



## **Bulletin – February 3, 2010**

### **Golden Grace for February**

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

### **Calendar Challenges**

Please note a time correction on the February calendar: Homework club dismisses at 4:30 p.m. It's Academic will NOT meet on February 8<sup>th</sup>. A link to the February calendar is attached.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The weather forecast is calling for wintry precipitation beginning sometime Friday. As you know, we have a 12:45 p.m. dismissal on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> **WITH NO PM BUSES**. **In the event that Howard County Schools are delayed 2 hours, St. Louis School will be closed on that day. If Howard County Schools open one hour late, we will come to school that day until 12:45 p.m.** If school is closed, activities planned for Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, Teacher Appreciation Day, will be rescheduled.

**If snow begins to fall on Friday afternoon, we ask parents to pick up Aftercare children as soon as possible so that our staff members are able to travel home before road conditions become dangerous.**

### **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](http://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.

### **Hot Lunch Information**

For those families who chose to pay for the January through March hot lunch order in two payments, the second payment is now due. If you have a balance for your family's hot lunch order, you will be receiving a statement in the Wednesday folder. Please send your check to the school office. If you have any questions about your statement, please call Mrs. Hurst at 410-531-6664. Thank you.

We are unable to accept any new hot lunch orders for the January through March time period. Order forms for April through June will be sent out later this month.

### **Tuition Reminder**

This is a reminder that the January tuition payment was due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have not yet sent in your tuition payment, please do so immediately. Thank you.

### **Important Reminder**

St. Louis School will be closed on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, for Presidents' Day.

### **Catholic Schools Week**

We are most grateful to all who gave of their time to show their support for our school during Catholic Schools Week! What a wonderful time we have had so far! We began our celebration by speaking at all of the masses and sharing a CSW slide show. I'd like to thank Mr. Pellechia for the great job he did on the slide show. I would also like to thank all of the children who wore their uniform to mass in honor of Catholic Schools Week, as well as the families who volunteered to take up the gifts, and the families who assisted at the Ministry Table.

We welcomed 42 families to our school on Sunday afternoon for an Open House during which faculty, staff, students, school board members, and parents answered questions and conducted tours.

**On Monday** we celebrated with a puppet show performed by 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who are part of an after school program called Puppet Theatre. They wrote a play created puppets, and performed for our pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students. In the afternoon all children were treated to an ice cream sandwich treat.

**On Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** we began the day with our Catholic Schools Week mass and then welcomed our parents for Parent Appreciation Day. Parents visited classrooms and enjoyed a pizza lunch with their children. It is always great to have our parents visit the school. We would like to thank all of those who were able to attend and we hope that you enjoyed your visit.

**Today, Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** was Student Appreciation Day. The Student Council sponsored an Out of Uniform day to benefit our Haitian brothers and sisters in need. For \$1.00, students could wear their pajamas to "Wake up to the problem in Haiti." On this day we joined with other Catholic schools in the Baltimore Archdiocese who are also sponsoring a pajama-theme out of uniform day. This regional activity is being coordinated by St. Louis alumni, Maria LaVerghetta. In the afternoon two of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Lynn Walsh (8A) and Lauren Comeaux (8A) entertained the entire student body with choreographed jump rope routines. They also held a jump rope contest involving the students and teachers. A great time was had by all. We are extremely grateful to Lynn and Lauren for sharing their gifts with us. They are two very talented and impressive young ladies.

### **Band News**

St. Louis Concert Band and Symphonic Band will conclude Catholic Schools Week by performing at Kenilworth Mall in Towson on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Our Concert Band will perform at noon, and our Symphonic Band will perform at 12:30 p.m. Come support our talented musicians! Our It's Academic Team will cap off the week by participating in the Cardinal Gibbons tournament at 8:30 a.m on Saturday.

