



## **Bulletin – March 11, 2010**

### **Golden Grace for March**

Spend a few extra minutes with God each day.

### **Re-registration**

Re-registration forms for the 2010/2011 school year were sent home yesterday. Please complete the bottom portion of the form and **return it to the school office no later than Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Also, please sign and return the attached "Expectations for Admission to St. Louis School" form with your re-registration form.

### **St. Patrick's Day**

On Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, students may add green to their uniform in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. **May the luck of the Irish be with you and your family!**

### **HAS/School Board Budget Meeting and Tuition News**

The School Board recommended and Monsignor Luca approved the budget for the 2010/2011 school year. Tuesday evening Julie Wrenn and Sharon Esposito-Mayer of our school finance committee presented the 2010/2011 school budget to our parents. **The tuition rate for parishioners for the school year 2010/2011 with all fees included (except for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade fee) will be \$6,300. This represents an increase of \$330. The tuition rate for non-parishioners for the school year 2010/2011 with all fees included (except for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade fee) will be \$8,200. This represents an increase of \$440. The tuition rate for full day Pre-K (parishioners) will be \$6,300 and full day Pre-K (non-parishioners) will be \$8,200. The tuition for ½ day Pre-K (parishioners) will be \$4200 and ½ day Pre-K (non-parishioners) will be \$5,460.** I would like to thank Mrs. Esposito-Mayer, Mrs. Wrenn, Mrs. Hurst, and Mrs. Ewachiw for the time and effort they gave to this very important work. I would also like to express my gratitude to all of the school board members for their thoughtful deliberations, and thank Monsignor Lucca for his continuing, enthusiastic support of our school.

### **Tuition Assistance**

Today a letter concerning Tuition Assistance for the 2010/2011 school year and the Tuition Assistance Application are being sent home. If you think that you will need tuition assistance for the 2010/2011 school year, please **complete the application and return it with the required documentation by Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Standardized Testing Preparation**

Students in grades 3-8 will take the Stanford 10 and OLSAT standardized tests from March 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>. Parents are asked to avoid scheduling school-time appointments for their children on these days. Please see that the children are well-rested and eat a hearty breakfast.

### Accommodations for Standardized Testing

Standardized testing will be take place at St. Louis from March 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>. In order for a student to be tested under special accommodations, the Archdiocese of Baltimore requires that the following criteria be met:

A current IEP or 504 Plan, or: An assessment report from a psychologist, psychiatrist, neuropsychologist, or medical specialist within the last 3 years that indicates a diagnosed learning disability and/or medical disability. This report must include the names of the tests administered including subtests, a listing of all scores from the tests administered, an explanation of scores and how they impact the functioning of a student, recommendations, and suggestions for educational interventions. Recommendations for extended time, scribing, verbatim reading accommodations or oral response must be specified for testing. The report must state what accommodations are necessary for the student to be successful. Parents of students who meet these criteria will be receiving a letter over the next few weeks outlining the accommodations their child is eligible for during the standardized testing. If you do not receive a letter and feel that your child is eligible for some type of accommodation, please contact Maureen Osborne at [mosborne@stlouisparish.org](mailto:mosborne@stlouisparish.org) or 410-531-8479.

### Parent Access

Parent Access is disabled until after report cards are distributed on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Student Council News

#### Pretzel Sale/Out of uniform Day

Our next Lenten Student Council pretzel sale and out of uniform day will be Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Hot Super Pretzels will be sold for \$1.00. The money will be collected in homerooms and the students will pick up their pretzels at lunch on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**This is also a free out of uniform day.** Please follow the guidelines for appropriate and acceptable attire for non-uniform days. Students will be asked to call home for a change of clothes if the administration or faculty deems that the clothing is inappropriate. **Shorts are not permitted for this out of uniform.**

### News from the Gift Card/SCRIP Program

SPRING is in the air!!! Do you have some spring cleaning to do? Mulching? Plants and bushes that need replacing? Home improvements and a fix-it list? SCRIP has a gift card for every item on that "Honey-Do" list!! Please keep the SCRIP Gift Card program in mind when checking items off your list! We stock gift cards for Home Depot, Lowe's, Home Goods, JoAnn Fabric, Michaels, and Pen Boutique. Stop by and purchase your gift cards in the parking lot before school or after all weekend masses.

**We are bringing back the ICE CREAM treats!!!** If you purchase any SCRIP during the month of March, your child will receive an ice cream treat on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider using gift cards purchased through SCRIP for our March 24<sup>th</sup> St. Louis Fundraiser at Subway!

Congratulations to the Mayhew family, our top SCRIP purchasers for the month of February! Carley Mayhew (7B) will receive a Pink Panther Out of Uniform pass.

## **HELP WANTED!**

### **SCRIP PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!**

The Scrip program is looking for someone who would like to help with data entry and counting the cards once a week. We have one immediate opening, but are also looking to find replacements for three of our long time helpers who will be leaving at the end of the year when their children graduate. The time commitment would be about 2 hours once a week on Mondays or Wednesdays. We work in the teacher's lounge and entertainable younger children are welcome. You would work with at least one other person, so lots of training is available.

