



Bulletin – February 24, 2010

Golden Grace for February

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

Golden Grace for March

Spend a few extra minutes with God each day.

Schedule Change

There will not be Primary Chorus on Monday, March 8th.

Late Arrivals

This is a reminder to parents that when your child is late for school, he/she must be signed in at the office upon arrival. Parents may not walk their children to class. If you would like someone to walk your child to class, you may ask in the office when your child is signed in and receives his/her tardy slip. Someone from the office will be happy to accompany your child to class.

Children Leaving School Early

We have noticed a significant number of children leaving school before dismissal time. If there is a good reason for your child to leave early, you must send in a note in the morning and you must come to the office to sign out your child. **Children should not leave school early without a good reason.** It is very disruptive to the teacher and the other children in the class. We ask that you please adhere to this rule. Thank you. (If we notice a pattern of your children leaving school early, we will call parents to discuss the need for the early dismissals.)

The policy for leaving school early will change for the 2010/2011 school year. Children who leave early will be entered into PowerSchool as leaving early (just as we must do for students who arrive late in the morning). These early departures will either be noted on the report card as leaving early or a note will be attached to the child's report card stating the number of times the student has left school early in that particular trimester. This policy has been approved by the Archdiocesan office.

Spelling Bee News

Our annual spelling bee for grades 1-3 was held today. The winners of the spelling bee are: John Fitzsimmons (1A), Garrett Miller (2B), Jessica Lansdale (3A), and Chris Vielandi (3A). Congratulations to our winners and to all of our students who participated in the contest. We are proud of you!! Thank you to Mrs. Musick who coordinated the spelling bee.

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.

From the Health Room

We have had several students diagnosed with Strep Throat. Most sore throats are not strep, but come from viral infections like cold or flu. Have your child checked for strep if their sore throat is severe, lasts longer than the usual 5-7 days of a cold or flu or isn't linked with an allergy or irritation. Other signs to call or visit a doctor include swollen lymph glands, trouble breathing, swallowing or opening your mouth, a rash, a high fever, blood in your phlegm, headache, nausea, or vomiting. These symptoms might signal more serious conditions. We are trying to prevent further spread of communicable illnesses, therefore it is necessary that you keep your children home if they have **ANY** of the following symptoms: **Fever over 100 degrees (Do NOT send your child back until he/she has been fever free for 24 hrs without the use of Tylenol or Ibuprofen), nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, rash, red, irritated eyes, or symptoms of a communicable disease. If your child has been diagnosed with an infection, they cannot return to school until they have been on antibiotics for at least 24 hours.** These guidelines will be strictly enforced and we will be following up on anyone who was sent home the day before. If your child exhibits any of the above symptoms or returns to school too soon after a contagious illness, fever, or vomiting, you will be notified to pick them up immediately. Thank you for your cooperation.

FAMILY BINGO

Get ready to play some B-I-N-G-O on Sunday, February 28th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Enjoy sloppy joes, snacks, family, friends, and plenty of BINGO! Come join the fun!

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.

Puppet Theater Grand Finale

Puppeteers will perform for their parents in the Art room on Thursday, February 25th. Refreshments will be served from 3:50-4:15 p.m. The show begins at 4:15 p.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. Puppeteers may take their puppets home after the performance!

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!

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 at mruppert@stouisparish.org. Thank you for your assistance.

February Tuition Statements

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

Looney's Pub Fundraiser

Looney's Pub Fundraiser has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010!! Erase the old date and put the new one on your calendar in RED for a fun afternoon or night out!!

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 \$1.00 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

The 18th Annual St. Louis Golf Classic, benefitting St. Louis School will be held on May 24, 2010 and we need your help!! There are many opportunities to volunteer, either on the day of the event, or beforehand. For information about volunteer/sponsorship opportunities, please contact Michael McGarvey at (410) 531-3996, and/or Fred Boos at (443) 325-1575. Parents of alumni – spread the word – let's get some alumni participation and start a new "reunion" tradition! Registration forms are available via our website, or in the school office. Register early!!!

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 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 **June 4th** (luncheon for eighth grade students and faculty/staff) and/or **June 5th** (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.

