



Bulletin – January 13, 2010

Golden Grace for January

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

Support for the People of Haiti

Today, St. Louis Parish sent the following message regarding our beloved friends in Haiti. We will join as a school community to offer our prayers, and we encourage you to support the poor box collection this weekend.

As you already know, the country of Haiti was hit with a devastating earthquake yesterday at 4:53 pm. It was the strongest earthquake to hit Haiti since 1770. Hundreds of thousands of people are feared dead. The Catholic archbishop, Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot, is among the confirmed dead, as well as many priests, seminarians and religious women. Please remember them and all of the suffering people of Haiti in your prayers. Virtually all of the buildings in Port-au-Prince have been destroyed. The prison collapsed, allowing the prisoners to escape. Please keep the safety of all the people in your prayers. This is a horrible situation and the parish has been working diligently since last night to contact the Sisters at Saint John's and find out their status. Sister Marianne sent an e-mail at 3:30 pm this afternoon with the following message:

Dear Friends,

We thank God because He blesses us. We are OK.

Thank you so much.

Sr Marianne

We promise to provide you with more information as we get it, but please realize communications with Haiti are very difficult at this time. While we are awaiting more from our brothers and sisters in Haiti, please continue praying for them.

Saint Louis also has a strong relationship with Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Parishioner, Meg Barrett, works for CRS and keeps us up-to-date with what is happening in Haiti. In addition, we depend on CRS in Port-au-Prince to provide the infrastructure, contacts, and local expertise to expedite everything we are doing at St. John's in Gonaives. It is feared that the CRS building is heavily damaged. Now, the people who help us help them are the ones who are devastated.

The parish office and our e-mail system have been inundated with calls and e-mails from parishioners offering support. This weekend, the Poor Box Collection will be designated for Haiti. Please make checks payable to St Louis Church.

On behalf of the Haiti Committee, the Sisters and the people of Haiti whom we love as our own family, we thank you for your care and concern.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Luca, Fr. Dominique and the Saint Louis Pastoral Staff

Bundle Up

Whenever possible, the children will be going outside for recess. Please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately when the weather is cold: coats (**not just a sweatshirt**), hats, and gloves.

Ravens News

On Friday, January 15th students may add a Ravens sweatshirt, jersey, or the color purple to their school uniform to cheer on the Ravens. Go Ravens!

Reminder

This is a reminder that on Monday, January 18th, SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Please take time with your children to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a man of peace, justice, and compassion.

On Friday, January 22nd, school will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. A.M. and P.M. buses are available.

Please Note

The circle driveway in front of the chapel is only to be used for Pre-K drop off and pickup. It is not to be used for any other reason, including drop off or pickup of band students and their instruments, drop off or pick up of before and aftercare students, or students arriving late or leaving early. We ask that you please adhere to this rule. This is for the safety of our Pre-K students.

Banking Day

The Banking winner for January is Julia Miller (7B). Congratulations, Julia.

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 this 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 spreading the word 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.

8th Grade Field Trip

Permission slips for the 8th grade field trip to the Holocaust Museum were distributed today; they are due Friday, January 15th. Please be sure to return your child’s permission slip by the due date.

Memory Video Pictures for 8th grade

One of the 8th graders’ favorite keepsakes is the Memory Video. The Video is shown to the school at the conclusion of the Awards Assembly and is given to all 8th grade students as a gift at the end of the year. Each student will need three pictures for the video:

A baby picture, a picture of the student as a child, a recent picture of the student.

The pictures for the 8th Grade Memory Video are **due by February 5th**.

