



Bulletin - January 27, 2010

Golden Grace for January

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

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Show respect for faculty, staff, volunteers, and students at all times.

News and Notes

Have you noticed the improvement to our entryway? **Thanks to Mrs. Donna Essl**, mom of 7th grader Will Essl, our school logo has been hand painted on our entryway near the school office. It looks fantastic and is a wonderful way to welcome our students and visitors to our hallways. Keep an eye out for further improvements! Thank you so much, Mrs. Essl, for sharing your time and talents!

St. Louis School Open House

Tell family, friends, and neighbors all about the great things going on at St. Louis school and encourage them to visit us! **On Sunday, January 31st we will have an Open House from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for families of prospective students.** Tours will be given, and faculty, administration, students and parents will be on hand to answer questions.

Catholic Schools Week

Next week we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. We are looking forward to a wonderful week. Our theme for this year is "Catholic Schools - Dividends for Life: Faith, Knowledge, Discipline and Morals." Please see the link detailing all of the special activities that will occur. A hard copy of the schedule of events is also being sent home today. Please try to attend as many events as possible, including our opening liturgy on Tuesday, February 2nd at 9:30 a.m. when we will come together as a school family to celebrate Catholic education.

Out of Uniform Day

On Wednesday, February 3rd, 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.

Full Day Pre-School is Coming to St. Louis in Fall 2010

We are enrolling now! If you would like more information, come to the Open House at the school on Sunday, January 31st from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. or call the school office at 410-531-6664.

Uniform News

We are requesting parents' assistance in helping to make sure that students are following all of the uniform guidelines. At this time, we have a few reminders: Boys in grades 3-8 must wear a belt, and the only jewelry boys may wear is a cross or religious medal with a thin chain. Girls are not permitted to wear make-up or finger nail polish at all during the school day or during school functions. Hair accessories for girls are limited to those specified in the uniform policy. You may view the uniform policy in the Parent/Student Handbook or online at www.stlouisparish.org/school/admissions/uniforms.html. Thank you for your support.

January Tuition Statements

January tuition statements were sent home last week. Tuition payments are due by January 31st. Payments received after the due date will incur an automatic \$25 late fee. **Please be sure to return the blue envelopes, unsealed, with your tuition payments. The envelopes are reused each month.** Thank you.

From the Health Room

If your child is between the ages of 6 months and 9 years old, the CDC recommends a second dose of H1N1 vaccine 4 weeks after the initial dose. The county will not be coming back to St. Louis to revaccinate our students under age 10. The Howard County Health Department is offering **free H1N1 Clinics** at the health department. Their website www.hchealth.org is updated daily with flu clinic information. These are walk-in clinics with no appointment necessary. Please check the website for day and time information. Directions to the health department are also found on the website. The county is also offering Seasonal Flu Vaccine clinics for a fee.

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.**

Band News

St. Louis Concert Band and Symphonic Band will conclude Catholic Schools Week by performing at Kenilworth Mall in Towson on Saturday, February 6th. Our Concert Band will perform at noon, and our Symphonic Band will perform at 12:30 p.m. Come support our talented musicians!

Banking Day

This is a reminder that our next monthly Banking Day will be Wednesday, February 10th from 8:45 – 9:05 a.m. in Mrs. Osborne's office across from the school office. Banking takes place on the second Wednesday of every month.

Testing for Incoming Students

Testing for incoming Kindergarten students and new students in grades 1-8 is scheduled for Friday, February 12th. Letters will be sent home with testing times for each new student.

Restaurant Fundraisers – Save the Date

Our next Home School Association fundraiser will be held at **Looney's Pub in Maple Lawn on Wednesday, February 10, 2010**. Mark your calendars for a "No Cooking Night!" Nights at Chick-fil-A and Subway will follow.

Fund for St. Louis News

Our contributions are climbing! **To date we have received over \$37,000 toward our goal -- Thank you so much!** Please remember that our Annual Fund is our largest and most important fundraiser of the year and we hope to get 100% participation of our school community. All gifts, large or small, directly and immediately impact our students and are greatly appreciated. Our efforts continue through June 30th so make a pledge, give a gift, and set an example!! Please do not forget those matching gifts! Just give us the information from your employer and we will take it from there!

