



Bulletin – March 19, 2010

Golden Grace for March

Spend a few extra minutes with God each day.

Important Notice Concerning Tuition

Tuition statements were sent home yesterday. Payment is due by March 31st. **This is the last tuition payment for the 2009-2010 school year. Your tuition balance must be paid in full by this date.**

The first tuition payment for the 2010-2011 school year will be due on April 30, 2010. Payments will not be accepted for the 2010-2011 school year until the current year is paid in full. Re-registration cannot be accepted for the 2010-2011 school year until the 2009/2010 tuition is paid in full.

For those families who have applied for tuition assistance, we would ask that you please pay the full monthly amount in April, and we will adjust your statement to show the corrected amount by the second payment, which is due in June. If you have any questions regarding your tuition, please call Mrs. Hurst in the school office at 410-531-6664.

Automatic Payment of Tuition

For the 2010-2011 school year, St. Louis School is once again offering parents the option of making automatic tuition payments or Annual Appeal donations from their checking or savings account. The first payment would be deducted from your account on April 30, 2010 and future payments would be deducted June 30, 2010 and then monthly beginning August 31, 2010 and ending March 31, 2011. If you are interested in signing up for this plan, please fill out the Authorization Agreement for Automatic Payment of Tuition form was sent home yesterday, and return the authorization to the school office along with a voided check or savings deposit ticket no later than April 16, 2010. **If you signed up for this service for the 2009-2010 school year and wish to continue it for the 2010-2011 school year, you still need to fill out and return this form, but you do not need to attach a voided check unless your information has changed.** There is no obligation to sign up for this program. It is entirely optional. If you decide to sign up for the plan, you will still receive a tuition statement each month showing your balance. You may record your volunteer hours on this form. We ask that you return your blue tuition envelope each month to be reused the following month. If you have any questions about this plan, please call Mrs. Hurst in the school office at 410-531-6664. Thank you.

Re-registration

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

Tuition Assistance

A letter concerning Tuition Assistance for the 2010/2011 school year and the Tuition Assistance Application were sent home last week. 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 12th**.

Standardized Testing Preparation

Students in grades 3-8 will take the Stanford 10 and OLSAT standardized tests from March 22nd through March 30th. 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. Also please see that your child is on time as, students may not enter class after testing has begun.

Accommodations for Standardized Testing

Standardized testing will take place at St. Louis from March 22nd through March 30th. 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.

Report Cards

Report Cards for the second trimester were distributed to students in grades K-8 today. Please sign and return the report card envelope to your child's homeroom teacher by Wednesday, March 31st.

Thank you for your Lenten Donations

Today was a true Lenten Friday. Students donated approximately \$600 to aide children all over the globe, through Operation Rice Bowl, who do not have enough to eat. Your children are amazing! We want to thank all of our children for their generosity.

Art to Remember

Art to Remember orders for grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 will go home on Monday, March 22nd. The children made some wonderful pieces in art class and interested parents may choose to have their student's art work reproduced on a variety of products. All orders and art work must be returned on or before Wednesday, March 31st. Delivery will be in time for Mother's Day! (In order for us to keep our delivery date, the magnets were not made. However, they may be purchased with an order form.) Checks should be made out to St. Louis School. Please direct all orders, art work and/or questions to Mrs. Ruppert. Enjoy!

Basketball Awards Ceremony

The annual 7th and 8th grade basketball awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Players should wear their team jersey. Pictures are being collected for the slide show.

All pictures should be sent to Mrs. Luisa Palting c/o C.J. Palting-7A) by Friday, March 19th. Coaches will be sending additional information shortly.

Basketball News

Congratulations to Sue Gallagher's 6th grade girls' basketball team who played in the St. Marks Tournament this past weekend. The 6th graders are: Amanda Gallagher, Shannon Blee, Sara Minnis, Emily Fitzsimmons, Marisa DeLuca, Maryellyn Musselman, Aubrie Ferraro Shiblee, Sofia Grimm, and Cecilia Craig. The girls gave a valiant effort, losing in the first round to Msgr. Slade in overtime. (A double-whammy as they also lost to them last year in overtime in the championship!) The girls recovered nicely and defeated Trinity by a large margin in the consolation game! Great job, girls!

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 19th.

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

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 jmjclarke@verizon.net or Kim Williams's 410-772-0042 kimswilliams@verizon.net

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 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 this week. 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 on March 3rd. 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 31st; this is a firm date. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY LUNCH ORDERS AFTER MARCH 31st!** Thank you for your understanding.

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!!!

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!

