



Bulletin – December 3, 2009

St. Nick Night – December 5th

St. Nick Night is this weekend!! We are looking forward to kicking off the holiday season with this traditional family-fun night. Please mark your calendars to come by the gym between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on December 5th and join the festivities! HO! HO! HO!

Golden Grace for December

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

Book Collection

To celebrate the special way that children can reach out to children in need, we are 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 are collecting books for toddlers through teenagers. Please note that Sarah's House is not able to accept used books at this time. Books should be brought to school by December 16th. Thank you for your support.

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias will be available for pick up during St. Nick Night on Saturday, December 5th.

Holiday Gifts of Gratitude

The Gifts of Gratitude Program is back – Holiday Style! Please see the Gifts of Gratitude flyer and order form that came home with the November 18th newsletter. **ALL CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 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 410-531-3750.

School lunch Order Forms

The School Lunch Order Form for **January through March** was sent home with your child/children on November 20th. It can also be accessed from the school website. If it would be more convenient to pay in two installments, please send the first installment in with your order by **Friday, December 4th. The second installment should be paid by January 15th.**

Hot Lunch

If the opening of school is delayed two hours on a hot lunch day, hot lunch will be served. If school is closed on a hot lunch day, a make-up day will be announced in the bulletin.

November Tuition Reminder

This is a reminder that November's tuition payment was due on November 30th. If you have not yet sent in your tuition payment for November, please do so immediately. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Thank You

Thank you to Mrs. Kaschak and to the members of our Baking Committee who baked delicious pumpkin bread for our faculty and staff members to enjoy during the Thanksgiving holiday. As always, your generosity touched our hearts, and we knew that each loaf of pumpkin bread was lovingly baked. We are truly thankful for you!

The Faculty and Staff would also like to thank the St. Louis Home School Association for their generous gift card for Thanksgiving. What a wonderful surprise!

St. Louis School Annual Appeal Kick-Off

It is that time of the season! No, not Holiday shopping, but Annual Giving! Our 2009 – 2010 mailers will be hitting your mail boxes soon! We are excited about a new year and a new goal so please think about your year-end donations as a good start for our school! Remember that tuition alone does not pay the bills and the Annual Giving campaign is responsible for making up the annual operating budget.

A huge **thank you** goes out to everyone who has helped to make this possible. Countless volunteer hours have already gone into starting this year's campaign and we are truly grateful!

Spirit Wear Is Here!

Show off your school colors with new St. Louis School Spirit Wear! All of our items will be on sale at St. Nick Night this Saturday – come on by and check out sizing options and make your Christmas list. **There is something for everyone!!** During the coming weeks, a Spirit Wear page will be added to our website so that you can view and purchase all of the fun items directly! Thanks to Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Ruppert for getting this program off the ground – it all looks great and we are very excited to show our spirit and wear the BLUE & WHITE!

Middle School Assessments

Middle School Assessments will take place from Monday, December 7th through Thursday, December 10th. Please see the **Reminders Section** below for a schedule of subject dates and grades.

Banking Day

Next Wednesday, December 9th is Banking Day. Banking takes place from 8:45 – 9:05 a.m. in Mrs. Osborne's office, across from the school office, on the second Wednesday of every month.

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 14th during the school day for the student body. The performance will be Wednesday, December 16th at 6:30 p.m.

News from the GIFT CARD/SCRIP Program

The Holidays are here! Don't forget to use Scrip gift cards this season. Thank you to all the families that purchased during the month of November. We passed out 240 ice cream sandwiches!!!! Congratulations to the Haslam family, they are our top purchasers for the month of November! Jamie (7A) Haslam will receive a Pink Panther out of Uniform Pass. Stop by and purchase your gifts cards in the school parking lot before school or after all weekend masses. Thanks for your support.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

All girls and boys in grades 1 through 8 are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. The purpose of this contest is to teach our children that Christmas is not just a day of giving and receiving gifts, but a special day of love and peace because of God's gift to the world—the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ. Posters will be collected in the Narthex of Church after Mass on December 12th & 13th and December 19th & 20th. For the full set of poster contest rules, please pick up a brochure in the Narthex of Church or visit the web-site <http://www.kc11898.com> and click on the Keep Christ in Christmas link. You may also contact John Sniezek 410-312-7453 with any questions.

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 8th grade students on two consecutive Saturdays: **December 5th and December 12th**. 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.

Amazon Rewards

Don't forget to sign onto our webpage when doing your online shopping. Amazon.com is running a special this month on MP3 music downloads at [Amazon MP3's](#), giving us a 10% rebate for all purchases. They have expanded their holiday music from 50 at \$5.00 to 100 albums for \$5.00 each. December's list includes some of the biggest and best new releases of 2009, so stay tuned. They are also revealing one new free holiday song between now and December 25th in 25 Days of Free. And don't forget that you can buy Scrip cards to Amazon through our Scrip program, too!! A Double-Whammy!

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.

