



Bulletin – April 28, 2010

Golden Grace for April

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

Out of Uniform & Donuts Tomorrow

Student Council will be sponsoring their last out-of-uniform and donut day tomorrow, Thursday, April 29th. The theme for this day will be 'SUPER-HEROES.' The monies collected will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital which does a great amount of work with children who have cancer. We are asking our students to be super-heroes to these young children. Students are encouraged to come dressed in super-hero costumes or add capes or wings to their uniform. No masks, dyed hair or make-up is permitted. Shorts are permitted as long as they are an appropriate length. We would ask students to follow the guidelines for appropriate and acceptable attire for non-uniform days. They will be asked to call home for a change of clothes if the administration or faculty deems the clothing inappropriate. The cost for coming out-of-uniform is 50 cents and donuts will be sold for 50 cents – money will be collected during homeroom period. Any additional donations will be added to the collection being sent to St. Jude's.

Cultural Arts

Tuesday, May 4th, is the Cultural Arts Show. All students in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, Middle School Chorus, and Primary Chorus are involved in this show. The show begins at 6:30 p.m., and student performers should arrive at 6:00 p.m. We are very excited for you to see the show.

Tuition Statements

The first tuition statement for the 2010-2011 school year was sent home on April 14th. The first payment is due by Friday, April 30th. This tuition payment is non-refundable and holds your child's place for the 2010-2011 school year. Please be sure that all tuition obligations for the 2009-2010 school year have been fulfilled. Tuition payments will first be applied to the 2009-2010 balance. If you have any questions regarding your tuition, please call Mrs. Hurst in the school office.

Gifts of Gratitude is Coming

The end of the school year is quickly approaching.....but never fear, the Gifts of Gratitude program is here! For those of you who are unfamiliar with the program, the Gifts of Gratitude is designed to provide one option for showing appreciation to the many wonderful faculty and staff members who make up our school community. LOOK FOR DETAILS AND FORMS IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN!

Uniform Exchange

Our uniform recycling service will be available at Cultural Arts Night on Tuesday, May 4th! We will set up our entire inventory in the second grade classroom. Bring your shopping bags and take items you may need for next year! Please note you do not have to give to receive and that this is a *free service*. We are

trying to reduce inventory prior to Carnival Day which is the last shopping day of the year! If you have clean, undamaged items to recycle you may send them into the office at any time, marked for Uniform Exchange. Please do not turn in shoes as we are unable to recycle them. If you still need service hours, just show up a few minutes early to the meeting and help sort the uniforms. We will also need help loading up uniforms after the meeting. Any questions about Uniform Exchange may be directed to Mrs. Lynne Layug at thelayugs@verizon.net.

Accreditation

Please see the attached letter from Dr. Valenti concerning accreditation.

Parents of 7th Grade Students

Parents of 7th grade students, we are still in need of volunteers to help set-up or serve/clean up on 8th grade graduation day, Saturday, June 5th in the gym. Thank you to those who have already signed up. Both shifts are still open – 8:00 a.m – 11:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please contact one of the following room moms as soon as possible to let them know you can help. Remember, next year the 7th grade parents will do this for us.

Thank you,

7th grade room moms:

Vasilia Vidi -301-854-9085 or vasilia@juno.com - 7A

Betsy Eger- 410-531- 3991 or bceger@kpmg.com - 7A

Joan Grasso -410-531-1633 or grassofam@aol.com - 7B

Debbie Sweeney- 410-730-1040 or debbiesweeney1@verizon.net - 7B

Attention Eighth Grade Parents

The Graduation Committee is looking to provide a bit of nostalgia to the luncheon/reception this year. If you have photos of your child with friends at various sporting events or ceremonies through the years, we'd like to have them. Please indicate the names of the children in the photo and your name and child's class so that photos can be returned. If you would prefer not to forward the originals, color copies of the picture are acceptable. Please forward photos to Joan Grasso (can be sent via children: Melina (7B) or Juliana (3B)). All photos/copies should be submitted prior to May 21st. Any questions, please contact Joan at grassofam@aol.com (note Graduation Photos in subject line).

Drama Club Performances

Our 7th and 8th grade Drama Club would like to invite everyone to “Mirror Image,” this year’s presentation. This really enchanted musical has familiar fairy tale characters who find a “portal” to a “real” high school. Watch princesses become their own heroes and high school students discover the meaning of real friendships. Our dinner theater presentation is on Friday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m.; the Saturday matinee begins at 2:00 p.m. on May 22nd.