Summer Uniforms

The time for summer uniforms will soon be here. As the children have undoubtedly grown over the last few months, please check the length of the skorts and the shorts which should be no shorter than two inches above the knee. The summer uniform consists of khaki shorts (girls in grades 6-8 may wear khaki shorts or khaki skorts), white short sleeve polo shirt, white ankle/crew socks that are visible above the shoe, and regular school shoes. Athletic shoes may not be worn with the summer uniform. Belts must be worn by students in grades 1-8. **The summer uniform may be worn from April 1st through June and again from August through October 14th**. The khaki shorts and skorts must be purchased through Flynn & O'Hara.

The summer uniform is not mandatory; in lieu of the summer uniform, students are to wear their regular uniform. The physical education uniform may not be substituted for the summer uniform.

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.

Alumni News

Congratulations to Adam Comeaux, Kelly (Chris) Czyryca, Michael Monaghan, and Daniel Shawhan, who were recently inducted into the Mount Saint Joseph High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. Keep up the good work – we are proud of you!

Thank You

The faculty and staff would like to thank the HSA Baking Community for all the Birthday treats for the March birthdays. Your kindness is very much appreciated!

Google Contest

Congratulations on a job well done to all the students that submitted logo designs for the 2010 Google Contest. The following six students were chosen to represent St. Louis School in the Contest: Caitlin Gilbert (8A), Susan Blake (8B), Julia Miller (7B), Natalie Rocha (7A), Jamie Gleeson (6A) and Han Wagner (5A). The following students received Honorable Mention: Andi Way (7A), Jorge Dominguez (5A) and Caitlyn Johnson (4B). Great job, we are very proud of you!

Baby News

Congratulations to Erica (1B) and Claudia (3A) Sweitzer on the birth of their new baby brother William Joseph Sweitzer!

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: picking up a book from the Library area in classroom; tying another student's shoes; finding glasses and returning them to the owner; wearing their school uniform to Sunday Mass during Catholic Schools Week; helping at the Catholic Schools Week Open House; working hard; helping organize; being helpful; helping a Kindergartener; being kind; putting together and leading an amazing assembly; always being willing to help when asked; and doing extra work in the classroom.

Logan Amoroso	Hunter Jackson	Ellie Ortel
Riley Berge	Austin Jameson	Megan Reed
Katrina Bovello	Mary Kate Johnson	Emily Schittino
Rebecca Breiner	Paul Kaschak	Katherine Seitz
Lauren Comeaux	Ryan Kerr	Sienna Ferraro Shiblee
Anthony Del Buono	Rachel Kostelec	Jacob Skintges
Giuliana Del Buono	Sara Minnis	Caroline Stallings
Will Essl	Emi Moran	Patrick Sweeney
Danny Florenzo	Luke Musselman	Lynn Walsh
Sean Hostutler	Mary Oliver	

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

Areas That Need Improvement

None at this time

Sent Home Wednesday

March Tuition Statements

Automatic Payment of Tuition letter and form (Grades Pre-K through 7)

Upcoming School Lunches

Tuesday, March 23rd – Chick-fil-A sandwich, potato chips and a fruit cup

Wednesday, March 24th – Mini burgers, French fries and a lemonade ice tube

Thursday, March 25th – Pizza, pretzels and a cookie

Tuesday, March 30th – Chick-fil-A nuggets, potato chips and a fruit cup

Wednesday, March 31st – Hot dog, tater tots and vanilla ice cream cup

Reminders

Saturday, March 20 th	8:00-10:00 a.m. Saturday Detention
Sunday, March 21 st	It's Academic Tournament at St. Louis School-2:00 p.m.
Monday, March 22 nd	Stanford 10 Standardized Testing through March 30 th for students in grades 3 to 8 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 23 rd	Standardized Testing for grades 3 to 8 Mass (Grades K to 2 only) 9:30 a.m. Concert Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. Drama Club 3:50-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 24 th	Standardized Testing for grades 3 to 8 NO Homework Club Yearbook 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Thursday, March 25 th	Standardized Testing for grades 3 to 8 Concert Band – Make-up lesson 12:30 p.m. Beginner Band Lessons during the day Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Friday, March 26 th	Standardized Testing for grades 3 to 8
Sunday, March 28 th	Palm Sunday Seton Keough Band Festival Concert Band arrives 3:15 p.m. Symphonic Band arrives 4:15 p.m.
Monday, March 29 th	Standardized Testing for grades 3 to 8 Lenten Prayer Service (Church) 3:00 p.m. Primary Chorus 3:45-4:45 p.m. Art Club 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, March 30 th	Standardized Testing for grades 3 to 8 Mass 9:30 a.m. Concert Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. Drama Club 3:50-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31 st	NO Homework Club NO Yearbook

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
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
Patti Gelak, mother of Mary Katherine (3A) and Thomas (6B) Gelak
Steve Scott, brother-in-law of Mrs. Coble (middle school aide)

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 Shibley
Edward Drozd, great, great uncle of Maria (KA) Rew
Albert VanHuff, the uncle of Mrs. Colleen Craig
Frank Thompson, great-grandfather of Garrett Lash (1B)

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.