



Bulletin – March 3, 2010

Golden Grace for March

Spend a few extra minutes with God each day.

Lobbying in Annapolis

Thank you to Emma Williams (8B), Rachel Kostelec (8A), Ms. Kemp, and Mrs. Purvis who represented our school today during the BOAST Maryland legislative reception. Our delegation joined other Catholic school students, parents, faculty, and staff members to meet with legislators and request their support for the BOAST Maryland Tax Credit. If enacted, BOAST will offer businesses a state income tax credit in exchange for their donations to programs that help increase scholarships for Catholic schools and other nonpublic school students, help provide grants to Catholic and other nonpublic school teachers for continuing education, and support enrichment programs for public school students. We are proud of the members of our delegation who advocated effectively on our behalf.

Looney's Pub Fundraiser

This is reminder that the Looney's Pub Fundraiser is taking place today, Wednesday, March 3rd! Come and support St. Louis School. Don't forget to bring the flyer sent home on Tuesday. St. Louis School will receive 10% of all orders placed from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Family Fun Magic Show

A Family Fun Magic Show will be held in the Social Hall on Sunday, March 7th at 2:00 p.m. The Knights of Columbus invite our Parish Family and St. Louis School to this hour-long event featuring Magician Dean Turner. Light refreshments will be served.

Primary Chorus

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

School Board Budget Presentation

On Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m., there will be a joint HSA/School Board Budget Meeting in the gym. Julie Wrenn of the school board finance committee will make a presentation of the 2010/2011 school budget. Please make every effort to attend.

Parents of 7th Grade Students

The 7th grade room moms kindly request your presence at a Graduation Events Planning meeting, immediately following the H.S.A. meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. This will offer you an opportunity to sign-up to volunteer at the upcoming graduation events this June. The 7th grade class is responsible for hosting the 8th grade luncheon on Friday, June 4, 2010 and the graduation reception on Saturday morning, June 5, 2010. Please mark your calendars now and be prepared to volunteer. Remember, next year our children will enjoy the events hosted by the 7th grade class. We are looking forward to seeing you at the H.S.A. meeting on Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. Please contact us with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

The 7th Grade Room Moms

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Uniform Exchange

Calling all uniforms! If you have any gently-used uniform items that you no longer need, please send them in to the school office as soon as possible. We would like to sort and label them to make them available on Tuesday, March 9th at the HSA meeting. Thanks for your help! You may contact Mrs. Lynne Layug at thelayugs@verizon.net if you have any questions about the Uniform Exchange.

Vision Screening

Vision Screening will be held on Friday, March 12th for 8th graders and all new students. If your child wears glasses, please make sure the glasses are brought to school.

Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering to help with the Vision Screening on March 12th in the morning or afternoon. We also need parents to escort students and help with recording data. Please call the Health Room at 410-531-7936 if you can assist.

Hot Lunch Make-up Days

Due to last month's blizzard, we missed three hot lunch days. The make-up days for these hot lunches are:

| Missed lunch date: | Lunch | Make-up date: |
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| Tuesday, February 9 th | Chick Fil-A Nuggets, chips, fruit | Tuesday, April 13 th |
| Wednesday, February 10 th | Meatball sub, carrots/ranch, brownie | Wednesday, April 14 th |
| Tuesday, February 16 th | Chick-Fil-A sandwich, chips, fruit | Thursday, April 15 th |

If your child ordered hot lunch on any of these days, you will receive an email reminder. Only those students who originally ordered lunch on these days will receive hot lunch on the make-up days.

Hot Lunch Order Form for April through June

The hot lunch order form for April through June is coming home electronically today. The order form will also be posted on the school web site. Please print out an order form for each of your children ordering lunch, and return the form along with a check payable to St. Louis School. Order forms and payment are due by, March 31st; this is a firm date. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY LUNCH ORDERS AFTER MARCH 31st!** Thank you for your understanding.

Tuition Statements

This is a reminder that February's tuition was due by February 28th. If you have not yet sent in your tuition for February, please do so immediately. Tuition statements for March will be sent home on March 17th. The payment due on March 31st is the last tuition payment for the 2009-2010 school year. **Your tuition balance must be paid in full by this date.**

Fund for St. Louis Update

We are over 1/2 way to our goal amount of \$100,000 for the year. Thanks to all those who have contributed thus far!! Did you know you can also have your company donate money as well? Thus far, company match programs have been underutilized by our school. Many companies will match donations that their employees make to non-profit groups. Please check with your employer to see whether they have a program. This could result in more money for our school and cost you nothing other than a few minutes to submit a form to your employer. We have received 3 matching gifts so far this year and have 3 or 4 pending, so please let's use this option to keep St. Louis strong! If you have any questions about this, please contact Lisa Lengel at 410-442-5824. Thanks, and let's keep up the good work!

