



## **Bulletin – November 18, 2009**

### **Golden Grace for November**

Do something good without being asked.

### **Golden Grace for December**

Carpe Diem (Seize the day-Make your day the best it can be).

### **Email Difficulty**

Mrs. Ewachiw and I have been having difficulty with our emails on and off for the past few months. Mr. Brotzman is working on it. If you sent Mrs. Ewachiw or me an email and have not heard from us, we apologize, and ask that you please call us in the school office at 410-531-6664.

### **Thank You**

I want to thank all of the families who contributed to the reception for our beloved graduate, John Evans. His family was extremely grateful.

The funeral was a beautiful tribute to John. Many of our St. Louis graduates came home from college to attend the funeral. There were also approximately 150 cadets from VMI along with countless current and past students from Mount St. Joseph High School. As I looked around the church at these young men and women, I was filled with pride and hope for the future of our country.

Please join with us in keeping the Evans family in your prayers.

### **Tuition Statements**

Tuition statements are being sent home today in the Wednesday folders. Tuition payments are due by November 30<sup>th</sup>. **Please be sure to return the blue envelopes, unsealed, with your tuition payments. The envelopes are reused each month.** Thank you.

### **Thanksgiving Week Schedule**

This is a reminder that on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have a **12:45 p.m. dismissal with AM and PM buses.** There will be no lunch on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup>, students should bring a snack. Parent conferences are being held Monday and Tuesday after school. School will be closed Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### **Next Week's Bulletin**

There will be no Wednesday Bulletin next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. On behalf of the faculty and staff of Saint Louis School, we would like to wish you and your family a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

### **Holiday Gifts of Gratitude**

The Gifts of Gratitude Program is back – Holiday Style! Please see the Gifts of Gratitude flyer and order form coming home in the Wednesday folder. **ALL CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 4, 2009. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE.** Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Jan Blee [jmb@carrmaloney.com](mailto:jmb@carrmaloney.com) 410-531-3750.

### **Report Cards**

This is a reminder that report cards will be distributed to all students on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to sign and return the report card envelope to your child/children's teacher by Monday November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **December Calendar**

Please look for the December Calendar to be sent home with your child/children on Friday.

### **School Lunch Order Form**

The School Lunch Order Form for **January through March** will be sent home with your child/children on Friday. If it would be more convenient to pay in two installments, please send the first installment in with your order by Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The second installment should be paid by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **First Reconciliation**

Congratulations to our second grade students who will celebrate their First Reconciliation on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. We join together in praying that the Lord touches their hearts in very special ways as they receive this wonderful sacrament of forgiveness and renewal.

### **Identify the Saints Contest Winner**

The winning entry in our Identify the Saints Contest was picked from all of the correct entries submitted. The winner is Maryellyn Musselman (6A). She received a check for \$50.00. Congratulations Maryellyn!

### **Thanksgiving Day Parade News**

When watching the Macy's Parade this Thanksgiving Day, be sure to look for one of our St. Louis School students. Lynn Walsh (8A) will be one of 140 jumpers from around the United States jumping as part of Team USA, representing the USA Jump Rope organization, in the parade this year. Ten of her teammates from the Kangaroo Kids will also be jumping with her as part of Team USA.

### **School Wide 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. Each student was given 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 is listed in the flyer and listed below. **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.

Our school-wide collection is as follows:

**Pre-K, K, 1, 2, and 3:** toys (birth-age 9)

**4A:** shampoo, conditioner, liquid hand soap, bath soap

**4B:** dishwasher detergent, liquid dish soap, toilet paper

**5A/B:** Wal-Mart gift certificate in any amount

**6A/B:** toys (ages 10-12)

**7A:** XL adult sweat suits

**7B:** adult & child mittens/gloves

**8A:** laundry detergent, adult toothbrushes & toothpaste

**8B:** child sweat suit, child toothbrushes & toothpaste

### **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 after Thanksgiving, 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).

### **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS' TESTING SCHEDULED FOR TWO SATURDAYS IN DECEMBER**

For the first time, the Catholic High Schools' Placement Test (HSPT) will be offered to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on two consecutive Saturdays: **December 5<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Registration is 8:30 a.m. (pre-registration is not required). The test begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. (no late admittance). Cost: \$30.00 cash or check (no credit cards). For convenience, students may take the test at any Catholic high school. Different tests will be administered on each Saturday. Students may take the test *ONE TIME ONLY*. Results will be tallied using a student's first test submission. Any second/additional test will be discarded by the testing service. For more information, visit [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org).

### **Private School Visitation**

Wilde Lake High School will host a visitation for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who attend private schools. This visitation will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Wilde Lake High School Counseling Center at 8:30 a.m. Parents and students are invited. Please RSVP to Fran Dummett or Joyce Luy at 410-313-6968 or [fdummett@hcpss.org](mailto:fdummett@hcpss.org).