Basketball Free Throw Contest

The St. Louis Knights of Columbus is holding its annual Free-Throw competition for the youth of the parish and community on Sunday, **February 7th, from 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.** in the school gym. All boys and girls age 10-14 as of January 1, 2010 are eligible to compete. The winners of each age category will compete immediately afterwards at 3:15 p.m. in the District competition. Come out for what is sure to be a fun time. For more information, please contact John Sniezek at 410-312-7453.

Lost and Found News

Please remember to label all of your child's/children's belongings, including lunch containers. We will donate unclaimed lost and found items to a charity every two weeks. Items labeled with the student's name will be returned to their owner. Please contact Mrs. Musick at dmusick@stlouisparish.org with any questions.

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>

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.

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!

It's Academic News

Last Sunday, St. Louis School participated in an It's Academic Tournament at DeMatha High School. Traditionally, St. Louis is the only school from the Archdiocese of Baltimore that participates in this tournament -- all other schools come from the Archdiocese of Washington. This is a very competitive tournament, and our It's Academic Club is only able to send one team to the tournament. The following students represented St. Louis at the DeMatha Tournament last weekend:

Kayla Carrigan	Kevin Dragonette
Rocky Coble	Sam Kolodrubetz
Daniel Comberiate	Kyle Van Winter

The students were 2nd Runners Up in the Academic Challenge! We would like to congratulate these students for their hard academic work, and we would like to thank Mr. Buchta and Mrs. Osborne, our It's Academic moderators, for preparing the students.

Alumni News

Richard Blake, a 2006 alumnus of St. Louis School, has been asked to play with the NSO at the Kennedy Center. The concert will be February 5th at 6:00 p.m. Richard plays the bassoon. Congratulations, Richard!

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: being helpful to others; helping another student get a book off a high shelf; doing an extra art project for a student who was out sick so the student could continue with the bigger project when they

returned; helping with make-up work when a student was sick; washing boards; helping at the Open House; being helpful at the fire drill; showing maturity; and picking up papers that fell on the floor.

Riley Berge	Julia Miller	Evan Schneider
Daniel Blandford-Ordonio	Amy Nwaba	Hannah Shafer
Giuliana Del Buono	Katie Ryder	Charlie Wendel
Catherine Gervaise	Maddie Salkeld	
Bridgette Mady	Katherine Seitz	

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

Congratulations to Sydney (7B) and Jorge (5A) Dominguez who participated for the very first time in the 2010 March for Life at our nation's capital. We are very proud of them!

Areas That Need Improvement

None at this time

Sent Home Today

Math Tricks and Games Flyer (6th, 7th and 8th grade)
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Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, January 28th – Pizza, applesauce and a chocolate chip cookie
Tuesday, February 2nd - Parent Appreciation Day – free Pizza luncheon
Wednesday, February 3rd – Meatballs Marinara w/Pasta, bread and butter and a cinnamon cookie
Thursday, February 4th – Chick-fil-A Sandwich, potato chips and a fruit cup
Tuesday, February 9th – Chick-fil-A Nuggets, potato chips and a fruit cup

Reminders

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 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Monday, February 1 st	Puppet Theater (students from 5 th and 6 th grades) perform in Howard Bishop Rooms
Tuesday, February 2 nd	9:30 a.m. Catholic Schools Week Mass Open House and Pizza lunch for parents of currently enrolled students 10:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Concert Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grades 5 & 6 NO Band lessons during the school day

Wednesday, February 3 rd	Student Appreciation Day – Student Council sponsored Out of Uniform Day to Benefit Haiti (\$1)
Thursday, February 4 th	Spirit Day – All students wear St. Louis attire: Phys. Ed. Uniform, spirit wear, Mathathon shirt, Sports Club Shirt Service Day shirt, or a St. Louis basketball shirt.
Friday, February 5 th	12:45 p.m. DISMISSAL NO P.M. BUSES (Students bring a snack) Teacher Appreciation Day
Saturday, February 6 th	8.00-10.00 a.m. Saturday Detention It's Academic Tournament 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. @ Cardinal Gibbons High School Band Performances @ Kenilworth Mall – Concert Band performs at Noon; Symphonic Band performs at 12:30 p.m.

Please pray for those who are sick

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
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 students)
Members of the Menelas family (Briannah 8A) who lost their lives due to the recent earthquake in Haiti
Debbie Roth, a former tutor for some of our St. Louis students
Anna Wise, great-grandmother of Emma (8B), Carter (5A), and Maggie (2A) Williams

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
Justin Reid, uncle of Liam Herlihy (2B)

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