



Bulletin - January 20, 2010

Golden Grace for January

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

Important Reminders

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

On Monday, January 25th there will be NO A.M. or P.M. Buses available (Howard County Schools are Closed).

Support for the People of Haiti

As a school community, we will continue to offer our prayers for the people of Haiti. Thank you to all who contributed to the St. Louis Parish Poor Box collection this past weekend. Over \$68,000 was collected, and more donations arrive each day. One donation was made by a St. Louis School student who celebrated his birthday, and in lieu of gifts, requested contributions for Haiti. How remarkable our students are, and how they continuously teach us about living the Gospel message.

On Thursday, February 4th Student Council will sponsor an Out of Uniform Day to benefit our Haitian brothers and sisters in need. For \$1, students may wear their pajamas to "Wake Up to the Problem in Haiti." On this day, we will join with other Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore who are also sponsoring a pajama-themed out of uniform day. We are proud to say that this regional activity is being coordinated by St. Louis School alumna, Maria LaVerghetta, who is currently a student at Notre Dame Preparatory High School.

Sisters Change Lives

Yesterday, Sister Mary McFadden, SND, joined us for mass and then spoke with students in K-8 about God's call for us, about vocations to the religious life, and about her ministry as a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur. Sister Mary is a friend of our own Sister Lois, and we are grateful that Sister Mary joined us for the morning to help us kick-off our fundraising effort: "Sisters Change Lives." We are collecting change for the orders of sisters who have ministered at St. Louis School – Sisters of Divine Providence, Sisters of the Holy Union, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur – and for the Oblate Sisters of Providence who were founded in Baltimore by Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange. We are collecting change (and dollar bills, too) to thank the sisters for forming and changing lives.

Annual Fund News

Today we received a very generous gift of \$5,000 from Monsignor Luca on behalf of the Church toward our Annual Fund. In his letter to us he said, "It is my hope that this gift will help us get to our goal of \$100,000!!" That is certainly our hope, too! If you happen to see Monsignor over these next few weeks, please take a moment to thank him, on behalf of all our students, for his generosity. We are very grateful!

January Tuition Statements

January tuition statements are being sent home today in the Wednesday folders. Tuition payments are due by January 31st. Payments received after the due date will incur an automatic \$25.00 late fee.

Please be sure to return the blue envelopes, unsealed, with your tuition payments. The envelopes are reused each month. Thank you.

8th Grade Field Trip

Permission slips for the 8th grade field trip to the Holocaust Museum are **due Friday, January 22nd**.

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 spring Awards Assembly and is given to all 8th grade students as a gift at the end of the year. Each 8th grade 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***.

Catholic Schools Week

Please look ahead to Saturday, January 30th and Sunday, January 31st to see whether you will be available to assist with our Catholic Schools Week kick-off events. We need families to present the offertory gifts during the 5:30 p.m. mass on Saturday and during the 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. masses on Sunday. Please email Mrs. Ewachiw at mewachiw@stlouisparish.org if your family is interested in participating.

We also need smiling, happy volunteers to host the Ministry table after masses and direct families of prospective students to our Sunday Open House. Please contact Mrs. Craig at ccraig@stlouisparish.org if you can help!

Don't forget that parents of currently enrolled students are invited to join us on Tuesday, February 2 for mass, to visit classrooms from 10:30-3:00 p.m., and for a pizza lunch with your child.

Restaurant Fundraisers

This year we tried out a new way to raise money for the school through several community nights at local restaurants. Our next HSA fundraiser will be held at **Looney's Pub in Maple Lawn on Wednesday, February 10, 2010. Mark your calendars for a "No Cooking Night!"**

Art News

Saint Louis School has a display window at the River Hill Giant. 5th grade pieces are currently showcased. The next time you are shopping, please check out the exciting works by the following artists:

Katie Riley

Elizabeth Lemmon

Kristin Tetro

Kevin Dragonette

Lauren Comeaux

Caitlin Gilbert

Sanam Masih

Lauren Gilbert

Taylor Stone

Jessica Hatfield

Elaine McCabe

Christine Tomasic

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.

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.

Please Note

The circular 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.

Grocery Programs

Don't forget to register your grocery store cards. Get out those cards and follow this link! This is an easy way to raise money for our school at no cost to parents.

<http://www.stlouisparish.org/school/development/fundraising.html>

18th Annual Golf Classic

Don't forget to pass this along to all ***duffers*** in the family! Our first St. Louis Golf Classic planning meeting will be next Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Louis School loft. 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)

St. Louis School Board News

The St. Louis School Board is seeking nominees to replace a School Board member whose term concludes this spring. 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 vacancy is for a St. Louis School parent/guardian who is qualified to serve on the Finance Committee.

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

Don't forget to share the good news!

If you think there is something 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!

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.

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.

Alumni news

Brianna Tinkle, a 2008 St. Louis graduate, achieved the Gold Honor Roll for the first quarter at Atholton High School and recently made the Atholton Girls Varsity Basketball team.

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: picking up things they didn't drop; getting adult help for a student who was sick; picking up letter people that had fallen; picking trash up from the floor; being a kind and helpful friend; using time wisely; helping in the art room; being a hard worker; turning in money that was found; and helping a friend.

Mary Blee	Therese Kolb	Sienna Ferraro Shiblee
Colleen Campbell	Shriya Menon	Jacob Skintges
Michael Casey	Grant Miller	Connie Stratigis
Sydney Choo Quan	Emi Moran	Lucas Tudor
Russell Hong	Anastasia Paraskevopoulos	Diego Zuniga

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

Areas That Need Improvement

None

Sent Home Today

January Tuition Statements
Yearbook Survey forms
Primary Chorus Permission Slips (For grades 1-4)

Sent Home Electronically

Maryland Alliance of Catholic Schools Newsletter

Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, January 21st – Pizza, pretzels and an ice cream cup
Tuesday, January 26th – Chick-fil A nuggets, chips and a fruit cup
Wednesday, January 27th – Ziti w/ meat sauce, carrots/ranch dressing and a lemon ice
Thursday, January 28th – Pizza, applesauce and a chocolate chip cookie

Reminders

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
Monday, January 25 th	NO A.m. or P.M. Buses (Howard County Schools Closed) Puppet Theater performance 11:45 a.m. HBR A & B 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 26 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
Wednesday, January 27 th	Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. for grades 1-8
Thursday, January 28 th	Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 7 & 8
Friday, January 29 th	Guest Speaker for grades 4-5 (Dr. Garvin, Chief NASA Scientist)
Sunday, January 31 st	Catholic Schools Week Begins Open House for Prospective Families 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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
Abbie Pfau, a St. Louis graduate, who is recuperating 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

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)

Mary G. Shipe, grandmother of Francis, Amelia, and Louis Schmidt (former St. Louis student)

Members of the Menelas family (Briannah 8A) who lost their lives due to the recent earthquake in Haiti

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.