at 7:45 a.m. in the **gym** to drop off rakes and supplies. After attending the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the church, students will leave for their assignments. We will return to the gym at around noon to share a pizza lunch. Parents are asked to pick up their children no later than 1:00 p.m. Thank you for your support!!

### Bake Sale

**We had a fantastic Bake Sale last weekend – netting \$1,000.00!!** Thank you to our generous **Baking Committee members**, who have done so much baking already this year and must be approaching Martha Stewart status! Thank you, also, to **Mrs. Ruppert** for providing some beautiful signs to get the word out (for which we received many compliments), and to all our parents/faculty who helped setup, cleanup and sell. **Your efforts are greatly appreciated!**

### Benefit Bash

**Benefit Bash Thank You!** We had a great turnout for our first Benefit Bash at Lord & Taylor. Thank you to all of our shoppers and volunteers who were out in full force!! No details on the final tally, yet, so keep your fingers crossed -- Details will follow! **Thank you to Joanne Reed** for bringing us the idea, and for the fantastic follow-through!!

### FISH of Howard County News

**Congratulations** to Mrs. Coyle's and Mrs. Duckhorn's first graders who, together with our parishioners, collected food to donate to FISH of Howard County this past weekend. Keep up the good work. We are very proud of you!

### Good Counsel Math Competition

Members of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class participated in a **Math Competition** last week at **Good Counsel High School**. Over 17 schools and 100 students participated in the event. We are **very happy and proud** to report that our "team" came in 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, and two of our students, finished in the top 10! **Daniel Comberiate** finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place individually, and **Amy Nwaba** came in 9<sup>th</sup> place individually! How fantastic!! Congratulations to them and all of our team members, including: **Kevin Dragonette, Sasha Lenus, Sam Kolodrubetz, and Kyle Zelkoski.** Way to go St. Louis School!

### DeNicola Science Gift

Our school has received a very generous monetary gift from Mr. and Mrs. DeNicola toward our science program. The DeNicola's have made the gift in honor of Harold and Maureen Hueppchen, Amanda's (6B) grandparents and Mrs. DeNicola's parents, so that we may purchase hands-on materials for instructional use in the science classrooms. This year we have purchased an **STC Catastrophic Event Kit** that will help our students investigate the causes and effects of thunderstorms, earthquakes, and volcanic activity. Global heating, the water cycle, plate motion and tectonics, and atmospheric effects can be studied in depth utilizing these new materials. **We are overwhelmed by your generosity and thank you on behalf of all of our students!**

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

It is time to “Deck the Halls” – or at least start thinking about it! Do you have any old, unused Christmas decorations you will be getting rid of this year? **Consider donating them to the 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). The event runs from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on December 5<sup>th</sup>. You can volunteer for part of the evening or help set up 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! St. Nick Night is still in need of volunteers.

### 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 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 were sent home last week electronically for the Christmas Eve Liturgy.

### Operation “Hug”

We would like to institute a new outreach program that will hopefully bring a smile to the faces of people in our parish who may need a “hug” from time to time. Utilizing our prayer lists (from both the parish and school) as well as contacts from our wealth of ministries, we will be sending simple notes from our students letting the recipients know that we prayed for them and that they are in our daily thoughts. Nothing more complicated than that. The “letters” will be pre-printed but will have original signatures of children's names (first-names only). **If you would like to help out with this little project, please contact Colleen Craig at [ccraig@stlouisparish.org](mailto:ccraig@stlouisparish.org).**

### **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>.

### **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.

### **LET'S DISH**

**It's not too late to sign up for LetsDish.com! Don't forget to use our school's promotional code (F4-SLS).** Make your holidays stress-free and do your cooking ahead of time! Get your calendars out and schedule away!!

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

Registration is now open for the First Grade Basketball Clinic. The clinic will begin in January. Dates will be forthcoming. The clinic will be run by Mr. Dave Walsh. Team shirts will be given out in early December, so players can wear them to the basketball mass. Volunteers are welcome. 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). Any questions, contact Mr. Steve Musselman at 301-600-1832.

### **N.U.T. or Peanut Card**

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 a teacher who dropped something; winning a reading contest; taking care of baskets; and helping with the Open House.

Maria Acaron

Cecilia Craig

Alicia Mastroianni

Tatiana Andolz-Casanova

Dani Ghine

Drew Minnis

Shannon Blee

Ericka Happy

Zachary Schauerman

Kayla Butler

Jamie Haslam

Annie Smith

Emma Clarke

Douglas Hines

Bridget Tiffey

Garrett Connors

Chris Lawrence

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**

Scrip Order Form & Flyer

### **Sent Home Electronically**

None at this time

### Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> - Pizza, carrots w/ ranch dressing and a chocolate chip cookie  
Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – Chick-fil-A sandwich, chips and a fruit cup  
Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – Mini burgers, French fries and an ice cream sandwich  
Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> – Pizza, apple dippers and a brownie

### Reminders

Thursday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Puppet Theater 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grade 6 Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 7-8
Friday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m. Reconciliation for grades 3-8 Sports Club 4:00-5:30 p.m. for grades 7-8 (final session)
Saturday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00-10:00 a.m. Saturday Detention 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Service Day sponsored by Student Council
Monday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Identify the Saints Contest Form Due Math Fun Groups for grades 6-8 during recess It's Academic 4:00-4:45 p.m. for grades 6-8 Art Club 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 7-8 Primary Chorus 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 1-4
Tuesday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m. Mass Drama Club 3:45-5:00 p.m. for grades 7-8 Concert Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 5-6 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting (Pastor's Conference Room)
Wednesday, November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Yearbook 3:45-4:45 p.m. grade 8 Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. for grades 1-8
Thursday, November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Puppet Theater 3:45-4:45 p.m. grade 6 Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 7-8
Friday, November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Distributed (Pre-k to 8 <sup>th</sup> )

### 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

Rita Johnson, great aunt of Meghan Layug (3A)

**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

John Evans, a 2005 graduate of St. Louis School

**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 is serving in Iraq

David Kerr, husband of Mrs. Kerr (Pre-K teacher) and father of Ryan (4A), who is serving in Saudi Arabia.

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

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

Patrick Flanagan, the son of Barbara Flanagan, Coordinator of Operation Welcome Home

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