If you are interested, please call or email Meg Clarke 410-489-5718 [jmclarke@verizon.net](mailto:jmclarke@verizon.net) or Kim Williams's 410-772-0042 [kimswilliams@verizon.net](mailto:kimswilliams@verizon.net)

## **FUND FOR ST. LOUIS**

**Participation** is the KEY to our success! We are over the half way mark but need to keep reaching for our goal and need help from every one of you! How you can help:

**Online giving** – Use the *Donate Now* button on our webpage!

**Pledges, pledges, pledges!** No, we are not talking about joining a Greek letter organization, but pledging your support to the Fund for St. Louis! It is tax return time and we know folks are waiting for that spring cash flow increase, but please consider making a pledge NOW so that we know you are going to contribute. We do the tracking and the reminders....what could be easier?

**Matching gifts** – Check to see if your employer will match gifts to charitable organizations – most will. We will process the paperwork – we just need your permission!

Thank you all for your unending support!!!

## **Uniform Exchange**

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. You may contact Mrs. Lynne Layug at [thelayugs@verizon.net](mailto:thelayugs@verizon.net) if you have any questions about the Uniform Exchange.

## **Vision Screening**

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

## **Volunteers Needed**

Please consider volunteering to help with the Vision Screening on March 12<sup>th</sup> in the morning or afternoon. We 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:
Tuesday, February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Chick Fil-A Nuggets, chips, fruit	Tuesday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday, February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Meatball sub, carrots/ranch, brownie	Wednesday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Chick-Fil-A sandwich, chips, fruit	Thursday, April 15 <sup>th</sup>

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 was sent home electronically last week. The order form is also available 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 31<sup>st</sup>; this is a firm date. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY LUNCH ORDERS AFTER MARCH 31st!** Thank you for your understanding.

### March Banking Winner

Our Banking Winner for the month of March is Ellie Della Ratta (KA). Congratulations, Ellie!

### Congratulations to our Lady Knights!

Our girls' CYO team has had a great season thus far and is headed into the playoffs poised for more success! The girls' current record is 17-7, finishing first in the Archdiocese Lamb of God league, and second in the Archdiocese St. Mark's league. A special thanks to Mr. Columbia and Mrs. Tomasic for being such great coaches and leaders!

Come out this weekend and cheer the girls on to victory! They play Friday night at Mt. DeSales in the St. Mark's Tournament against St. John's (Westminster) at 7:45 p.m. and again on Saturday morning against St. Ursula's at Sacred Heart (Glyndon) at 9:00 a.m. **GO KNIGHTS!**

### Congratulations to our Boys Knights!

Our boys' CYO team has also had a great season! They played this weekend in the Mt. St. Joe' Sweet Sixteen Tournament and went 1-1, winning on Saturday against Immaculate Conception and losing in a hard-fought battle on Sunday to St. Pius. Please come out on Saturday afternoon at Towson Catholic as our boys start their play-off schedule against Resurrection at 2:15 p.m.!! **GO KNIGHTS!**

### Did you know that we have a Jazz Ensemble?

Well, we do – and they are awesome! Mrs. Weglein requested participation of some of our “jazzy-instrument-playing students” for this special ensemble consisting of students from five different Archdiocesan schools. Congratulations to **Brian Hudson, Philip Magaletta, Paul Mann and Emma Williams** who participated in this years' Jazz Band Concert at Monsignor Slade this past Sunday evening. They did a great job and should be commended for their hard work and dedication! Great job kids – thanks for being such great ambassadors!

### St. Louis Annual Italian Dinner News from Pat Sprankle

St. Louis Church CYM presents the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Dinner on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 at [marlatthaslam@verizon.net](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:dmusick@stlouisparish.org) with any questions.

### **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!

### **Good News**

Mrs. Jen Weglein, our band teacher, has shared some wonderful news with us. She and her husband are expecting a baby! Congratulations, to Mr. and Mrs. Weglein!

### **ALUMNI NEWS!**

**Adam Comeaux**, a 2008 St. Louis School graduate, received an Honorable Mention at the Mount Saint Joseph Science Fair last week. His project, called “Get Yourself into Gear” highlighted the most efficient bicycle gear combinations on flat and sloped terrain. What a great way to put that physics knowledge to work – congratulations, Adam!!

**Victoria Vidi**, one of our 2009 graduates and a freshman at Our Lady of Good Counsel, earned First Honors for the second quarter. Great job, Victoria – keep up the good work!

### **THANK YOU!**

**BINGO** – Thanks to all those families who came out for our latest Family Bingo night. It was a great crowd and we had plenty of desserts, thanks to your help. It was a fun evening! A special thank you to Mrs. Tomasic for coordinating this activity and to Mrs. Purvis and our student council for providing volunteers to work that night.