Marlatt Scholarship Fund

The Marlatt Scholarship Fund, Inc. are hosting The 2010 Shamrock Open benefit Golf Tournament on Friday, April 30, 2010. Colleen and Erin Marlatt were alumni of St. Louis School and were tragically killed in a tornado that struck the University of Maryland College Park. The scholarship has been set up in their memory. For registration information, please contact: Marlene Marlatt-Haslam marlatthaslam@verizon.net or 410-531-5118.

My Brother's Keeper Bingo

The 6th annual My Brother's Keeper Bags and Basket Bingo will be held on Sunday, March 7th, 2010 in the Mount St. Joseph's 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. The snow date will be March 28th. For ticket information, please call Kathy at 301-490-7918.

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!

Alumni News

The following St. Louis graduates are on the honor roll at Archbishop Spalding High School for the second quarter: Principal's Honor roll: Laura Goudreau and Zachary Garvin.

2nd Honors: Mark Balon, Brendan Born, Emily Chaundy, Thomas Cook, and Mary Kate Roth.

Another St. Louis graduate, Brian Shouse, who attends Reservoir High School, received a bronze medal on February 20, 2010 at a Debate Tournament hosted by Arundel High School. Brian competed in a Lincoln-Douglas debate on the Reservoir High School team.

We are very proud of all our graduates!

Scholarship News

Kevin Dragonette was accepted into the McMullen Scholars Program at Calvert Hall High School and he also received a St. John Baptist De La Salle Scholarship to Calvert Hall. Congratulations, Kevin!

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; wearing their uniform to Sunday Mass to represent Catholic School students; helping pick up items in the classroom without needing to be asked; showing leadership; and helping at lunch.

Colleen Campbell

Adam Fairbanks

Luke Musselman

Julia Chiacchierini

Mary Grace Goyena

Katie Ryder

Zach Chiacchierini

Liam Herlihy

Annabelle Salkeld

Grace Chirozzi

Grace Hilley

Caroline Stallings

Sydney Choo Quan

Caitlyn Johnson

Timmy Sweeney

Anthony Del Buono

Maria Kaschak

Reilly Vicendese

Giuliana Del Buono

Rachel Kaschak

Emily Yang

Andrew Diver

Bridget Keating

Diego Zuniga

Alyssa Drain

Sam Kolodrubetz

Austin Drain

Christopher Lawrence

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

Areas That Need Improvement

None at this time

Sent Home Today

March Calendar

Family Life Material, Book, Letter and supplemental materials

Sending home this week a flyer,

Sent Home Electronically

Boast Maryland Legislative Reception

Lenten concert featuring recording artist, David Kauffman

March Calendar

Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, February 25th - Pizza, applesauce and an ice cream sandwich

Tuesday, March 2nd – Chick-fil-A Nuggets, Potato Chips and a fruit cup

Wednesday, March 3rd – Steak-n-Cheese Sub, French fries and a brownie

Thursday, March 4th – Pizza, Pretzels and a Vanilla Ice Cream cup

Tuesday, March 9th – Chick-fil-A Sandwich, potato chips and a fruit cup

Wednesday, March 10th –Grilled Cheese sandwich, Carrots w/ ranch dressing and a Cherry Ice tube

Reminders

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
Monday, March 1 st	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, March 2 nd	9:30 a.m. Mass Concert Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. Drama Club 3:50-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 3 rd	Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. Yearbook 3:45-4:45 p.m. Fundraiser at Looney's Pub in Maple Lawn
Thursday, March 4 th	Beginner Band lessons during the school day Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Friday, March 5 th	2 nd Trimester ends 10:00 a.m. Reconciliation (Grades 2-8)
Saturday, March 6 th	8:00-10:00 a.m. Saturday Detention Boy and Girl Scout Mass 4:00 p.m. Concert & Symphonic Bands perform at Baltimore Blast Game It's Academic Tournament at Cardinal Gibbons High School 9:00 a.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
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
Diane Miller, friend of Mrs. Devroye (1st grade aide)
Alice Nelson, grandmother of Brian Hudson (6A)
Mary Kolb, mother of Therese (1A), Maria (2B), Elizabeth (6B), and Joshua (8B) Kolb

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
Gene Poletto, grandfather of our former students, Michael and Anthony Rankin
Edna Miller, Great Grandmother of Grant (KB) and Garrett (2B) Miller
Mrs. Mariam Rafeedie, great grandmother of Sienna (3A) and Aubrie (6A) Ferraro Shiblee

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.