



Bulletin – December 16, 2009

Golden Grace for December

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

Some Tiny Tim's Treasures

Tiny Tim's Treasures remain and will be available for purchase tomorrow, while supplies last. The children may bring cash or a check made payable to St. Louis School and will receive change back after shopping. Thank you to Mrs. Craig for making it possible.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff, I would like to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a most joyful New Year. Thank you for your Gifts of Gratitude and for your many other Christmas gifts that you have so generously given to the faculty and staff. Please know that your kindness touches our hearts! During this wonderful season and throughout the year we are so deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday, January 4th. Happy New Year!

Student Council News

Student Council is sponsoring a Donut and Out-of-Uniform Day tomorrow - *Thursday, December 17th*. Student Council representatives will be in homerooms at 8:45 a.m. to sell the donuts (50 cents) and to collect the money for out-of-uniform (50 cents). Tomorrow is a Christmas themed out of uniform or a pajama – themed (no slippers) out of uniform. Students may choose to dress in these themes or may wear casual clothes. We ask that the students follow the guidelines for appropriate and acceptable attire for non-uniform days. 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. Shorts are not permitted.

Buddy Bingo

Tomorrow morning middle school students will be paired with primary school students to enjoy several rousing games of Buddy Bingo. We are grateful to our Student Council officers and representatives for hosting such a fun morning and for providing such fantastic prizes. Thank you to Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Purvis who coordinated this fabulous event!

Noon Dismissal Friday – No P.M. Buses and No Aftercare

Students will enjoy their Christmas parties on Friday morning, and then we will proceed to church for our prayer service at 11:30 a.m. Since we will be in church, students should wear their uniform on Friday. We will dismiss from church at noon. **There are no p.m. buses, so all students will be car riders**

for our noon dismissal. (Buses are available for the ride to school.) Aftercare is not in session on Friday, December 18th.

December Tuition

Tuition statements for December are being sent home today. Since December 31st falls during the Christmas holiday, this month's tuition will be accepted until Thursday, January 7th, 2010, with no late fee. Late fees will be assessed on any statements received after the January 7th due date. Please remember to return the blue envelope with your statement, as we reuse the envelopes each month. **Please do not seal the envelopes or write on them.** Thank you.

Weather Delays and School Closings

In the event of inclement weather, please watch WBAL TV or listen to WBAL 1090 AM. We follow the Howard County Public School system. Our closings are also posted on www.schoolsout.com (select Howard County, then select Private Schools and finally select St. Louis). Parents may also subscribe with Schoolsout to receive email and text message notification.

St. Louis Annual Fund

Our mailers are out and our database is up and running! Thank you to all who have contributed through the fall months in anticipation of this effort and the great initial response. **We are already over \$11,000 and counting! You are the best!**

St. Louis Parish Concert

Congratulations to our extraordinary Middle School Chorus and to Miss Douglass whose performances were splendid during the St. Louis Parish Christmas concert last weekend. Their voices are truly angelic.

Informational Parent Session on Talking About Touching Program

Mrs. Maureen Osborne, our school counselor, will be holding parent information sessions to discuss the "Talking About Touching" program that will be implemented beginning in January for grades K-3. The program focuses on teaching children basic skills that will help them keep safe from dangerous and/or abusive situations. If you have not previously attended an informational session on this program or if you are a parent new to St. Louis School, this session will give you an overview of the program and you will see a very informative video entitled "What Do I Say Now? – How to Help Protect Your Child from Sexual Abuse." We strongly encourage any parent who has not had the opportunity to view this video to attend. The first session will be held Monday afternoon, January 11th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Howard Bishop Room, and it will be repeated on Tuesday evening, January 12th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Library. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Osborne at 410-531-8479 or at mosborne@stlouisparish.org.

Note - Many of you who have students in grades 1, 2 & 3 have attended this informational session in the past. You are welcome to join us but may find the information repetitive.

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.

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 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 Dr. John Sniezek 410-312-7453 with any questions.

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-Benefit!

Basketball News

Attention basketball fans and basketball volunteers! We have the perfect weekend for you...December 26th, 27th and 28th! It's our 2nd Annual St. Louis Holiday Hoops Basketball Classic Tournament at Pallotti High School. Our tournament is sure to be successful and fun with your help. Come out and watch some exciting CYO basketball. If you would like to help out working the concession stand, selling admission tickets, or you just need a reason to come watch some basketball, please e-mail Sue Gallagher (earsgallagher@verizon.net).

Carson Scholars Fund Scholarship -

The Carson Scholars Fund is a non-profit organization founded in 1994 by world-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon, Dr. Benjamin S. Carson and his wife, Candy. The Carson Scholars Fund aims to recognize and reward students in grades 4 – 11 who earn the highest level of academic achievement, and also display strong humanitarian qualities. Scholarship winners are designated as "Carson Scholars" and receive a \$1,000 scholarship award to be held in trust until they are accepted in a four year college or university. Each school in the area is allowed to **nominate** one student for the Carson Scholars Fund. Any student interested in applying to be our **nominee** for the scholarship must have a 3.75 grade point average which encompasses the following subjects: English, Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language. If your child meets these criteria and would be interested in applying for this scholarship, he/she must begin by writing and submitting an essay to St. Louis School no later than **Tuesday, January 5th by noon**. These essays will be judged by a group of administrators and teachers to determine which student with his/her essay will be presented to the Carson group as the **nominee** from St. Louis School. Please be advised that only **one** student may be nominated from St. Louis School and a nomination does not guarantee that the student will be a Carson Scholar Fund recipient. The student who is ultimately selected as the **nominee** from St. Louis will be asked to provide a list of community service/ volunteer activities in which they participate. All applicants must submit an essay not to exceed 500 words answering one of the following questions for their grade level. Only **one** essay is to be submitted on **one** of the questions.

