



Bulletin – May 12, 2010

Golden Grace for May

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

Reminder

There will be a 12:00 p.m. dismissal on Friday, May 14th with **NO p.m. buses**.

Dress for Grandparents Day

We wanted to answer some questions related to student attire on Grandparents' Day (Friday, May 14th).

- Students are expected to be in proper uniform unless otherwise stated below.
- Students should not use PEANUT or NUT cards because of the May Crowning at the end of the day.
- Students will not have P.E. and should not come in their gym uniform.
- 8th Graders should come dressed for the May Procession that morning. There will not be an opportunity for them to change during the day.
- 2nd Graders will dress in their classrooms prior to the May Procession.

We are very excited about the Grandparents and Grandfriends that will be joining us on Friday!

National Nurses' Day

Today we celebrated 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!**

May Procession News

Please join us on Friday, May 14th at 11:15 a.m. in the church for our May Procession and Crowning of the Blessed Mother.

Band News

The band concert last night was exceptional!! Our band students never cease to amaze us with their talents! We are very proud of them and congratulate them on their achievements this year. Of course we would like to thank our wonderful band instructor, Mrs. Jennifer Weglein. She definitely brings out the best in her band students. Our bands did very well during their performances at Hershey Park last week. The Concert Band received a Superior Rating and 1st place in their division. The Symphonic Band received a Superior Rating and second place in their division. Mrs. Weglein is very proud of the band; the dedication and hard work of the students is evident in their playing.

Staffing News for 2010/2011

We are sorry to share that Mrs. Fruscello, one of our fourth grade teachers, will not be returning next school year. Her desire is to work with children but in a different capacity. She has been a wonderful member of our faculty/staff and she will be sorely missed. Mrs. Coble, our middle school part-time teachers' assistant, is also leaving us to pursue a full time career. She has been a great help to the middle school teachers and students and will also be missed. We wish them both the best in their future endeavors.

Grandparents Day / Forget-Me-Not Board and Prayer Basket

Children whose Grandparents cannot be here on Friday for Grandparents Day, are invited to bring in a photo (or copy of a photo) of their Grandparent, and we will post the photos 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 and we will make sure to pray for them on our special day.

Banking Day Winner

Our May banking winner is Kate Lengel in (2B). Congratulations, Kate! Today was the last banking day for the school year. Banking will resume in the fall. Thank you for your participation. A special thank you to Mrs. Coyle for coordinating this program for our students.

Gifts of Gratitude

The Gifts of Gratitude Program is back! Please see the Gifts of Gratitude flyer and order form that were sent home last Wednesday. The Order form is also available on the school website. 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.

Scrip News

It's not too late to purchase SCRIP! You can still earn volunteer hours, reduce your August tuition payment and help the school earn money at the same time! Send in your pink envelopes/order forms on Monday morning. If you need an order form, they can be found at <http://www.stlouisparish.org/school/development/scrip>). Your gift cards will arrive home on Thursday of the same week. If you need them sooner stop by and purchase your gift cards in the parking lot before school or after all weekend masses. You may also purchase SCRIP in the school office from Mrs. Gadziala Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Congratulations to the Umeozulu family, our top SCRIP purchasers for the month of April!!! Chidera (3A), Ogenna (4A) and Somachukwu (8B) Umeozulu will receive a Pink Panther Out of Uniform pass. Thank you for supporting our school!

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. "Failure to complete the full service hours by June 15th or to pay the appropriate fee on time may result in a meeting with members from the School Board and result in the loss of your child/children's placement for the upcoming school year." (This information is in the Parent/Student Handbook on page 51.)

Attention Basketball Coaches

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

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 theater presentation is Friday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m.; the Saturday matinee begins at 2:00 p.m. on May 22nd. Tickets may be purchased in the office. Please come and support our children!

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 Here

Our Spring Book Fair began on 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 still need volunteers to help take down the displays on Friday afternoon.** 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.

Field Day

Field Day is scheduled for Friday, May 28th from 7:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. We depend upon volunteers to help run the games, and we are again asking for your assistance. If anyone would like to volunteer for Field Day, please send Mrs. Tomasic (mjtomasic@stlouisparish.org) an e-mail by May 21st. Please specify

"set-up" or "running an event" for Field Day. Thank you for your support on this very exciting activity day.

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. If your 5th, 6th or 7th grade student is interested, please contact Mrs. Tomasic (mjtomasic@stlouisparish.org). We'll be meeting next week with all the information needed to start. 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!

Fund for St. Louis

We've made it over the \$65K mark!! Thank you all so much for your generosity! Every dollar over our \$75 budget goal will be spent on wish list items that will go directly into our children's classrooms! Don't forget those matching gifts...they double your money in most cases! If you need any help, just give us a call and we would be happy to help you process the paperwork or determine whether your company will match! Any questions, contact Lisa Lengel at Lisa.Lengel@verizon.net. Thank you!

