



Bulletin – January 6, 2010

Golden Grace for January

As a sign of respect, when entering /exiting church, do so quietly.

Welcome Back

Hopefully, you are getting back into the routine of school after the Christmas holidays. We are looking forward to Catholic Schools Week which will begin on Sunday, January 31st. The theme this year is *Catholic Schools: "Dividends for Life", Morals, Discipline, Knowledge and Faith.*" A complete schedule of events will be coming home. Please note that parents are invited to visit the school and enjoy a pizza lunch with the children on Tuesday, February 2nd.

Tuition Reminder

This is a reminder that the extended due date for December's tuition payment is this Thursday, January 7th. Please send in your payment if you have not done so. Late fees will be assessed on any payments received after the due date. Please remember to return the blue envelope with your statement, as we reuse the envelopes each month. Please do not seal or write on the envelopes. Thank you.

Student Council News

Student Council is sponsoring a Donut and Out-of-Uniform Day on Friday, January 8th. Student Council representatives will be in homerooms at 8:45 a.m. on Friday to sell the donuts (50 cents) and to collect the money for out-of-uniform (50 cents). 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 inappropriate. Shorts are not permitted.

Banking Day

Next Wednesday, January 13th 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.

OPEN HOUSES

All hands on Deck! We will be hosting two – that's right – two Open Houses this month! Our first will be during the school day next Friday, January 15th from 10:00-11:30a.m. and our second will kick off Catholic Schools week on Sunday, January 31st from 10:30 to 2:00 p.m. We could use some help getting the word out by posting flyers and posters, as well as help on the day of our events with set-up and leading tours for our guests. If you can help out in any way, please contact Karin Lawrence at karinlawrence@aol.com.

Catholic Schools Week

Dividends for Life! Parent/Student Volunteers needed! We are kicking off Catholic Schools Week with our Open House on January 31st, 2010. We traditionally host the Ministry table in the Narthex and we will need our very best, smiling students - **in uniform** – along with their parents to help out! Please check your schedules and let us know what Mass you will be attending and when you and your family will be able to help out for a few minutes. **It is very important that we put our best foot forward for our Parish community, and our students are the best example of why Catholic schools pay “Dividends for Life!”** Please contact Colleen Craig at ccraig@stlouisparish.org if you can help!

We are also in need of school families to present the offertory gifts during all the masses that weekend that begins Catholic Schools Week. Please email Mrs. Ewachiw at mewachiw@st.louisparish.org if you are interested. Thank you so much!

Fund for St. Louis tops \$24,000!

Thanks to your generosity, we are almost at the quarter mark! Remember – we are just getting started, so if you haven't yet made your contribution, there is still plenty of time. If you are going to contribute later in the year, please let us know by making a pledge so that we know we can count on your support. You can also pay in installments to make it easier on your wallet! And, don't forget those matching gifts – we would like to take advantage of all resources. **We want 100% participation – all gifts, large or small count! You are the best!**

School Closed

Enjoy the holiday on Monday, January 18th. Please take time with your children to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a man of peace, justice, and compassion, whom we honor on that day.

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 for closings and delays.** 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.

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.

Uniform Exchange

If you are in need of boys' blue uniform pants, we have all regular boys' sizes 4-18, excluding size 7, in stock and also have several husky sizes. We currently do not have any of the men's sizes. Please email Mrs. Lynne Layug at thelayugs@verizon.net with your child's size and homeroom and she will send them into school. Gently used uniforms may be turned into the office at any time for recycling.

News from the GIFT CARD/SCRIP Program

We are halfway through the school year. The Gift Card/SCRIP program has made a \$15,675.22 profit. From this profit, the participating school families' total tuition credit will be \$6,439.20. Keep up the good work. We are halfway to our goal. Currently 25% of school families participate in the SCRIP program on a regular basis. We did see an increase in November to 55% participation, as a result of the ice cream

treat incentive. It would be great if we could have 100% participation...keep up the good work! This is such an easy way for the school to earn money and for you to receive a credit on your tuition! Please stop by and purchase your gift cards in the school parking lot before school or after all weekend masses. Congratulations to the Salkeld family, who is our top purchaser for the month of December! Madison Salkeld of (1A) and Annabelle Salkeld of (3B) will receive a Pink Panther Out of Uniform Pass. Thanks for your support!

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.

