



Bulletin – April 14, 2010

Golden Grace for April

If you have done something wrong, it is best to admit it; you will be respected for doing so.

Communication Welcome

Please know that the administration invites your questions and concerns. We welcome your phone calls, emails, and the opportunity to meet with you to discuss any topic that may be on your mind.

HSA Meeting and Appreciation Recap from Mrs. Weiss

Last evening was the final H.S.A. meeting of the school year, during which we thanked our parent volunteers, solicited input from parents concerning this year's fundraisers and ideas for fundraisers for next school year, and enjoyed each others company. On behalf of the entire school community I would like to thank Karin Lawrence, Aileen Musselman, and Coleen Hostutler for their hard work this year as officers of the Home School Association. The officers for the school year 2010/2011 are Aileen Musselman, President, Denise Garvin, Vice President, and Frances Bentley, Secretary. We are very grateful to these parents for volunteering their time to give leadership to the Home School Association. My comments to the parents last evening are below.

- Standardized testing went well and we look forward to receiving the results at the end of the school year. If we receive them in time we will send them home before the students leave for the summer. At the beginning of the school year we will have a meeting and Mr. Pellechia will discuss the test results.
- We have invited Mr. Wayne Heple, a youth minister for St. William of York, to come and speak to our middle school students about Technology and Safety; specifically as it relates to email, cell phones, and social networking sites (facebook). The date is Wednesday, April 28th. Mr. Heple will also address our parents that evening from 7:00 – 8:30 in the gym on the same topics. He comes very highly recommended by Pat Sprankle.
- We are now an official WeatherBug School thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Dawn Cooke and the manual labor of Mr. Buchta and Mr. Brotzman who installed the WeatherBug Tracking Station over Easter break. This tracking station will be able to provide weather data for the meteorological team at ABC-TV-2 to broadcast online and on the air. The Tracking Station will be used to enhance our education through technology to augment math, science, and geography lessons in our classrooms. Please look for us on Channel 2!

- We are purchasing a 42" plasma flat screen TV with the Amazon money that we earned due to our parents who purchased items from Amazon through our web site. This TV will be mounted in the next few weeks, in the hallway outside of the school office and we hope to share with our students and families: A Slide Show, Upcoming Events, Birthdays of the week, and Lunches for the Week just to name a few. We are very excited about this new purchase.
- We have a parent who is making a generous donation so that we may purchase 4 more document cameras and projectors, and another interactive white board. These items will be purchased and installed over the summer.
- We are very proud to say that our very own Mrs. Donna Tiffey, our middle school resource teacher, is one of the finalists in Columbia, Maryland, for Let's Dish Teacher of the Year. We sent a Constant Contact email out to all families this week so we would ask that everyone go to the link and vote for Mrs. Tiffey.

Class Pictures Taken Tomorrow

Class pictures, for grades Pre-k through 8, will be taken on Thursday, April 15th. Order Envelopes are being sent home today. Please complete a separate envelope and enclose payment for each student. **Please remember that all students must wear their winter uniform, even those students who have P.E.** Students who have gym on Thursday may wear their sneakers with their winter uniform.

Bulletin News Items

Please send any information you would like to have included in the Wednesday bulletin to Mrs. Hossick at bhossick@st.louisparish.org in the school office by Monday at 12:00 p.m. Anything received after that time will be included in the following week's Wednesday bulletin. Thank you.

Important Notice Concerning Tuition

The last tuition payment for the 2009-2010 school year was due on March 31st. The first tuition payment for the 2010-2011 school year is due on April 30, 2010. Tuition statements for April are being sent home today. If you still have an outstanding balance for the 2009-2010 school year, there will be a statement showing your outstanding balance included with your April statement. Payments will not be accepted for the 2010-2011 school year until the current year 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 by June 30th. If you have any questions regarding your tuition, please call Mrs. Hurst in the school office at 410-531-6664.

Automatic Payment of Tuition

This is a reminder that if you plan to sign up for Automatic Payment of Tuition for the 2010-2011 school year, your completed Authorization Agreement for Automatic Payment of Tuition form must be returned by this Friday, April 16, 2010. If you have any questions about this plan, please call Mrs. Hurst in the school office at 410-531-6664. Thank you.

Science Fair Reminder

We are looking forward to our Science Fair this year showcasing the efforts and talents of students in grades 4, 6, and 8. The Science Fair will be held on Tuesday, April 20th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the gym. We look forward to seeing you there.

Chick-fil-A Fundraiser

On **Thursday, April 15th** we will be holding another **Chick-fil-A** family fundraiser, all day and evening at the Maple Lawn location. We had a great night in the fall, and we are hoping for a repeat performance! Flyers are going home today. Thank you to all who participated in our **Subway** fundraiser, for which we earned \$100! Thanks to you, and thanks to Subway!!

