



## **Bulletin – March 24, 2010**

### **Golden Grace for March**

Spend a few extra minutes with God each day.

### **First Day of School**

The first day of school for the 2010/2011 school year will be Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, which will be a 12:45 dismissal. The first day for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten will be Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Last Day of School this year**

The last day of school for **this school year** will be Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> with an 11:30 dismissal.

### **Orientation Meetings for Parents of New Pre-K and Kindergarten Students**

**The Pre-kindergarten Parent Orientation Meeting will be Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Howard Bishop Rooms A & B.**

**The Kindergarten Parent Orientation meeting will be Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Parish Center.**

### **Standardized Testing Preparation**

Students in grades 3-8 are taking the Stanford 10 and OLSAT standardized tests 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. Also please see that your child is on time, as students may not enter class after testing has begun.

### **Easter break Schedule**

**St. Louis School will be closed for Easter break from Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. School will reopen on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Report Cards**

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

### **March Tuition**

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

### Important Notice Concerning Tuition

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 that was sent home last week, 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 due on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have not returned your form, please do so immediately. 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 two weeks ago. 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>.**

### Band Announcement

On Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, our Concert and Symphonic Bands will be performing at the annual festival held at Seton Keough High School. Each band is evaluated, and the concert is a positive experience for all of our band students. Concert Band students are to arrive by 3:15 p.m. , and Symphonic Band students are to arrive by 4:15 p.m. Bands will perform around 30 minutes after they arrive. Please come and support our bands. After the Symphonic Band performs, there will be a presentation of awards.

### Art to Remember

**Art to Remember was sent out for grades 1, 3, 5, and 7.** Students' envelopes are **due back on Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please make checks payable to Saint Louis School. Art work must be returned with orders; We would like to display the artwork for the Cultural Art Show. All orders will be mailed on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> to secure our delivery schedule. Orders will be back in time for Mother's Day! Direct any questions to Mrs. Ruppert, Thank you for your support!

### Third Annual Laps for Learning

Collect those pledges over Easter break! St. Louis School will hold its **Third Annual Laps for Learning Fun Run for grades K-8 on Friday, May 28, 2010** during Field Day (rain date, Wednesday, June 2, 2010). The Pre-K event will be held on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Sponsor Sheets are being sent home this week to collect pledges and donations from family and friends over the Easter holiday. All donations will directly benefit the school and are fully tax-deductible. If you need additional sponsor sheets, please stop by the office or download one from the website. Contact Mrs. Lynne Layug at [thelayugs@verizon.net](mailto:thelayugs@verizon.net) for more information.

### 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 should have received an email reminder yesterday. If you did not receive an e-mail reminder, please call the school office. Only those students who originally ordered lunch on these days will receive hot lunch on the make-up days.

### Basketball Awards Ceremony

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

### 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 3-8. **The summer uniform may be worn from April 1<sup>st</sup> through June and again from August through October 14<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

### Join Cub Scouts

Calling all boys entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2010! Parents, would your son like to make friends, have fun outdoors, play games and go camping? Would you like your son to be involved in activities that promote citizenship, character development and personal fitness, while he's having fun? If so, consider joining Cub Scout Pack 108, which has been sponsored by St. Louis Church since 1996. We're having a recruitment meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in the Howard Bishop Rooms at St. Louis School. Bring your son, and be prepared for fun! It would be great if both parents/guardians can attend. Siblings are welcome at the meeting as well.

Any questions please contact:

Carl Johnson, Cubmaster

[Pack108.webmaster@comcast.net](mailto:Pack108.webmaster@comcast.net)

410-245-8202

Sharon Miller, Committee Chairperson

[millersharon@verizon.net](mailto:millersharon@verizon.net)

410-997-3339

### St. Louis Golf Classic

**The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Louis Golf Classic**, benefitting St. Louis School, will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 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!

### It's Academic News

We would like to congratulate our It's Academic team for a wonderful showing in Sunday's competition hosted right here at St. Louis. Our team members competed against teams from Resurrection/St. Paul School and St. Mark's School in Hyattsville. We finished second in the competition. A special congratulations to the team of Rocky Coble, Daniel Comberiate, Sam Kolodrubetz and Brian Springmann who competed in the final round of the tournament.

### Commendations

#### N.U.T. or Peanut Cards

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 another student pack up at the end of the day; wearing school uniform to Sunday Mass for Catholic Schools Week; finding a teacher's glasses and returning them; being respectful; helping at the Catholic Schools Open House; helping to clean up the floor; and holding the door.

Maria Acaron

Kevin Bruce

Grace Campbell

Keira Bruce

Colleen Campbell

Sydney Choo Quan

Tristen DeVarona  
 Will Essl  
 Gabriel Ewachiw  
 Emma Faber

Michael Garvin  
 Drew Gibbons  
 Kayla Hamilton  
 Michael Kim

Christian Kirtland  
 Grant Miller  
 Annabelle Salkeld  
 Alex Waldren

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

**Areas That Need Improvement**

Spring fever has arrived and has caused a casual, sometimes disruptive, attitude in some of our middle school students and has compromised work habits. Please remind your children that the third trimester has just begun and that our expectations regarding behavior, school work, and uniforms remain in full effect.

**Sent Home Wednesday**

St. Louis 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Laps for Learning flyer  
 Camp St. Louis School flyer

**Sent Home Electronically**

Talking about Touching flyer (Grades K-3 only)  
 Camp St. Louis School flyer

**Upcoming School Lunches**

Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – Pizza, pretzels and a cookie  
 Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Chick-fil-A nuggets, potato chips and a fruit cup  
 Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Hot dog, tater tots and vanilla ice cream cup

**Reminders**

Thursday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Standardized Testing for grades 3 to 8
Sunday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday Seton Keough Band Festival Concert Band arrives 3:15 p.m. Symphonic Band arrives 4:15 p.m. 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Basketball Awards Ceremony @ 6:30 p.m.
Monday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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. Art to Remember Orders Due (Grades 1,3,5 & 7)
Wednesday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	NO Homework Club NO Yearbook March tuition due Signed Report Card Envelopes due

**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 (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 Kate (3A) and Tommy (6B) Gelak  
Steve Scott, brother-in-law of Mrs. Coble (middle school aide)  
Angie Secrest, family friend of Garrett (6A) and Griffin (6B) Connors  
Phil Kenney, friend of the Connors family

**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  
Albert VanHuff, the uncle of Mrs. Colleen Craig  
Frank Thompson, great-grandfather of Garrett Lash (1B)  
Richard Litwin, great uncle of Nicholas (7B), Sarah (5A) and Sophia (3B) Rosso

**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).**