Banking Day

Our next monthly Banking Day is Wednesday, March 10th. Banking takes place on the second Wednesday of every month from 8:45 –9:05 a.m. in Mrs. Osborne's office across from the school office.

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 a particular trimester. This policy has been approved by the Archdiocesan office.

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 his/her 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 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 hours 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, he/she cannot return to school until he/she has 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 up him/her immediately. Thank you for your cooperation.

Does your child want to participate in the Children's Liturgy at Easter?

This is your last week to sign up. Forms are due into school by Friday, March 5th. We are looking for children in grades 2 through 5 for roles in the dramatization, choir, ushers, program distributors, and gift bearers. For more information, see the signup sheet attached to today's bulletin or email Aileen Musselman at musselman.as@pg.com.

Yearbook News

A few yearbook surveys are still outstanding. If your child has not returned his/her survey, please send it in to Mrs. Ruppert as soon as possible. If you are interested in sharing any great **school year photos**, please forward them to Mrs. Ruppert as well. Please be sure to include your student's name and homeroom so that the photos may be returned. Digital photos may also be sent to Mrs. Ruppert's email at mruppert@stouisparish.org. Thank you for your assistance.

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.

St. Louis Annual Italian Dinner News from Pat Sprankle

St. Louis Church CYM presents the 29th Annual Italian Dinner on Sunday, March 14th, 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, 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!!!

Marlatt Scholarship Fund

The Marlatt Scholarship Fund, Inc. is 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.

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!

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.

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

St. Louis School graduate, Brian Shouse, representing Reservoir High School, won another bronze medal at the District debate tournament on February 27, 2010 in Westminster. This win qualifies Brian to compete at the State debate competition on March 20th at Calvert Hall.

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 Open House for Catholic Schools Week; wearing their uniform to Sunday Mass to represent Catholic School students; helping a friend clean up a messy glue spill; putting all the chairs down in the morning; tying another student's shoes; picking up items that had fallen; and doing excellent work in class.

Riley Berge

Paul Brill

Keira Bruce

Kevin Bruce
 Garrett Connors
 Giuliana Del Buono
 Julia Duffy
 Danielle Ghine
 Melina Grasso

DJ Hostutler
 Sean Hostutler
 Abby Munro
 Ellie Ortel
 Katie Ortel
 Bella Paliotta

Sophia Rosso
 Eric Schneider
 Evan Schneider
 Connie Stratigis
 Jordan Woo

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

Good Counsel High School Dance

All 8th graders, Class of 2010, are invited to an 8th grade only dance on Saturday, March 13th from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Good Counsel High School, 17301 Old Vic Blvd., Olney, MD 20832, sponsored by the Good Counsel Girls Lacrosse Team. The cost is \$8.00 per student. Proper attire is required. Any questions please E-mail Mr. Haight at mhaight@olgchs.org.

Areas That Need Improvement

None at this time

Sent Home Today

Stanford 10 Testing Parent Letter (Grades 3-8)

Sent Home Electronically

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 Easter Children’s Liturgy sign-up sheet
 Hot Lunch Order Form for April through June

Upcoming School Lunches

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
 Thursday, March 11th – Pizza, applesauce and a chocolate pudding cup

Reminders

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| Thursday, March 4 th | Beginner Band lessons during the 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 It’s Academic Tournament at Cardinal Gibbons High School 9:00 a.m. Boy and Girl Scout Mass 4:00 p.m. Concert & Symphonic Bands perform at Baltimore Blast Game |
| Monday, March 8 th | 3 rd Trimester Begins NO Primary Chorus Art Club 3:45-4:45 p.m. It’s Academic 4:00-4:45 p.m. |
| Tuesday, March 9 th | Mass 9:30 a.m. |

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| | <p>Concert Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. Drama Club 3:50-5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Budget Presentation to Parents-joint meeting of School Board & H.S.A. (Gym)</p> |
| Wednesday, March 10 th | <p>Banking 8:45-9:05 a.m. Lenten Prayer Service 3:00 p.m. in the church Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. Yearbook 3:45-4:45 p.m.</p> |
| Thursday, March 11 th | <p>Beginner Band Lessons during the day Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m.</p> |

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
Rita Johnson, great aunt of Meghan (3A) Layug
Richard McClelland, great uncle to Maria (KA) Rew

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
Edward Drozd, great, great uncle of Maria (KA) Rew

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, cousin 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, cousin of Liam Herlihy (2B)

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