



Bulletin – February 17, 2010

Golden Grace for February

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

Weather Delays and School Closings

Howard County has announced that the opening of school will be delayed 2 hours on Thursday and Friday of this week. Please note that the opening of Before Care is delayed the same amount of time (Before Care will begin at 9:30 a.m.) Please refer to the other associated changes in the email that I sent earlier today.

Catholic Schools Week

We would like to thank all of the students, parents, faculty, and staff of St. Louis School for helping to make Catholic Schools Week such a success! We are truly grateful! We are so proud of our students.

The seventh vs. eighth grade basketball games were so exciting and well-played, although the 8th grade students won the boys' and girls' games, all of the students were complimented for their outstanding sportsmanship.

The St. Louis Faculty and Staff would also like to thank Mrs. Kaschak and the Baking Committee for preparing a wonderful breakfast on Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day during Catholic Schools Week. We were overwhelmed by your kindness.

Sisters Change Lives

Don't forget to bring in your change to fill up our bucket for– **SISTERS CHANGE LIVES!!** Empty those piggybanks, check behind the cushions of the couch, ask dad to empty out his pockets!! Please send in your donations by Friday, February 19th.

Lent

We began our observance of Lent by distributing ashes to the students, faculty and staff. Each student received an Operation Rice Bowl container as a way to help children throughout the world. Please have your child/children fill the container. Students in grades PK-5 received purple books to use during Lent, and students in grades 6-8 received black books to use during Lent. The books are wonderful opportunities for your family to pray together. We will also have two school wide prayer services, and we will provide opportunities for the children to pray the Stations of the Cross with their class. Students in grades 2-8 will also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday, March 5th.

Testing for Incoming Students

Testing for incoming students has been rescheduled for Friday, February 26th. Kindergarten testing will take place from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at your originally scheduled time. Testing for students entering grades 1- 5 will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Students entering grades 6-8 will be tested from 9:30-11:00 a.m. If you have any questions about testing, please contact Mr. Pellechia at 410-531-6664.

St. Louis Summer Camp

Look for the St. Louis Summer Camp brochure which will be sent home soon. **Summer camp will be held from July 12th through August 13th.** The camp brochure will also be posted on the school website. New and exciting events are planned for campers this year!

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day parties will be rescheduled for Friday, February 19th from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Yearbook News

The yearbook staff is currently hard at work on this year's publication. Surveys for all students were sent home in January. This information is important for the individual pages of the Yearbook CD. Please be sure to return your child's completed survey and assist your child if necessary. All surveys will be reviewed, and only appropriate material will be entered. Also, if you are interested in sharing any great **school year photos**, we would certainly like to consider them for this year's publication. Please forward any photos to Mrs. Ruppert and be sure to include your student's name and homeroom so they may be returned. Digital photos may also be sent to Mrs. Ruppert's email. mruppert@stouisparish.org. Thank you for your assistance.

February Tuition Statements

February tuition statements are being sent home today in the Wednesday folders. Tuition payments are due by February 28th. 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 for the envelopes are reused each month. Thank you.

Looney's Pub Fundraiser

Looney's Pub Fundraiser has been postponed to Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010!! Erase the old date and put the new one in RED for a fun afternoon or night out!! A new flyer will be sent home next week!

Pretzel Sale

During Lent, the Student Council will be selling large hot pretzels instead of donuts. Tickets for the Hot Super Pretzels will be sold for \$1 in homerooms and the pretzels will be available at lunch on Friday, February 26th.

St. Louis Annual Italian Dinner News from Pat Sprankle

St. Louis Church CYM presents The 29th Annual Italian Dinner on Sunday, March 14, 2010 from 1:30-6:30 p.m. in the St. Louis School Auditorium. You may choose Spaghetti with homemade meatballs & sauce or lasagna, if you prefer. All meals include soda/coffee/tea, salad, garlic bread, and homemade desserts. Tickets cost \$9.00/adult, \$5.00/children (10 & under), \$12.00/Lasagna, \$15.00/Combo Spaghetti/Lasagna & \$35.00/Immediate family of 6. Proceeds from dinner support Youth Ministry activities. PEAK TIME IS 4:30-

6:00 p.m., SO AVOID THE DINNER RUSH BY COMING BEFORE 4:00 p.m.! Call (410) 531-6668 for more information!

