



Bulletin – May 5, 2010

Golden Grace for May

When you return from a field trip, thank your chaperones and teachers for taking you on your trip.

Reminder – NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

There will be no school for students on Friday, May 7th. It is a professional day for our teachers. There will be a 12:00 p.m. dismissal on Friday, May 14th with **NO p.m. buses.**

Cultural Arts Program

What a fantastic evening! The students in grades 1, 3, 5, & 7 and our primary and middle school choruses were awesome! How beautiful the hallways and the walls of the gym look adorned with the artwork of our children. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Douglass and Mrs. Ruppert for sharing their talent and creativity with our children. How proud we are of our extraordinarily talented students.

First Eucharist

Congratulations to our second graders who received their First Communion on Saturday, May 1st. The children were very reverent, and the expressions on their faces were unforgettable. I was very impressed. We hope the children always have the same sense of awe and joy in their hearts when receiving the Lord. We would like to extend our gratitude to Msgr. Luca for such a beautiful liturgy and to Mrs. Goudreau and Mrs. McGowan for helping to prepare the children. We are also most grateful to Mrs. Yozwiak and the staff of Religious Education for coordinating sacramental preparation for our parish. Congratulations, First Communicants!

Student Council News

Student Council Officer Elections for next school year were held yesterday. The students in grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 listened to some wonderful speeches that were given by the candidates. Several students commented that it was incredibly difficult to choose a candidate as all of their speeches were great! We commend all of the students who offered to serve our school in an officer capacity. It was a very difficult choice to make, but the students have elected the following officers to lead Student Council for the school year 2010-2011:

President – Tyler Gleeson

Vice-President – Madison Vicendese

Secretary – Sara Minnis

Treasurer – Michael Casey

Sincere congratulations to our new officers; we are sure they will be wonderful leaders for St. Louis School next year.

National Nurses' Day

On Wednesday, May 12th, we celebrate our wonderful nurses who take such gentle care of our children, faculty, and staff. On behalf of the entire St. Louis School community, I would like to thank them for all the time, love, and attention they give to each of us. **Happy Nurses' Day to Mrs. Gough and Mrs. Miranda!**

Grandparents' Day Celebration

Thanks to all who have sent in your forms! We are compiling the database and will send out letters to Grandparents by the end of the week. For those of you who have guests coming and would like to help out, we will assign you to your "Grandparent Group," and you will serve as their hostess in hospitality. **WE WILL NEED LOTS OF HELP!** Emails will be coming home to confirm your availability, so keep an eye out for that. If you want to volunteer and it doesn't matter where or when, please email Colleen Craig at ccraig@stlouisparish.org, and we will put you on the list and be in touch! Thank you all – It is going to be a great day!!

Forget-Me-Not Board and Prayer Basket

For those children whose Grandparents cannot be here, either because they have passed on, or due to health and/or logistical reasons, we would like them to bring in a photo of their Grandparent (or a color copy if you want the photo returned), and we will post them on a *Forget-Me-Not* display in one of the hallways. In addition, we will have a Prayer Basket in which the children can write a special intention over the next two weeks, and we will make sure to pray for them on our special day.

Banking Day

This is a reminder that our next banking day will be Wednesday, May 12th from 8:45 – 9:05 a.m. in Mrs. Osborne's office, across from the school office. Please note that this will be the last banking day of the school year.

Gifts of Gratitude

The Gifts of Gratitude Program is back! Please see the Gifts of Gratitude flyer and order form coming home in the Wednesday folder. The Order form is also attached to this bulletin and available at the school's website on-line. Contributions should be sent to the office in a sealed envelope labeled Gifts of Gratitude. **ALL CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2010.** PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN ABSOLUTELY FIRM DEADLINE. The deadline is set to enable us to compile the contributions in time to allow SCRIP orders to be placed and processed prior to the last day of school. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Jan Blee jmb@carrmaloney.com 410-531-3750.

Tuition Notice

The first tuition payment for the 2010-2011 school year was due on April 30th. This tuition payment is non-refundable and holds your child's place for the 2010-2011 school year. If you have not sent in your payment, please do so ASAP so that we may hold a place(s) for your child/children for next school year. The second tuition payment will be due on June 30, 2010. Tuition statements will be mailed home in the middle of June. 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.