Representation Band

The Instrumental Music Program of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will present its 30th Annual Representation Band at Notre Dame Preparatory School on Friday, April 16th at 7:45 p.m. Several students from St. Louis will represent our school in this performance. The students participating are: Clark Brill – trombone, Morgan Carroll – tuba, Dan Comberiate – trumpet, Will Derenge – trombone, Kevin Dragonette – percussion, Caitlin Gilbert – clarinet, Tricia Goudreau – tuba, Jessica King – clarinet, Andrew Morrison – percussion, Katy Nardolillo – trumpet, and Megan Penn – baritone. Please come enjoy a nice evening of music and support our students.

Banking Day

Our next monthly Banking Day is Wednesday, April 21st. 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. Account holders are encouraged to bring in a deposit.

Spirit Wear

Effective immediately students may wear Spirit Wear sweatshirts as part of their gym uniform. The sweat shirt with the knight that students have been wearing (sold by Flynn and O'Hara) may also be worn. Since we are selling the sweatshirts as Spirit Wear we wanted to give the students the opportunity to wear them on more occasions.

Red Polo Shirt for 8th Graders

As the warmer weather is upon us, we have decided to offer a red St. Louis polo shirt as another option for our 8th graders. **The red sweatshirt may still be worn if it is not ripped or torn.**

Save the Date!

Our annual Grandparent's Day Celebration will be held on Friday, May 14th to coincide with our May Procession. It will be a wonderfully hectic day and we will need many, many volunteers to serve as hostesses, tour guides, table-setters, and all-around wonderful representatives of St. Louis School. More details and registration forms will be sent home soon. **In the meantime, put the date on your calendar and tell your parents that we are looking forward to seeing them!**

Spring Concert 2010

St Louis Church Concert Series Presents the Spring Concert 2010. The concert is featuring Ms. Kate Douglass, Mr. Neil Ewachiw and our band teacher Mrs. Weglein. The concert will be held at St. Louis church on Sunday, April 25th at 4:00 p.m. Come and support our church!

Pampered Chef Band Fundraiser

A Pampered Chef catalog is coming home today, which will kick off a fundraiser for our Band Program. Mrs. Weglein will put all money raised toward the purchase of new instruments that the school will own, as well as toward band awards for some of our students. The fundraiser will run from today until Tuesday, April 27, 2010. Thanks to Mrs. Tammy Loiselle, a Director and Trainer with The Pampered Chef, who approached us with the idea. While she has no direct contact with our school "family", she is giving us 25% of all sales as her way of giving back to the community!!

First Day of School

The first day of school for the 2010/2011 school year will be **Wednesday, August 25th** with a 12:45 p.m. dismissal. **The first day for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten** will be **Wednesday, September 1st**.

Last Day of School This Year

The last day of school this **school year for grades 1-7** will be Friday, June 11th with an 11:30 a.m. dismissal. The last day for Pre-K is May 27th; the last day for Kindergarten is June 2nd.

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

The Pre-kindergarten Parent Orientation meeting will be Monday, August 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in Howard Bishop Rooms A & B. The Kindergarten Parent Orientation meeting will be Tuesday, August 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Parish Center.

Service Day

Please mark your calendars for our next Student Council sponsored Service Day which will be held on Saturday, April 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. As always, we need many volunteers (students in grades 5-8 and adults) to clean yards or to do small chores for those who are unable. In addition, we need drivers to transport the students to the various locations. Please be aware that anyone high school age and older must be STAND certified to participate. Permission slips were sent home with 5th through 8th graders before Easter. Hope to see you Saturday, April 24th!!

Fund for St. Louis School

We are heading down the home stretch for this year's campaign and are doing well -- but not there yet!! We have been able to pick up several matching gifts in the last few weeks, and we thank you for that! Any money collected over the budgeted \$75,000.00 will all go toward purchasing items on our teachers' wish lists. These dollars *directly* impact the classrooms of our children, so PLEASE consider a \$50.00 donation to help get us to our goal!

Third Annual Laps for Learning

Keep collecting those pledges! St. Louis School will hold its **Third Annual Laps for Learning Fun Run for K-8 on Friday, May 28, 2010, and our Pre-K event will be held on Monday, May 24th**. Sponsor Sheets were sent home before Easter to collect pledges and donations from family and friends. 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 for more information. Don't forget our online option!! You can donate through Google Checkout, or register a pledge online and send a check! Spread the word to family and friends! <http://www.stlouisparish.org/school/lapsforlearning>

Lunch Form e-mail News

To all the parents whom ordered hot lunches for their child/children, an e-mail was sent out today to see the orders you have made for the rest of the year.

Hot Lunch Make-up Days

The final hot lunch make-up from February's blizzard is:

Missed lunch date:	Lunch	Make-up date:
Tuesday, February 16 th	Chick-Fil-A sandwich, chips, fruit	Thursday, April 15 th

If your child ordered hot lunch on any this day, you should have received an email reminder. If you did not receive an e-mail reminder, please call the school office. **Only those students who originally ordered lunch on this day will receive hot lunch on the make-up day.**

Giant Art News

St. Louis school has a display window at the River Hill Giant! First grade animals have now moved in! Please check out the following students' artwork next time you are shopping!