Grades 4-5

1. Dr. Carson's autobiography, *Gifted Hands*, was made into a television movie last year to share his inspirational story with the world. What book would you like to see made into a movie? Why do you think others would like this story as a movie?
2. If you had the chance to make a new rule in school what would it be? Why would you create the rule? How would you ensure students follow the rule?

Grades 6-8

1. President Obama recently addressed students to encourage them to work hard in school. What goals do you have for your own education? What steps will you take to achieve those goals?
2. Dr. Carson believes you should always stand up for your opinions and values even if they are unpopular, as exemplified in the recent movie *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story*. Describe a situation where you should have stood up for your true beliefs but were uncomfortable expressing your opinion. If you had the chance to go back to that situation, what would you do differently?

The essays submitted will be evaluated with the following guidelines in mind:

Development: A clear purpose by expressing personal ideas.

Organization: A well developed beginning, middle, and end.

Vocabulary: Interesting, varied and imaginative, age appropriate vocabulary.

Detail: Appropriate information to make the reader clearly understand the ideas being presented.

Grammar & Usage: Correct punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and paragraph distinction.

Please have all essays submitted no later than *noon on Tuesday, January 5, 2010* to Mrs. Maureen Osborne. If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Osborne at 410-531-6664 or mosborne@stlouisparish.org. Good luck!!!

Are you Creative and Appreciate a Sense of History?

We want to create a gallery type space in the Howard Bishop foyer that will highlight the history of the school and also better utilize our trophy cases. We will also be painting over the balloons in the middle-school hallway and the stairwell and replacing them with the school logo and Knight – but that project may have to wait until the summer months! If you are interested in these projects and would like to be on a committee to make these changes a reality, please contact – Colleen Craig at ccraig@stlouisparish.org

Orientation Information

Reservoir High School

Beginning January 5, 2010, stop by the Student Services Office at Reservoir High School and pick up a registration packet. You can make a registration appointment at this time. **Appointments Cannot Be Made By Phone.** Registration appointment dates will be available January 20th January 21st and February 9th between 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. **Please remember, your student must be present for the appointment.** Student Service Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00a.m. – 2:30p.m., (410) 888-8860.

Centennial High School

Centennial High School, (4300 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City 21042) will be hosting an **8th Grade Parent Orientation Night** on Tuesday, January 12th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. The meeting is open to parents of 8th grade students. Discussion will include high school course offerings, general ninth grade information, rules and expectations, and extracurricular activities. Appointments for private school students who wish to attend Centennial High School in the fall should be made with the

Registrar, Cathy Aballo, at 410-313-2857. Appointments will be set for the last week of January and into February 2010.

River Hill High School

River Hill High School will be holding a High School Orientation on January 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in their Auditorium. Parents and Students are welcome.

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: being kind; picking up a backpack in the coatroom; listening to other students when giving directions; picking up items that had fallen to the floor; showing kindness to everyone; and being helpful.

A.J. Battista	Catherine Gervaise	C.J. Palting
Daniel Blandford-Ordonio	Michael Gloth	Lauren Pountnay
Trisden Bovello	Russell Hong	Katie Ryder
Joseph Carrigan	Matthew Hostutler	Bridget Tiffey
Miela Cohen	Nicholas Kolasny	Brian Wrenn
Giuliana Del Buono	Drew Minnis	

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

Alumni News

Brian Shouse, a 2009 Alumnus of St. Louis School, made the Gold Honor Roll (3.9 - 3.5 GPA) for the first quarter at Reservoir High School, and this month Brian was one of eight students selected by the faculty to compete for the chance to be Reservoir's Carson Scholarship nominee. Congratulations, Brian!

Areas That Need Improvement

None at this Time

Sent Home Today

January Calendar
Tuition Statements

Sent Home Electronically

None at this time

Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, December 17th – Pizza, apple dippers and a cookie
Tuesday, January 5th – Chick-fil-A sandwich, potato chips and a fruit cup
Wednesday, January 6th – Meatballs w/ Pasta Alfredo, bread and butter and Apple dippers
Thursday, January 7th – Pizza (2 Slices), white cheddar Popcorn and an ice cream sandwich

Reminders

Thursday, December 17 th	Out of Uniform (50 cents) & Donut Day (50 cents) Buddy Bingo- morning Pre-K Christmas Party
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	Beginner & Symphonic Band lessons during school NO After School Band NO Puppet Theater
Friday, December 18 th	Noon Dismissal NO p.m. Buses NO Aftercare 9:30-11:30 a.m. Christmas Parties for grades K-8 11:30 a.m. Prayer Service in the Church School Re-opens on January 4 th , 2010
Friday, December 25 th	The Faculty and Staff wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!!
Monday, January 4 th	School re-opens "Welcome Back!" Art Club 3:45-4:45 p.m. for Grades 7 & 8 It's Academic 4:00-4:45 p.m. for grades 6-8 NO Primary Chorus- resumes in February
Tuesday, January 5 th	9:30 a.m. Tuesday Mass Carson Scholar essays due @ noon for grades 4-8 Concert Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 5-6 No Drama Club
Wednesday, January 6 th	Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. for grades 1-8
Thursday, January 7 th	Puppet Theater 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grade 6 Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 7-8
Friday, January 8 th	Student Council sponsored Out of Uniform (50 cents) and Donut (50 cents) Day Middle School Chorus gathers at Toby's Dinner Theater-evening

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
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)

Mrs. Sanagersky (Lunch Room Monitor)

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.