Volunteer Hours

This is a reminder that all families need to complete 30 volunteer hours (15 hours for single parent households) by June 15th. If you need to report hours for this year, please call Mrs. Hurst in the school office. If you need help finding ways to complete your hours, please email Mrs. Boutselis, HSA Representative at eoboutselis@verizon.net. Families who do not complete their volunteer hours by the deadline will be billed for hours not completed at a rate of \$15 per hour.

Attention Basketball Coaches

Please forward your KEY CARDS to the school office and your first-aid bags to John Sessler ASAP.

Box Tops and Labels for Education News

Thanks to all who have sent in Box Tops for Education. We have received a check for \$600, which brings our total for this year to over \$1,750. Although we will collect box tops through the end of the school year, we will be counting the box tops received through Monday, May 10th to determine the elementary and middle school classes that will be awarded an out of uniform day and ice cream treat on Friday, May 21st. At this time (1A) is leading the elementary race and (5A) is the leader among the middle school classes. Please look through your pantries and send the box tops in to support your child's class, especially any of the box tops with an expiration date of June 1st of this year. Also, please don't forget to send in the Campbell's Labels for Education, which can also be found on Pepperidge Farm products. Although these are not directly redeemable for cash, the program provides a means to obtain other items the school needs. Questions on either of these programs can be answered by Mrs. Anne West at anne_west@verizon.net.

Attention Parents of Eighth Graders

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 Mrs. 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 Mrs. Grasso 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 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 theatre presentation is Friday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m.; the Saturday matinee begins at 2:00 p.m. on May 22nd. Drama flyers will be being home today.

Yearbook Orders

Yearbook orders are being taken for the 2009-2010 school year! Forms were sent home last week. 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!

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.

St. Louis Field Day Needs Help

Let the sun shine and the fun begin! St. Louis School Field Day - Friday, May 28th. For our students, our Field Day runs from 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.! For our volunteers, Field Day runs from 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Your help on Field Day is greatly appreciated! We need volunteers to help with event set-up (7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.), and volunteers to run events (9:15 AM - 12:30ish). Please send Mrs. Tomasic (mjtomasic@stlouisparish.org) an e-mail by May 21st if you would like to help. Please specify "set-up" or "running an event" for Field Day. Thank you!

St. Louis Cross Country Team

We are running with the idea of starting a St. Louis School Cross Country Team in the fall of 2010. Any 5th, 6th or 7th graders interested please contact Mrs. Tomasic (mjtomasic@stlouisparish.org). We'll get together soon to let everyone know the plan. Thank you!

Laps for Learning

Have you turned in your Sponsor Sheets? The St. Louis School **Third Annual Laps for Learning Fun Run is just around the corner on Friday, May 28, 2010** during Field Day. Pre-K will be running 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. Thank you so much!

18th Annual Golf Classic

Brush up on your putting....New this year we will hold a putting contest with a \$1,000 cash prize! Finalists will compete in a "putt off" during the dinner hour! Get your May calendars out, plan on taking the afternoon off, on May 24th, and join us for the St. Louis Golf tournament!! Registration forms are available in the school office, or can be downloaded directly from our website <http://www.stlouisparish.org/school/pdf/2010golf.pdf>.

Appeal for St. Louis School

We are just over the \$62K mark and hoping to hear from all our families! Remember every dollar that we collect over \$75K will go toward purchasing a teacher's wish list item that is not already budgeted. The teachers have been hard at work making their lists, and as soon as they are finished, we will post them on the website! We need your support and will take donations through June 30th! Thanks so much!!

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!

Scholarship News

Daniel Comberiate has been selected as a Brother Isidore Scholar by Mount Saint Joseph High School. He was also awarded a Xaverian Scholarship from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School. Daniel will attend Mt. St. Joseph next year. Congratulations, Daniel!

Student News

Marisa De Luca (6B) and Katie Riley (8A) captured the highest recognition possible the weekend of April 24th – 26th at the On Stage America regional dance competition held in Woodbridge, Va. As members of Backstage Dance Studio's Competition Show Troupe, Marisa and Katie helped their teams achieve Diamond-award performances, claiming the "High Score" awards in the Junior and Teen advanced-level adjudicated categories. Marisa competed in tap, jazz and lyrical. Katie competed in jazz, lyrical and hip hop. Marisa and Katie's teams also helped Backstage Dance Studio of Columbia earn On Stage America's "Best Dance Technique" award among all competing dance studios. Congratulations Marisa and Katie!