(1A) Mary Grace Goyena, Ericka Happy, Therese Kolb, Victoria Newsome, Anastasia Paraskevopoulos
(1B) Danielle Ghine, Brenna O'Reilly, Ethan Oro, Erica Sweitzer and Donovan Tepe

Art Club News

A big thank you to Jill McCarthy, Megan Penn, Natalie Rocha, Kathleen Stafford, Soma Umeozulu and Andi Way. The girls came in over break to use their collective talents to create the back drop, stage sets and props for the drama play. Great job, team!

St. Louis Golf Classic

18th Annual Golf Tournament – We are looking for DADS!! We would like to recruit a "Class Captain" for each grade that would encourage participation within that grade and try to put a few foursomes together for this fun and important event. (We promise – it is nothing more than that!) So often we

find that people don't participate because they don't know anyone well enough – and this is exactly what we are trying to rectify. So – if you are interested – or interested in "volunteering" your significant other to help out, please contact **Colleen Craig** at ccraig@stlouisparish.org or **Mike McGarvey** at mike@columbiavalve.com.

St. Louis Summer Camp

Summer camp will be held from July 12th through August 13th. The camp Information flyer and registration form are posted on the school website. New and exciting events are planned for campers this year!

Join Cub Scouts

Calling all boys entering 1st through 5th 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 16th 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

410-245-8202

Sharon Miller, Committee Chairperson

millersharon@verizon.net

410-997-3339

Community News

The **Howard County Autism Society** will be holding its Fifth Annual Pieces of the Puzzle Gala-An Evening of Celebration of the Arts on Saturday, April 24, 2010, 7:00 p.m. to Midnight, at the Turf Valley Resort. Come with friends for dinner, dancing, open bar, live and silent auction . . . a wonderful evening to help an organization whose mission is to serve individuals and their families living with autism in our county. Tickets are \$100 per guest. For more information, please email Jeanni.Hines@howard-autism.org or Call 410-290-3466

Sent Home Wednesday

The Pampered Chef catalog, order form, and letter

Chick-fil-A fundraiser flyer

April Tuition Statement

Class Group Pictures Envelopes

8th Grade red Polos flyers

Atholton Swim Club flyer (These classes are not endorsed by St. Louis School or Parish. We are only providing the information as a courtesy to SLS parents.)

Sent Home Electronically

Grandparents' Day informational flyer and Grandparents' Day Response Form

Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, April 15th – Chick-fil-A sandwich, chips and a fruit cup (**make-up from February 16th**)

Tuesday, April 20th – Chick-fil-A Nuggets, barbecue chips and a fruit cup

Wednesday, April 21st – Hot Dog, waffle fries and apple dippers

Thursday, April 22nd – Pizza, cheddar popcorn and a cookie

Tuesday, April 27th – Chick-fil-A sandwich, chips and a fruit cup

Wednesday, April 28th – Mini burgers, potato tots and lemonade ice

Thursday, April 29th – Pizza, applesauce and Vanilla ice cream cup

Reminders

Thursday, April 15 th	Class Pictures Chick-fil-A Fundraiser(all day and evening) John Hopkins Road location Beginner Band lessons during the day Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Friday, April 16 th	Sports Club 4:00-5:30 p.m. grades 5 & 6
Saturday, April 17 th	Saturday Detention 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Monday, April 19 th	Scrip Ice Cream Treat NO Art Club Primary Chorus 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, April 20 th	School Mass 9:30 a.m. Concert Band during school – NO after school rehearsal Spanish Club 3:45-5:00 p.m. grade 3 Drama Club 3:50-5:00 p.m. for lead roles only Science Fair 6:30-7:30 p.m. Gym
Wednesday, April 21 st	Administrative Professionals Day Banking 8:45-9:05 a.m. Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. Yearbook 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Thursday, April 22 nd	A.M. & P.M. Buses Available (Schedule change for Howard County – in session as a snow make-up day) Beginner Band Lessons during the day Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Friday, April 23 rd	Sports Club 4:00-5:30 p.m. grades 5 & 6
Saturday, April 24 th	Saturday Detention 8:00-10:00 a.m. Service Day 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 25 th	School Bake Sale after Masses

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 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
Mary Pane, great- grandmother of Claudia (3A) and Erica (1B) Sweitzer
Lauren Pettit, friend of the Hossick family
Sister Marie Marguerite Murphy, friend of Sr. Lois
Marie Hakala, friend of the Bell family
Mike Kuffel, friend of the Shouse family
George `Chip' Rogers, grandfather of Ryan (2A) and Jessica (KB) Hoffman
Don Mitchell, uncle of Kyla Mitchell (5A)
Mrs. Fruscello's nephew who is in the hospital

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
Zinaida Gaidule, great grandmother of Danielle Ghine (1B)
Clark W. Brill, Sr., grandfather of Ali, Clark (7A) and Paul (KA) Brill

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 Madden (8A)

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.