Holiday Hoops Classic

St. Louis School hosted its second annual Basketball Tournament at Pallotti High School during the Christmas break, and the tournament was fantastic! Attended by over a dozen teams, and lauded by officials and coaches as the "best run tournament in the Archdiocese," the girls' bracket was won by St. Ursula's and the boys' bracket was won by St. William of York. Our St. Louis Knights boys' team lost its first game to St. John but then rebounded nicely and won their second game against St. Mark. The girls bowed out in the championship game but made a valiant effort. Thank you so much to all of our volunteers who manned the concessions, admissions, set-up, clock and scoreboard, including the Gallaghers, the Hannans, the Walshs, the Fontanas, the Seitz family, the Tomasics, the VanWinters, the Hand/Dan family, and the Sweeneys! Thanks to our many sponsors and advertisers for their continued support of our basketball program and to Mr. Dave Walsh and Mrs. Sue Gallagher for their awesome leadership!

First Grade Basketball Clinic Dates

The dates for the First Grade Basketball Clinic are: January 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th, and February 6th (all Saturdays). The snow date (if needed) is Sunday, February 14th. The girls will meet from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. The boys will meet from 11:50 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. All sessions will be held in the St. Louis Gym. Bring a basketball. Wear comfortable shorts, a T-shirt, and gym shoes, and get ready for the fun! Please contact Mr. Dave Walsh at dwalsh@integ.com with any questions or concerns.

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 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@stlouisparrish.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 child must be present for the appointment.** Student Service Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00a.m. – 2:30p.m., (410) 888-8860.

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.

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.

Marriotts Ridge High School

There will be a New Student/Parent Orientation for the class of 2014 on Thursday, January 14th at Marriotts Ridge High School from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Parents of students not in the Howard County Public School System can register by making an appointment January 27th through January 30th from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For more information contact Ms. Deison, at 410-313-5446.

My Brother's Keeper Bingo

The 6th Annual My Brother's Keeper Bags and Basket Bingo will be held on Sunday, March 7, 2010 in the Mount Saint Joseph High School Cafeteria. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m., with an Early Bird Special Game beginning at 1:45 p.m. The bingo will feature theme filled Longaberger Baskets and Vera Bradley Bags. For tickets, please contact Kathy at 301-490-7918 or email at holdkat@verizon.net. To make a donation towards this event contact Mary at 410-869-0243.

Don't forget to share the good news!

If you think there is something going on in your child's classroom or with one of their extra-curricular activities that merits "publicity," then please pass it along! We like to post things in the bulletins about our students and alumni, and we would like our students to get some local press. Send along those pictures and stories...all the local papers regularly feature student achievements. Let's let our students SHINE! Send your gems to Colleen Craig at ccraig@stlouisparish.org Thank you!

Alumni News

Zachary Garvin and Laura Goudreau, Alumni of St. Louis School, made the Principal's Honor Roll for the first quarter at Archbishop Spalding High School. Emily Chaudy, Brendan Born and Megan Sprankle made second Honors. Congratulations to all our graduates!!

Areas That Need Improvement

None at this Time

Sent Home Today

None at this time

Sent Home Electronically

Registration Survey

Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, January 7th – Pizza (2 Slices), white cheddar Popcorn and an ice cream sandwich

Tuesday, January 12th – Chick-fil-A nuggets, chips and a fruit cup

Wednesday, January 13th – Hot dog, tots and a brownie

Thursday, January 14th – Pizza, applesauce and an Oreo cookie

Reminders

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
Saturday, January 9 th	8:00-10:00 a.m. Saturday Detention
Monday, January 11 th	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 Informational Meeting – Talking About Touching for parents of K-3, 2:00 p.m. Howard Bishop Rooms
Tuesday, January 12 th	9:30 a.m. Tuesday Mass Concert Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. Drama Club 3:50-5:00 p.m. Informational Meeting – Talking About Touching for parents of K-3 , 7:00 p.m. Library/Media Center
Wednesday, January 13 th	Banking 8:45-9:05 a.m. in Mrs. Osborne's Office Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. for grades 1-8 Yearbook 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grade 8

Thursday, January 14 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 15 th	Open House for Parents of Prospective Students-10:00-11:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. informational meeting
Monday, January 18 th	School Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Since this is the start of a new year we will begin a new prayer list.

If you wish to add someone to our prayer list, please email Mrs. Hossick at bhossick@stlouisparish.org

Please pray for those who are sick

Dan Nardolillo, a St. Louis graduate, who is recovering from surgery

Please pray for those who have died

Harriet Lanier, a friend of Mrs. Ewachiw

Mary Barber, the cousin of Mrs. Ewachiw

George King, grandfather of Evan (1A) and Eric (3B) Schneider

Bill Hartleb, grandfather of Billy Doubet (6A)

Paul Payne, grandfather of Olivia (5A) and Theresa (8B) Docal

The grandmother of Connor (6A) and Bryan (8A) Jangro

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

Andy Buyan, cousin of Jackson (6B) and Julia (KB) Duffy who is serving in Kabul, Afghanistan

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