**LOONEY’S PUB** – Thanks to all of our families who braved the crowd at Looney’s Pub last week! Due to overbooking by Looney’s, there were two fundraising events going on at the same time which caused quite a wait for seating and food. Thank you all for your patience and for going with the flow. We picked up a check for \$500 for all of your efforts!!

### **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: providing extra help in the classroom; wearing the school uniform to Sunday Mass for Catholic Schools Week; picking up another child’s belongings without being asked; helping in chorus; following rules regularly; showing random acts of kindness; being helpful; cleaning up arts and crafts; helping another student who had a “stuck” jacket; taking care of a classmate who did not feel well; picking up keys that a teacher had dropped; sharing tissues with a classmate; helping a friend in church; and helping at the Catholic Schools Week Open House.

Logan Amoroso	Ryan Hoffman	Brenna O’Reilly
Emma Bentley	Russell Hong	Eleni Paraskevopoulos
Colleen Campbell	DJ Hostutler	Maria Rew
Sydney Choo Quan	Matthew Hostutler	Aidan Smith
Miela Cohen	Grace Kelley	Annie Smith
Griffin Connors	Alyssa Kelly	Connie Stratigis
Caroline Craig	Kylie Kennedy	Claudia Sweitzer
Giuliana Del Buono	Ryan Kerr	Andrew Tiffey
Amanda DeNicola	Charlotte Lang	Bridget Tiffey
Sarah Denison	Chris Lawrence	Victoria Uttenreither
Danielle Ghine	Gabrielle Lewis	Michael West
Sarah Hannan	Jamie Liggins	Robbie Windsor
Aaron Hepler	Loagen McMahon	Aidan Zuniga
Grace Hilley	Abby Munro	
Nellie Hines	Andrew Oliver	

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

Congratulations to Jordan (5A) and Christian (2B) Woo, who placed 3rd in the HCMTA (Howard County Music Teacher Association) Piano Ensemble Competition this past Sunday for their duet, The French Waltz by Eugenie Rocherolle. Great job boys – we are very proud of you!

### **Locks of Love**

Two of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, Caitlin and Lauren Gilbert, donated their hair to locks of Love. Their donation will be used to help someone in need of a wig. Thank you girls for your act of kindness!

### **It's Academic News**

St. Louis School's It's Academic team was well represented in the Cardinal Gibbons Middle School Academic Tournament held last Saturday. We were able to enter four teams, all of whom competed very well against schools from throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore. We would like to congratulate the following students for being wonderful representatives of St. Louis School in this tournament:

8<sup>th</sup> graders: Michael Bernetti, Kayla Carrigan, Rocky Coble, Daniel Comberiate, Scott DeJames, Kevin Dragonette, Sam Kolodrubetz and Kyle Van Winter.

7<sup>th</sup> graders: Sarah Eger, Tyler Gleeson, Tricia Goudreau, Helen Hines, HaeMee Lee, Andrew Morrison, JP Osborne and Brian Springmann.

6<sup>th</sup> graders: Rebecca Breiner, Brian Florenzo, Caroline Kelly, and Zach Schauerman.

### **Areas That Need Improvement**

Please check your daughter's skirt length. We are seeing skirts that definitely need hems to be lowered.

We have noticed that some of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders' red sweatshirts are looking rather ragged and in some cases inappropriate to be worn to school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **Sent Home Wednesday**

Stanford 10 Testing Parent Letter and Preview for Parents booklet (Grade 3 only)

Re-registration Forms and Expectations for Admission to St. Louis School

Tuition Assistance letter and Application

Subway Fundraiser flyer

Steppin'-Out Shoe flyer

St. Louis Spring Sports Club flyer (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders)

### **Sent Home Electronically**

Tuition assistance and Application form

### **Upcoming School Lunches**

Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – Chick-fil-A nuggets, honey bbq Chips, and a fruit cup

Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Meatballs w/ pasta alfredo, bread and butter, and a cookie

Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Pizza, white cheddar popcorn and an ice cream sandwich

### **Reminders**

Friday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Vision Screening for 8 <sup>th</sup> graders and all new students
Sunday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	CYM Italian Dinner 1:30-6:30 p.m.
Monday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Chorus 3:45-4:45 p.m. Art Club 3:45-4:45 p.m. It's Academic 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mass 9:30 a.m. Concert Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. Drama Club 3:50-5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Parish Penance Service

Wednesday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's Day-students may add green to uniform Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. Yearbook 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Thursday, March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Beginner Band lessons during the day Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. Archdiocesan Teacher Award Banquet
Friday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Distributed (Pre-K to 8 <sup>th</sup> ) Student Council Pretzel Sale \$1.00/Out of Uniform Day Free
Saturday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00-10:00 a.m. Saturday Detention
Sunday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	It's Academic Tournament at St. Louis School-2:00 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  
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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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  
Patti Gelak, mother of Mary Katherine (3A) and Thomas (6B) Gelak

**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 Poleto, 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  
Albert VanHuff, the uncle of Mrs. Colleen Craig

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