Pictures for the Yearbook

Do you have great pictures of the school year? Field trips, class parties, special activities... Now is the time to share with the yearbook staff. Please forward photos or digital copies to Mr. Buchta or Mrs. Ruppert. You may see them again in the yearbook or end of the year PowerPoint presentation!

Yearbook Orders

Yearbook orders are being taken for the 2009-2010 school year! Forms were sent home today and are also available as an attachment. It is important to place your order on or before May 21st to ensure a book for your family. The Yearbook is a soft-bound, full-color publication. A CD is also available with additional pictures linked to each grade, and every student can access his/her own personal page. What a wonderful way to remember a great school year!

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.

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. Order forms were sent home two weeks ago. If you need additional order forms, they will be available in the school office.**

Spring Book Fair is Coming

Our Spring Book Fair begins Monday, May 10th and runs through Friday, May 14th in the Library. Grandparent's Day is on Friday, May 14th, and grandparents will be able to visit the Book Fair with their grandchildren during the morning and after the 12:00 p.m. dismissal. We will need volunteers to set up, to take down, and to be cashiers during the book fair. Any help will be appreciated, and this is a fun way to earn school volunteer hours!! Please contact Mrs. Ryder, our librarian, at jryder@stlouisparish.org if you can assist. Thank you!!

Sunshine Box Lunch Campaign

In celebration of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, Illuminations and the Child Abuse Prevention Programs of Catholic Charities will be holding the 6th Annual Sunshine Box Lunch Campaign in collaboration with Baltimore area Honey Baked Ham stores. Purchase Sunshine Box Lunches for a group of 10 or more and get free delivery during the week of **April 26th – 30th**. Box lunches are \$10.00 each. Individuals can also participate by making a donation at one of six participating stores during the entire month of April. Proceeds will benefit the Illuminations program of St. Vincent's Center, a Catholic Charities' program dedicated to preventing and mitigating the negative impact of child abuse on children, families, and communities. Visit a local Honey Baked Ham store (Timonium, Perry Hall, Severna Park, Catonsville, Bel Air, Columbia), go to www.childsafeeducation.org/Sunshine.pdf, or call 410-252-4000 ext. 1602 for more information.

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 for the 2009/2010 School 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.

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>

St. Louis Golf Classic

Where are all of our golfers?? Our golf committee has been working hard on this great event to benefit our technology program! We have wonderful and generous sponsors...**three hole-in-one prizes**....including a **Rolex, a 2010 Chevrolet Malibu, and a Residential solar installation** for those environmentally conscious folks out there! **Check your calendars, call your friends and fill out those registration forms!** For more information contact Mike McGarvey at mike@columbiavalve.com.

Appeal for St. Louis School

We are over the \$60K mark! Thank you to all who have participated! We still have a long way to go but, there is no tuition check due in May so it is a great time to give. We have gotten several of the company matching gifts that families have submitted and that has helped out tremendously!

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!

Spring Fling Dance

The **St. Louis Knights of Columbus** is hosting a **Spring Fling Dance** on Saturday May 1st from 6:30 p.m. to Midnight, and would like to invite all parents to attend. Tickets are \$30.00 and include dinner (chicken, ham, etc), beer, wine, setups, and live music by "Phat City of Baltimore!"

Catholic Daughters Cookbook

The Catholic Daughters Cookbook is now available! The cookbook contains 250 tried and true recipes, some from our teachers and staff, and lots of hints and tips with a special blessing from Msgr. Luca. The cookbooks are \$15 each and will be sold after the Masses the next few weekends! What a great Mother's Day gift!

Catholic Daughters Bingo

The **Catholic Daughters** will hold their 4th Annual **Vera Bradley Basket Bingo** on Friday, May 21st in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. There will be 20 games, 3 specials, raffles, door prizes, food, fun...and all of those cute Vera Bradley bags and accessories! Please come out and

support these great ladies who do so much to support our school! Children over the age of 10 are welcome, too! Tickets are available after Masses on May 8th & 9th and May 15th & 16th or call **Kathy Pasis** @410-750-6370 to reserve your ticket.

Student News

Gabriel Ewachiw completed a 25 mile bike ride to raise money for the Kennedy Krieger Roar For Autism. Gabriel was the youngest bike rider in the 25 mile category, and he completed the ride in less than 3 hours. Great Job, Gabriel!