Restaurant Fundraisers

This year we tried out a new way to raise money for the school through several community nights at local restaurants. Overall, it has been a great success! **We just learned that we will be receiving a check from Let's Dish for just about \$600 from our fall fundraiser!!** Thanks to all who participated! Look forward to a few more nights at **Chick-fil-a** and **Subway**, and our next HSA fundraiser to be held at **Looney's Pub in Maple Lawn on Wednesday, February 10th, 2010**. **Mark your calendars for a "No cooking" night!**

Grocery Programs

Please don't forget to register and use your grocery store cards when shopping. Harris Teeter sponsors the **Harris Teeter Together in Education Teachers of Excellence Award** through which we can nominate a teacher for public recognition and financial awards that further excellence in education. We have plenty of teachers at St. Louis to nominate, but in order to be eligible to participate; we must have a minimum of 100 people linked through their VIC cards. So far we have 52 families registered. Get those cards out and follow this link!! <http://www.stlouisparish.org/school/development/fundraising.html> Our current school year earnings for our programs are: **Giant Bonus Bucks:** \$2,194.06; **Harris Teeter:** \$124.69; **Target:** \$265.30. And don't forget our **Amazon** link! We've already earned over \$600 from that program alone! Thanks for participating!

Catholic Schools Week

Dividends for Life! Parent/Student Volunteers needed! We are kicking off Catholic Schools Week with our Open House on January 31, 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 the weekend of January 30th and 31st to begin Catholic Schools Week. Please email Mrs. Ewachiw at mewachiw@st.louisparish.org if you are interested. Thank you so much!

Listen to this testimonial!

We recently received a letter sent to us by a prospective parent and wanted to share this with you: "For several months now we have conducted extensive research, scheduled interviews and visits to many schools in the area, and sought opinions and input from personal friends, business colleagues and associates to help us identify the very best school and community for our child. After visiting St. Louis School, speaking with representatives, and gathering other information, we are very impressed with what we have learned and observed. Attending the open house in October was an eye-opening experience to how wonderful the school, the teachers, staff and students are....St. Louis School is at the top of our list of schools we explored."

Thank you to our faculty, staff, and students – your light shines everyday!

18th Annual Golf Classic!

The planning begins... We are very pleased and excited to begin planning the 2010 Saint Louis School Golf Classic – our 18th consecutive school golf tournament to be held on the afternoon of **Monday, May 24, 2010** at the Waverly Woods Golf Club in Marriottsville, Maryland. Last year the Classic raised about \$34,000 after expenses, including a one year tuition scholarship for a deserving SLS student. **We plan to hold our first SLGC planning meeting on Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the SLS loft and ask that everyone begin to spread the word about the Classic. Please mark your calendars and come to the meeting. We could really use your help!!** If you would like to get involved, please contact Fred Boos (fred@acadvisors.com), Mike McGarvey (Mike@columbiavalve.com), Russ Craig (russel.craig@gmail.com) or John Fontana (JohnFontana@mris.com).

Annual Fund News

Please keep our fearless leader and Chairperson Lisa Lengel in your prayers. She underwent knee surgery this week and will be recuperating for the next several weeks. All went well and she will be running marathons before you know it! Because of her hard work and dedication, our Annual Fund total is now just over \$28, 000. **Please keep those donations coming so we can give her a big surprise upon her return!!!**

St. Louis School Board News

The St. Louis School Board is looking to replace two retiring School Board Members for the 2010-2011 School year. Nominees must possess a genuine commitment to Catholic School education, its mission and future, a willingness to work with others effectively in reaching consensus, a willingness to support school, parish, and Archdiocesan policy, and a willingness and ability to be a credible witness of the Catholic faith to the school community and parish. This particular term requires that there be one parent/guardian of a St. Louis School student and one non-parent. Also, this year the parent member must be qualified to work on the Finance Committee.

For more information contact Robert Miller at robert.miller@millerbrothersautomotive.com or call 410-465-1301.

Box Tops for Education

Thanks to all of you who have sent in Box Tops for Education. We received a check for over \$1,150 and will continue to submit the Box Tops throughout the year. Don't forget that the elementary class and the middle school class that submits the most will receive an ice cream treat and an out of uniform day at the end of the year. Currently (1A) is leading the elementary race and (5A) is the leader among the middle school classes.

Also, please don't forget to send in the Campbell's Labels for Education, which can also be found on Pepperidge Farm products. Although these are not directly redeemable for cash, the program provides a means to obtain other items the school needs.

Questions on either of these programs can be answered by Anne West, anne_west@verizon.net.

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. If the opening of school is delayed, the Opening of Before Care is delayed the same amount of time. If the opening of school is delayed one hour, morning pre-K is in session. If the opening of school is delayed two hours morning pre-k is cancelled.