18th Annual Golf Classic

We are just a few short weeks away from our 18th Annual Golf Classic – which is gearing up to be our best ever!! Call your old friends...make some new ones...and join us for a great afternoon of friendly competition. These years' proceeds will fund the replacement of all computers in the Primary Computer lab! Registration forms are available in the office, or can be downloaded directly from our website at <http://www.stlouisparish.org/school/pdf/2010golf.pdf>.

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!

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 are available in the school office for sale. What a great 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 15th & 16th or call **Kathy Pasis** @410-750-6370 to reserve your ticket.

Alumni News

Our alumni are tearing up the lacrosse fields in high school and have earned coveted college scholarships!! Congratulations to the following SLS alumni for making the Washington Athletic Conference All Conference Team! Molly Shawhan, a senior at Good Counsel earned first team recognition. Chelsey Hipp, also a senior at Good Counsel, earned an Honorable Mention for her efforts in Goal for the Falcons, and Jennifer Seitz, a GC junior, earned a spot on the Second Place team! Not to be outdone by the girls, Brendan O'Rourke, a senior at DeMatha High School, earned second team recognition! All four of these outstanding players are headed off to college on lacrosse scholarships!! Congratulations to all!

Extra recognition goes to Molly Shawhan, who was just named Valedictorian for Good Counsel and will be delivering a speech to her class and parents at her Senior Class breakfast. Awesome job, Molly!!

St. Louis graduate David Comberiate, who is now a senior at Mt. St. Joseph High School, is the team leader on a project to stop teens from using their cell phones while driving. David and his teammates are participating in a national competition, and they have a chance to win \$10,000 for Mount St. Joe. The following is from the school newsletter:

Students Jacob Mooney '11, Keaton Klee '12, Spencer Bezirdjian '12, Charlie Jones, III '13 and team leader David Comberiate '10 have been selected as one of the Top 20 teams in the NOYS Act Out Loud Contest. The team had to present a proposal outlining an idea of how to address this sensitive issue to a panel of judges. They decided to make air fresheners of the Mount Saint Joseph mascot that include the slogan "Talking on the phone in your car stinks!" The air fresheners were designed to make teens think about their decisions as they get behind the wheel.

"This is a busy time of year for student drivers," said Dave Comberiate, the team's organizer. "With proms and graduation, we are hoping handing these items out to students and having them hang in their cars will serve as a constant reminder to be safe while behind the wheel."

The Mount Saint Joseph Act Out Loud team has been documenting its progress on its Facebook page and is now asking the community to vote for them by visiting www.actoutloud.org beginning on Monday, May 10th. Voters can cast their ballots once a day, ending on May 21st. By voting for the team, you are helping increase the school's chances of winning up to \$10,000 to be used by the Student Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) club.

Please help David and his team win this competition by going online and voting for them.

<http://actoutloud.org/#/home>

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: volunteering at the Catholic Schools Week Open House; giving up their time on the computer to another student whose computer wasn't working; taking responsibility; helping a discouraged friend; being considerate; wearing a school uniform to Catholic Schools Week Sunday Mass; and giving extra help when needed.

Mary Blee

Colleen Campbell

Matt Chaundy

Emma Clarke

Sarah Heffner

Craig Johnson

Ryan Kerr

Sam Kolodrubetz

Nick Marsiglia

Shriya Menon

Hannah Shafer

Robby Windsor

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

Sent Home Wednesday

St. Louis Carnival Day flyer

Sent Home Electronically

Kangaroo Kids Fundraiser flyer

Upcoming School Lunches

Thursday, May 13th - Pizza, pretzels and a pudding cup

Tuesday, May 18th – Chick-fil-A nuggets, potato chips and a fruit cup

Wednesday, May 19th – Hot Dog, French Fries and a Lemonade Ice Tube

Thursday, May 20th – Pizza, white cheddar popcorn and a chocolate chip cookie

Reminders

Thursday, May 13 th	Book Fair 8:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. No Band
Friday, May 14 th	Grandparents' Day May Procession 11:20 a.m. 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	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.
Wednesday, May 19 th	Drama Dress Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. (for grades 3-6) 4 th Grade Field Trip (Annapolis) Homework Club Final Session 3:45-4:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 20 th	Grades 6-8 Band during school Symphonic Band for grades 6-7 from 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Friday, May 21 st	Gifts of Gratitude Form Due

	Sports Club 4:00-5:30 p.m.for grades 5 & 6 Drama Dinner Theater 6:00 p.m. Yearbook Orders Due
Saturday, May 22 nd	Saturday Detention 8:00-10:00 a.m. Drama Matinee 2:00 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
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)
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
Jim Damare', Uncle of Luke (4B) and Anya (2B) Hessler and brother of Patti Damare' Hessler
Sam and Patti D'Avella, grandparents of Eric (4A) and Samantha (2A) Ashby

Please pray for those who have died

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
The aunt of Ryan (7A), Amanda (6A) and Elizabeth (4B) Gallagher

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.