Scholarship News

We are pleased to announce that Cecile McGarvey (4A) has been awarded a four year, full tuition Knott Scholarship to attend St. Louis School. Congratulations, Cecile!

Alumni News

Connor Way and Matthew Dragonette made the McMullan Honor Roll at Calvert Hall College High School.

Jennifer Tomasic, (Seton Keough High School class of 2010, first in her class) Kelsey Coyle, (Seton Keough High School class of 2010, third in her class), and David Comberiate (Mt. St. Joseph, class of 2010, top of his class), were honored last night at the Archdiocesan Distinctive Scholars Convocation that recognizes top academic students from Catholic High Schools within the Archdiocese.

These St. Louis graduates were honored not only for their outstanding academic achievements but also for their service to others.

We are so very proud of our graduates!

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: comforting a friend; giving up a seat so a student could sit next to their parent; cleaning up toys left on the playground; helping a student who had forgotten items at dismissal; wearing a school uniform to Mass for Catholic Schools Week; helping a friend complete a project; cleaning up the bookshelf in the classroom; doing a great job on an assigned task; being extra-kind; cleaning the gym during after-care; helping a friend in the lunch room; working at Catholic Schools Week Open House; helping another student with their papers and folders; putting up chairs; participating in the Carson Scholar Essay Contest; picking up teacher's binder that had fallen; cleaning up books in the Library Center; and helping a friend who dropped something.

Sam Ashby	Russell Hong	Shriya Menon
Riley Berge	Sean Hostutler	Garrett Miller
Daniel Blandford-Ordonio	Joseph Keating	Sarah Rosso
Anthony Del Buono	Alyssa Kelly	Aubrie Ferraro Shiblee
Giuliana Del Buono	Michael Kim	Sienna Ferraro Shiblee
Julia Duffy	Meghan Layug	Timmy Sweeney
Michael Gloth	Olivia Magaletta	Donovan Tepe
Victoria Griffin	Michael Marlo	
Aaron Hepler	Loagen McMahan	

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

Sent Home Wednesday

St. Louis Yearbook Order form
Uno Chicago Grill flyer
St Louis Drama Club Ticket form

Sent Home Electronically

Letter from Dr. Valenti, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Baltimore

Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, April 29th – Pizza, applesauce and vanilla ice cream cup
Tuesday, May 4th – Chick-fil-A Nuggets, Potato chips and a fruit cup
Wednesday, May 5th – American cold cut sub, mandarin oranges and a cherry lemonade ice tube
Thursday, May 6th – Pizza, corn chips and an Oreo cookie

Reminders

Thursday, April 29 th	Student Council sponsored Donut Day (50 cents) and Out of Uniform (50 cents) Beginner Band during the school day Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m. First Communion Rehearsal 4:30 p.m. in the church
Friday, April 30 th	Sports Club 4:00-5:30 p.m. Grades 5 & 6
Saturday, May 1 st	First Communion (Grades 2A & 2B) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, May 2 nd	Parish May Procession following the 12:45 p.m. mass
Monday, May 3 rd	Cultural Arts Dress Rehearsal 2:00 p.m. Primary Chorus 3:45-4:45 p.m. (final session of the year) Art Club 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4 th	School Mass 9:30 a.m. Concert & Beginner Bands during school NO Band After school NO Spanish Club Drama Club 3:00-4:30 p.m. Cultural Arts Program 6:30 p.m. (Grades 1,3,5,7 and choruses perform)
Wednesday, May 5 th	Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. Yearbook 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Thursday, May 6 th	Pre-K Field Day Kindergarten Mother's Tea 9:00-10:30 a.m. Social Hall Interims to Grades 1 & 2 Beginner, Concert and Symphonic Bands during school Symphonic Band 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Friday, May 7 th	SCHOOL CLOSED Hershey Park Band Festival Professional Day for Teachers
Saturday, May 8 th	Saturday Detention 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 9 th	Mothers' Day Happy Mothers' Day!!

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)
Tommy Shawhan, brother of Jack (2A) Shawhan
Mrs. Ritz, Ms. Peterson's mother

Please pray for those who have died

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 in the 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
Gregory Burton, nephew of Mrs. Fruscello (our 4th grade teacher)
William Jacobs, grandfather of Alex (6A) and Michael (KB) Gloth
Mrs. Fern Coscia, grandmother of Mrs. Laura Hilley and great grandmother of Grace (3B) Hilley
Robert Lancaster, father of St. Louis Deacon candidate Scott Lancaster

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.