St. Louis Golf Classic

Please join us for the 18th Annual St. Louis Golf Classic at Waverly Woods on Monday, May 24th. This important fundraiser has benefitted our school tremendously. Registration forms are available in the school office or may be downloaded from the St. Louis School website.

Attention Parents of Boy and Girl Scouts (all ages, all levels)

Your child is invited to attend the St. Louis Parish Children's Liturgy on Saturday, March 6th at 4:00 p.m. This is a special mass dedicated to our scouts. Scouts should wear their vests, uniforms, and sashes. Bring your troop or pack with you! Also, we are looking for children who are scouts who are in 2nd grade or higher to do the readings at mass. If you are interested in having your child read at mass, please email Aileen Musselman at musselman.as@pg.com.

Attention Parents of Seventh Grade Students

Calling all parents of seventh grade students! It is a St. Louis tradition for the parents of seventh grade students to plan and host the eighth grade graduation events. The seventh grade room parents act as coordinators for the various committees needed to successfully host these events. At this time, seventh grade parents are asked to save **May 30th** (luncheon for eighth grade students and faculty/staff) and/or **May 31st** (graduation and reception) on their calendars. Please also consider which of the following committees you would like to join to help with these events: **set up, clean up, decorating, food, publicity**. Information about signing up to assist with these events and to work on the committees will be forthcoming. Remember---when our children graduate, the seventh grade parents will be hosting for us! Thank you!

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.

Attention Parents of 2nd to 5th 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. An attachment was sent with the Wednesday bulletin of February 3rd for anyone interested in signing up. If you have any questions, contact Aileen Musselman at 410 984 7997 or Musselman.as@pg.com.

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 Thank you!

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: helping at Church with Catholic Schools Week Masses; sharing; cleaning up teacher's table after center activity, and being a kind friend to a Church buddy.

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| Celeste Goyena | Abby Munro |
| Mary Grace Goyena | Maria Rew |
| Robert Goyena | Alexandra Waldren |
| Madison Griffin | Ashley Yang |
| Victoria Griffin | Domenico Zuniga |
| Meghan Layug | |

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

Areas That Need Improvement

None at this time

Sent Home Today

- Operation Rice Bowl
- The Little Black Book (Grades 6-8)
- The Little Purple Book (Grades K-5)
- Tuition Statements

Sent Home Electronically

Nothing at this time

Upcoming School Lunches

- Thursday, February 18th – Pizza, pretzels and a cookie
- Tuesday, February 23rd – Chick-fil-A nuggets, chips and a fruit cup
- Wednesday, February 24th – Meatballs w/ pasta alfredo, cheesy bread and a cookie
- Thursday, February 25th - Pizza, applesauce and an ice cream sandwich

Reminders

Thursday, February 18 th	Beginner Band lessons during school Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Saturday, February 20 th	8.00-10.00 a.m. Saturday Detention
Monday, February 22 nd	Grade 8 trip to Holocaust Museum 3:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service in the Church 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 23 rd	9:30 a.m. Tuesday Mass Concert Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. Drama Club 3:50-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 24 th	Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. Yearbook 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Thursday, February 25 th	Beginner Band lessons during school Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. Puppet Theater 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Friday, February 26 th	Testing for incoming students Pretzel sale sponsored by Student Council \$1.00
Sunday, February 28 th	Family Bingo 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Gym

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 (2A) Faber
Tyler Kennelly, a friend of Mrs. Anne Sanagursky (Lunch Room Monitor)
Kelliann Penn, mother of Megan (7A) and Molly (Pre-K) Penn

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)
Relatives 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.