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: helping in the library; being a kind friend; working the Catholic School Open House; wearing their school uniform to Catholic Schools Week Sunday Mass; switching classroom seat; and always being willing to help – even when others are not.

Lital Cohen	Austin Jameson	Mary Oliver
Daniel Comberiate	Nick Kolasny	Jack Sessler
Anthony Del Buono	Maria Kolb	Amanda Silvers
Kate Eger	Jeffrey Kordenbrock	
Robert Graham	Gabrielle Lewis	

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

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 available in the office for sale. 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 \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 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.

Lyme Disease Information

River Hill PTSA will present **“TICKED OFF ABOUT LYME”** – an informational program about prevention, symptoms, testing, and treatment for Lyme disease on **Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** at the River Hill High School Auditorium. Howard County has the highest number of reported cases of Lyme disease in Maryland. The presentation will help take the mystery out of Lyme disease. Improperly diagnosed and treated symptoms can result in serious and life-threatening infections to the nerves, heart, brain, liver, eyes, muscles and joints. May, June, and July are the high season for ticks. 25% of people with Lyme’s did not have the bulls-eye or rash, and 18% showed only signs of fatigue and/or flu-like symptoms. Knowledge can help prevent the disease. A brief and informational introduction, which includes a compelling story about one River Hill family's plight to find a diagnosis for this debilitating disease, will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Participants will also receive a summary of resources available. This FREE event is open to the public and will conclude with a screening of **"Under Our Skin"**, the movie that brings attention to devastating consequences of inaccurate diagnosis.

[<http://www.underourskin.com>]

The movie [103mins] will be played immediately following the 30-minute informational session. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Bishoff, sheila@networkint.com, 301-854-1220, or visit www.riverhill.org.

Sent Home Wednesday

Maryland Catholic Conference-Boast Tax Credit Vote flyer
Gifts of Gratitude Program Information flyer and Faculty and Staff listing
Carnival Day flyer
Mount deSales Sailor Spotlight flyer (8th grade girls only)
St. Louis Drama Dinner Theatre ticket flyer

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St. Louis Drama Dinner Theatre ticket flyer
Lyme disease Information flyer

Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, May 6th – Pizza, corn chips and an Oreo cookie
Tuesday, May 11th –Chick-fil-A sandwich, chips and a fruit cup
Wednesday, May 12th –Cheese steak sub, fries and an ice cream cup
Thursday, May 13th- Pizza, pretzels and a pudding cup

Reminders

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!!
Monday, May 10 th	8 th Grade Retreat- Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House 3 rd Grade Field trip (Capitol) Book Fair 8:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. No Art Club
Tuesday, May 11 th	Book Fair 8:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. School Mass 9:30 a.m. Reception for Grade 2 after Mass Band dress rehearsal 2:00 p.m. No Band after school Drama 3:00-4:15 p.m. No Spanish Club Band Concert 7:00 p.m. in the gym
Wednesday, May 12 th	Banking 8:45-9:05 a.m. Counselor's Office (Final Banking session of the year) Book Fair 8:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Homework Club 3:45-4:30 p.m. NO Yearbook
Thursday, May 13 th	Book Fair 8:45 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. No Band
Friday, May 14 th	Grandparents' Day May Procession Book Fair 8:45 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Noon Dismissal NO P.M. buses (Snow make-up day for Howard County Schools, only a.m. buses available) Professional Afternoon for Teachers
Monday, May 17 th	Drama Dress Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. (for grades 3-6) Art Club 3:45- 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, May 18 th	School Mass 9:30 a.m. 4 th & 5 th Grade band during school Grade 5 Concert Band 3:45- 4:45 p.m. Spanish Club Final Meeting 3:45-5:00 p.m. Drama Club 3:50-5:00 p.m. School Board Meeting 7:00 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
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
Young Yang, grandfather of Ashley (3A) & Emily (1B) Yang
Adam Hurd, father of William (2A) Hurd

Please pray for those who have died

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.