Basketball News

SAVE THE DATE--BASKETBALL MASS AND PEP RALLY

The basketball mass and pep rally is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th; Pep Rally begins at 3:15p.m.then Mass at 4:00 p.m. This year the St. Louis School basketball program will be awarding a \$100.00 gift certificate to Pasta Blitz to the team that demonstrates the best spirit!!! Each team should wear their uniforms (this year's or previous years.) The kids should dress up, sing a song, make signs, and do a skit---- anything to display their school spirit. The pep rally and basketball mass has become an important part of kicking off the basketball season. Please "rally the troops" to make this a great event.

Romeo and Juliet this weekend at Mount St. Joseph High School

Mount St. Joseph High School proudly presents William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* this weekend. Alumni Peter Kelly will appear as Prince Escalus and Alex Palting as Juliet. Friday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 each and will be sold at the door 30 minutes before each show.

Private School Visitation

Wilde Lake High School will host a visitation for 8th grade students who attend private schools. This visitation will be held on December 15th 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.

Orientation Information

Reservoir High School is hosting an **Orientation Night for Parents of Incoming 9th graders for the 2010-2011 School Year** on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The Nutcracker

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

N.U.T. or Peanut Cards

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: handling disappointment well; helping pick up messes at lunchtime; always saying thank-you; helping the teacher at end of day; helping another student put their jacket on; working the Open House; being helpful; showing kindness to a new student at lunch; helping another student; passing to the girls in football; pushing in chairs; comforting a sad friend; showing kindness to others; and being a good listener.

Tatiana Andolz-Casanova

Melina Grasso

David Robbins

Riley Berge

Mary Kate Johnson

Emily Schittino

Joseph Carrigan

Caroline Kelly

Jack Sessler

Kevin Comeaux

Nicholas Kolasny

Bridget Tiffey

Anthony Del Buono

HaeMee Lee

Kyle Van Winter

Giuliana Del Buono

Jamie Liggins

Robby Windsor

Lana Della Ratta

Paul Mann

Brian Wrenn

Andrew Diver

Camille McGarvey

Domenico Zuniga

George Dominguez

CJ Palting

Will Essl

Megan Reed

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

Areas That Need Improvement

The Girl's skirts need to be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee

Sent Home today

St. Nick Night Information Flyer

UNO Pizza Flyer

St. Louis School Spirit Wear Order form & Flyer

Sent Home Electronically

None at this time

Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, December 3rd – Pizza, Ranch Doritos, and lemon lemonade ice

Tuesday, December 8th – Chick-fil-A sandwich, chips and a fruit cup

Wednesday, December 9th – Meatball sub, salad w/ ranch dressing and a sugar cookie

Thursday, December 10th – Pizza, pretzels and a brownie

Tuesday, December 15th – Chick-fil-A nuggets, chips and a fruit cup

Wednesday, December 16th – Baked Ziti, cheesy bread and an ice cream sandwich

Thursday, December 17th – Pizza, apple dippers and a cookie

Reminders

Thursday, December 3 rd	St. Nicholas Day Celebration-Students may add red or green to their uniform NO After School Band NO Puppet Theater 7:00 p.m. Band Concert for families in the gym
Friday, December 4 th	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 st Reconciliation for 2 nd graders @ 7:00 p.m. in the church
Saturday, December 5 th	8:30 a.m. Arch. of Balt. High School Placement Test 5:00-8:00 p.m. St. Nicholas Night
Sunday, December 6 th	St. Nicholas Day
Monday, December 7 th	Math Assessment Grades 5-8 Math Fun Groups for Grades 6-8 during recess Advent Prayer Service 3:00 p.m. in the Church Primary Chorus 3:45-4:45 p.m. Grades 1-4 It's Academic 4:00-4:45 p.m. Grades 6-8 Art Club 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. grades 7 & 8
Tuesday, December 8 th	Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary 9:30 a.m. Mass Language Arts Assessment Grades 5-8 Concert Band lessons during school Concert Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. NO Drama Club
Wednesday, December 9 th	Banking 8:45-9:05 a.m. in the Counselor's Office Science Assessments Grades 7&8 Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. Grades 1-8 NO Yearbook
Thursday, December 10 th	Social Studies Assessment Grade 8 Symphonic & Beginner Band lessons during school Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. Puppet Theater 3:45-4:45 p.m. Grade 6
Friday, December 11 th	Kindergarten "Dads in December"

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 (8th 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)
Alma Rosso, great aunt of Sophia (3B), Sarah (5A) and Nick (7B) Rosso
Special Intention
Mrs. Kelliann Penn and her family
The Scott Family, In-Laws of Mrs. Coble (Middle School Aide)

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
Joseph Licata, grandfather of Ryan (7A), Amanda (6A), and Elizabeth (4B) Gallagher
Jean Anne Kain, grandmother of Christopher and Cameron Stang
Lola Marsiglia, grandmother of Nicholas (4A) Marsiglia
Anna Litwin, great grandmother of Nick (7B), Sarah (5A) and Sophia (3B) Rosso
Cheri Carroll, Aunt of Morgan (6B) and Phillip (4B) Carroll

Please also pray for all members of our military, especially those who are serving away from home.

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.