### Dedication and Service

During Catholic Schools Week we celebrated those faculty and staff who have reached milestone years of service in Catholic schools. This year we congratulated the following faculty and staff members for their hard work and dedication to the ministry of Catholic education: Mr. Steve Vazzana - 40 years, Mrs. Maribeth Riser - 20 years, Mr. Bob Buchta - 15 years, Mrs. Debbie Coble - 5 years, Mrs. Lynn Devroye - 5 years, Mrs. Anne Goudreau - 5 years, Mrs. Brenda Hossick - 5 years, and Mrs. Debbie Sullivan - 5 years. We would also like to thank all of our dedicated faculty and staff members for all of their hard work and dedication and for saying, "Yes," to the ministry of Catholic education.

### Catholic Schools Week Prayer Contest

We want to thank the many children who submitted prayer card entries. It was very difficult to select a winner because there were so many beautiful prayers and illustrations. Like last year we will publish a prayer card booklet. The winners of the St. Louis Prayer card contest are: Tatum Vicendese (KA), Grace Chirozzi (2B), Andrew Tiffey (4A), Connor Lawrence (5B), and Daniel Comberiate (8A). Congratulations to all our winners, and again, thank you to all who entered.

### Cub Scout/Boy Scout Uniforms on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Boy Scouts of America 100 year Anniversary

The Boy Scouts of America celebrate their 100 year anniversary on Monday, February 8, 2010. On this day 100 years ago, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1910, The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated in Washington, D.C. by William D. Boyce. Show the world and your school that you are proud to be a Scout and that you are a part of the Centennial celebration by wearing your Scout uniform to school.

### Howard County Animal Shelter

A group of fourth grade girls have planned an independent service project. They are collecting blankets, towels, and sheets for the Howard County Animal Shelter. If you are looking for an excuse to clean out your linen closet, please consider sending these items to school. Ms. Fries has graciously agreed to hold the items in her classroom. The deadline for donations is February 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gallagher at [ears Gallagher@verizon.net](mailto:ears Gallagher@verizon.net). Thank you!

### Memory Video Pictures for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

One of the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as a gift at the end of the year. Each 8<sup>th</sup> grade student will need three pictures for the video: **A baby picture, a picture of the student as a child, and a recent picture of the student.** The pictures for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Memory Video are **due by February 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### News from the GIFT CARD/SCRIP Program

Congratulations to the Kolb family, our top SCRIP purchasers for the month of January! Therese Kolb (1A), Maria Kolb (2B), Elizabeth Kolb (6B), and Joshua Kolb (8B) will receive a Pink Panther out of Uniform Pass. Don't forget your Sweetheart this Valentine's Day. Place your Gift Card/Scrip order by February 8<sup>th</sup> and your gift cards will arrive in time for the big day. Stop by and purchase your gifts cards in the school parking lot before school or after all weekend masses. Thanks for your support!

### **Banking Day**

This is a reminder that our next monthly Banking Day will be Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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!" Don't forget to bring the flyer sent home today. St. Louis School will receive 10% of all orders placed this day.** Restaurant nights at Chick-fil-A and Subway will be coming up soon.

### **Annual Fund News**

**We reached a great milestone this week with just over \$40K in donations!** This is fantastic news! We are getting close to the half-way mark, so please consider making a contribution now. If you are planning to contribute later in the year, please let us know by making a pledge so that we know we can count on your support. Remember we can accept payments in installments or on a credit card, just let us know if your family will want to take advantage of either of these options. **Let's make it to \$50,000.00!**

### **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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **St. Louis Golf Classic**

Please join us for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Louis Golf Classic at Waverly Woods on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. This important fundraiser has benefitted our school tremendously. Please see the attached flyer and join us!

### **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](mailto:dmusick@stlouisparish.org) with any questions.

### **Attention Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Is your child interested in participating in the Children's Liturgy on Easter Sunday? This liturgy, geared toward children, will be held at the 11:15 a.m. mass on Easter Sunday in the School Auditorium. Ushers, gift bearers, readers, program distributors, and choir members are needed. See the attachment to this

week's bulletin to sign up. If you have any questions contact Aileen Musselman at 410 984 7997 or [Musselman.as@pg.com](mailto:Musselman.as@pg.com).

### **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.

### **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 receive 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](mailto:ccraig@stlouisparish.org) Thank you!