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.

Talking About Touching Program

Grades K-3 - "Talking about Touching: A Personal Safety Curriculum"

This program will begin in grades K-3 next week. The curriculum will be presented on a weekly basis to students by the school counselor. Letters will be periodically attached to the Wednesday letter informing parents about the topics discussed as well as some techniques parents can utilize at home to reinforce the information your child learned in the classroom. In the past, these letters were sent home in hard copy form. In an effort to conserve, we will be sending the letters home electronically this year. Many of you attended informational sessions on this program either this week or over the past few years. If you were unable to attend one of these informational sessions, an excellent DVD for parents was shown discussing how to talk with your child about sexual abuse. This DVD can be borrowed for home viewing. There were also several informational hand-outs distributed at these sessions that could be sent home if you would like to read them. If you are interested in either the DVD or the hand-outs, or if you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact Mrs. Maureen Osborne, our counselor, at 410-531-6664 or at mosborne@stlouisparish.org.

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@stlouisparish.org.

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.

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, contact Mary at 410-869-0243.

Don't forget to share the good news!

If you think there is something happening on in your child's classroom or with one of his/her 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 help our students SHINE! Send your gems to Colleen Craig at ccraig@stlouisparish.org Thank you!

Some Good News...

Congratulations to Philip Magaletta (7A) who came in 2nd place in his respective weight class and earned a silver medal in the recent HWC Holiday Wrestling Tournament! Fantastic job, Philip!

Commendations

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: always being polite; being helpful; helpful acts of kindness; showing kindness to everyone; helping clean up an area they weren't playing in after indoor recess concludes; using good manners; delivering hat and gloves to a student who had forgotten them; helping a classmate with work; loaning money for out-of-uniform day; holding the door open routinely; willingness to help; and being a kind and helpful friend.

Alexandra Abrams
Logan Amoroso
Riley Berge
Mary Blee
Katrina Bovello
Paul Brill
Zach Chiacchierini

Sydney Choo Quan
Mary Kate Gelak
Douglas Hines
Annaliese Jameson
Reynaldo Lee-Llacer
Abby Munro
Isabella Paliotta

Matthew Pereira
Emily Schittino
Annie Smith
Haley Sullivan
Bridget Tiffey
Victoria Uttenreither
Domenico Zuniga

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

Areas That Need Improvement

Not at this Time

Sent Home Today

Not at this time

Sent Home Electronically

Talking About Touching Letter

Admission Survey for 2010/2011 School Year

Upcoming School Lunches

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

Tuesday, January 19th – Chick-fil-A sandwich, cheez its and a fruit cup

Wednesday, January 20th – Mini burgers, fries and mandarin oranges

Thursday, January 21st – Pizza, pretzels and an ice cream cup

Reminders

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
Tuesday, January 19 th	9:30 a.m. Tuesday Mass Concert Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 5 & 6 Drama Club 3:50-5:00 p.m. for grades 7 & 8 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting (Pastor's Conference Room)
Wednesday, January 20 th	Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. for grades 1-8 Yearbook 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grade 8
Thursday, January 21 st	Final Meeting for 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 22 nd	Eucharistic Adoration for Life 12:45 p.m. Dismissal A.M. & P.M. BUSES AVAILABLE (Howard County Schools close 3 hours early) Professional Afternoon for teachers
Saturday, January 23 rd	8:00-10:00 a.m. Saturday Detention
Sunday, January 24 th	It's Academic Tournament at DeMatha, Noon

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
Carol Sauter, friend of Mrs. Riser (Middle school teacher)
Clee Crudup, family friend of the DeNicola family
Owen Sinex, teenage friend of the DeNicola family
Debbie Roth, a tutor for some of our St. Louis students

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
Christine Finnegan, aunt of Sharon Rogers, and great aunt of Connor (6B) Rodgers
Joseph William Pfeifer, Jr., uncle of Paul and Stephen Lafleur (former St. Louis students)

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)
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
Phillip Ryder, son of Mrs. Ryder (Librarian), who is serving in Afghanistan
If you wish to add someone to our prayer list, please email Mrs. Brenda Hossick at bhossick@stlouisparish.org.