### **Poinsettia Orders**

Poinsettia Order Forms were sent home two weeks ago. The deadline for ordering Poinsettias has been extended to November 20<sup>th</sup>; please send the orders to the office. Poinsettias will be available for pick up during St. Nick Night on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

**St. Nick Night is right around the corner!!** We are looking forward to kicking off the holiday season with this traditional family-fun night. Please mark your calendars to come by after Mass from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on December 5<sup>th</sup> and join the festivities! Mrs. Conley and Mrs. Markert are already baking their famous Christmas treats – and they make the best hot chocolate around! You can still order a beautiful Poinsettia for your home – We've extended the deadline to November 20<sup>th</sup>, so get those order forms in! If you want to help decorate and/or have any holiday decorations to loan us for the night, please contact [Mary.Fairbanks@noaa.gov](mailto:Mary.Fairbanks@noaa.gov). Lastly, if any of your young alumni would like to get some service hours for set-up or clean-up, please contact Colleen Craig [ccraig@stlouisparish.org](mailto:ccraig@stlouisparish.org). HO, HO, HO!

### **Amazon.com School Rewards**

It is time to do your holiday shopping! Don't forget to go online to our website and sign on to Amazon through our link. <http://www.stlouisparish.org/school/> For every purchase, St. Louis School will earn a rebate up to 10%. Happy shopping!!

### **Christmas Program**

All students in grades K, 2, 4, 6 and 8, and those involved in Primary Chorus and Middle School Chorus will perform in the Christmas program this year. Dress Rehearsal will be Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> during the school day for the student body. The performance will be Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Please see the flyer coming home today to those students involved for more details about the program.

### **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 on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **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-St.Louis School).** Make your holidays stress-free and do your cooking ahead of time! Get your calendars out and schedule away!! The school receives 10% of all purchases made, using our promotional code, through December.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to our Home School Association Baking Committee for providing delicious treats in honor of the faculty and staff members with November birthdays. You certainly made us smile!

### **Basketball News**

Our St. Louis Lady Knights Basketball Team was the 2009 Runner Up in the Saint Agnes Girls Tip off Tournament. The girls are off to a great start!

### **High School Open House News**

Cardinal Gibbons High School will host its fall Open House on Tuesday evening, December 1, 2009 from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m.

### The Nutcracker

The Columbia Figure Skating Club will hold its annual performances of The Nutcracker on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00p.m. and on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Their web site is [www.columbiafsc.com](http://www.columbiafsc.com) . Tickets are \$10.00. One of our own St. Louis students will be performing in the show. Good Luck!!

### Areas That Need Improvement

None at this time

### Sent Home today

Christmas Program Flyer (Grades K, 2, 4, 6 and 8 and choruses)

SCRIP Flyer

Gifts of Gratitude letter and Order Form

November Tuition Statements

### Sent Home Electronically

Gifts of Gratitude letter and Order Form

### Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> – Pizza, apple dippers and a brownie

Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – Chic-fil-A Nuggets, potato chips and a fruit cup

Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Beef Hot Dog, Tater tots and a cinnamon cookie

Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pizza, Ranch Doritos, and lemon lemonade ice

### Reminders

Thursday, November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Distributed to Pre-K Puppet Theater 3:45-4:45 p.m. grade 6 Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. grades 7-8
Friday, November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Distributed (K to 8 <sup>th</sup> )
Saturday, November 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00-10:00 a.m. Saturday Detention
Monday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12:45 p.m. DISMISSAL (no lunch- students bring a snack) A.M. & P.M. BUSES AVAILABLE Parent Conferences 1:15-5:00 p.m. NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
Tuesday, November 24 <sup>th</sup>	12:45 p.m. DISMISSAL (no lunch-students bring a snack) A.M. & P.M. BUSES AVAILABLE 9:30 a.m. Mass All levels of Band will meet during school (NO AFTER SCHOOL BAND) Parent Conferences 1:15-5:00 p.m. & 5:45-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed
Thursday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day Happy Thanksgiving! School Closed
Friday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed
Sunday, November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Begins
Monday, November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Access re-activated Math Fun Groups Grades 6-8 during recess

	It's Academic 4:00-4:45 p.m. Grades 6-8 Art Club 3:45-4:45 p.m. Grades 7-8 Primary Chorus 3:45-4:45 p.m. Grades 1-4
Tuesday, December 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 a.m. Mass Band lessons during school for All Bands; Concert Band practices from 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. Drama practice from 3:50 – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Field Trip to Toby's from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Deadline for Christmas collection items for our Sister Parishes in Western Maryland 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders @ 7:00 p.m. in the church

**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  
Rita Johnson, great aunt of Meghan Layug (3A)  
Cheri Carroll, Aunt of Morgan (6B) and Phillip (4B) Carroll  
Alma Rosso, great aunt of Sophia (3B), Sarah (5A) and Nick (7B) Rosso  
Special Intention

**Please pray for those who have died**

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  
Patty Lanter, aunt of Victoria (KB), McKenna (3B), and Madison (5B) Griffin  
Jim Philmon, uncle of Rachel (8A), Tess (5A), and Kayla (4A) Kostelec

**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  
Jonathan Keck, cousin of Mary Kate Johnson (5B) and nephew of Kathy Johnson (Kindergarten aid)

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