### **Keystone State Games**

Sarah Rosso (5A) competed in the Keystone State Games figure ice skating competition on January, 29<sup>th</sup> and won a gold medal for her freestyle program! Congratulations, Sarah!

### **Cub Scouts News**

Aidan Zuniga, ( 3A) participated in his Cub Scout Pack 883's Pinewood Derby on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and won second place for speed in his Den. His car, decorated in patriotic USA colors, raced in the pack finals with a top speed of 217 miles per hour!

### **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: getting help for a student who was sick; returning a lost item to the teacher; cleaning up a big spill; helping in Kindergarten; showing great sportsmanship at lunchtime; being a good friend and helper; washing boards; helping at lunch; giving service when needed; helping an injured student down the steps during a fire drill; helping with Chorus party; working extra hard in the classroom; cleaning up in after-care; and stepping up to be a positive leader.

Alexandra Abrams

Maisie Birrane

Shannon Blee

Keira Bruce

Colleen Campbell

Griffin Connors

Patrick Cunningham

Giuliana Del Buono

Kayleigh Eckles

Adam Fairbanks

Emily Fitzsimmons

Christina Garvey

Michael Garvin

Jamie Gleeson

Tyler Gleeson

Delaney Gough

Robert Graham

Madison Griffin

Sofia Grimm

Jamie Haslam

Jessica Hoffman

Jessica Kelly

Jeff Kordenbrock

Gabrielle Lewis

Kai Lewis

Emi Moran

Andrew Morrison

Andrea Russell

Jack Sessler

Nina Sessler

Aubrie Ferraro Shiblee

Annie Smith

Timmy Sweeney

Ryan Tiffey

Kyle Van Winter

Emily Yang

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

**Areas That Need Improvement**

None at this time

**Sent Home Today**

Looney’s Pub Fundraiser Flyer

**Sent Home Electronically**

Talking about Touching flyer  
 Children’s Easter Liturgy Flyer  
 February Calendar with correction  
 St. Louis Golf Classic Flyer

**Upcoming School Lunches**

Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – Chick-fil-A sandwich, potato chips and a fruit cup  
 Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – Chick-fil-A nuggets, potato chips and a fruit cup  
 Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – Meatball sub, carrots/ranch dressing and a brownie  
 Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – Chick-fil-A sandwich, chips and a fruit cup

**Reminders**

Thursday, February 4 <sup>th</sup>	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. Beginner Band during school Special afternoon activities Grades 7 & 8 basketball game – Boys at 1:30 and Girls at 2:30 Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. (no lessons during school) Puppet Theater 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Friday, February 5 <sup>th</sup>	12:45 p.m. DISMISSAL NO P.M. BUSES (Students bring a snack) Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day
Saturday, February 6 <sup>th</sup>	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 @ Noon; Symphonic Band @ 12:30 p.m.
Monday, February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Chorus 3:45-4:45 p.m. It’s Academic 4:00-4:45 p.m. Art Club 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, February 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. Tuesday Mass Concert Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. Drama Club 3:50-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 10 <sup>th</sup>	FULL DAY NO P.M. BUSES Banking 8:45-9:05 a.m.

	Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. Yearbook 3:45-4:45 p.m. for grade 8 Fundraiser at Looney's Pub in Maple Lawn
Thursday, February 11 <sup>th</sup>	12.45 p.m. DISMISSAL A.M. & P.M. BUSES AVAILABLE St. Valentine's Day Activities-students may add red to their uniform Beginner & Symphonic Band lessons during school NO Afterschool Band NO Puppet Theater Professional Afternoon for Teachers
Friday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	SCHOOL CLOSED (Howard County Schools closed) Testing New Students (K-8)
Monday, February 15 <sup>th</sup>	SCHOOL CLOSED President's Day (Howard County Schools Closed)

**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  
Julie Faber, St. Louis Graduate and sister of Emma Faber (2A) who is having surgery on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tyler Kennelly, a friend of Mrs. Anne Sanagursky (Lunch Room Monitor)

**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](mailto:bhossick@stlouisparish.org).