



Bulletin – May 26, 2010

Golden Grace for May

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

Reminders

Friday, May 28th is Field day and Laps for Learning for Grades K-8. There will be a 12:45 p.m. dismissal and NO P.M. BUSES that day.

Monday, May 31st is Memorial Day. School is closed. Enjoy the long weekend, and please pray for all our veterans and their families.

Congratulation Pre-K!

Today was the last day for Pre-K students. Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Tyler would like to congratulate all the Pre-K students for a wonderful year! The children worked very hard this year and we could not be more proud of them! We wish for them to have a wonderful, safe summer. We would like to thank the Pre-K parents for their support and assistance over the year, a very special thank you to our room mothers Mrs. Bernetti, Mrs. Lengel and Mrs. Wolf for all their help with the event! Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Tyler would like to thank Fr. Dominique for helping to broaden our understanding of Jesus's teachings through our monthly meetings during "Chapel Time". Our time with Fr. Dominique was very precious; our children will always cherish it. Thank you to Mrs. Ryder for creating a weekly time slot for not only one class but both classes! The children looked forward to our Thursday readings, and best of all, to checking out those fabulous books!

Field Day

Field Day and Laps for Learning will take place this Friday, May 28th. Students should come to school wearing their PE shorts, tennis shoes, and their homeroom color shirt. Please apply sunscreen to your child because the students will be outside. **Please no heelies (tennis shoes with wheels.)**

FIELD DAY COLORS

KA	Red	Grade 4B	White
KB	Red	Grade 5A	Light Blue
Grade 1A	Green	Grade 5B	Orange
Grade 1B	Dark Blue	Grade 6A	Yellow
Grade 2A	Orange	Grade 6B	Green
Grade 2B	Light Blue	Grade 7A	Tie-Dye
Grade 3A	White	Grade 7B	Tie-Dye
Grade 3B	Purple	Grade 8A	Red-(Class of 2010)
Grade 4A	Dark Blue	Grade 8B	Red-(Class of 2010)

With the threat of severe thunderstorms this evening, there is the possibility that Field Day may be cancelled. Please make sure children bring their backpacks to school. In the event that we must cancel Field Day, we will follow a regular ½ day schedule with a 12:45 dismissal. The rain date for Field Day is Wednesday, June 2nd.

Laps for Learning

It is not too late to sponsor a student for this Friday's event! Our **Third Annual Laps for Learning Fun Run** will be this Friday, May 28th – during our Field Day activities. Don't forget to sponsor a student, so he/she will run around the parking lot with extra purpose!! **Pledges can be made online at <http://www.stlouisparish.org/school/lapsforlearning.html>** Let's make this a great event for the students and our school!! Thanks to Mrs. Lynne Layug for her wonderful leadership, countless volunteer hours and endless enthusiasm!!

Drama Club Performances

Congratulations to our drama club members whose production of "Mirror Image" was a wonderful success! Thank you to co-directors Mrs. Dockera and Mrs. Rose, to Mrs. Ruppert and the art club, who worked on the scenery and to Mr. Buchta who designed the program. Thank you also to faculty and staff members and parents who helped with set up, kitchen duty, clean up, and other behind the scenes duties. We are very proud of our Drama students!

Golf Classic

What a fantastic day we had on Monday as we teed off at Waverly Woods Golf Club for our 18th Annual Golf Classic! God blessed us with wonderful weather and great leadership from **Fred and Nancy Boos** and **Mike McGarvey**, and their committee of volunteers who made the day run smoothly. While there were no lucky Holes-in-One, Kirk Shawhan hit the \$1000 putt during the dinner hour -- giving us all another reason to cheer! Kirk generously donated \$500 to our Scholarship Hole, and we are very grateful! Thank you to our golf committee members: Russ Craig, Colleen Craig, John Fontana, Nick Pannunzio, Aileen Musselman, Mike Chirozzi and our great Day-of-Event volunteers; Lisa Ferraro, Hope Marlo, Vas Vidi, Dee Mayhew, Clarence Kennedy, Dennis Casey, Karin Lawrence, Kevin Garvey, Sandy Osborne, Sheri Lewis, Chris Pannunzio, Carolyn Beach, Bruce Biesecker, Tom Ghirardelli and Julie Hudson! It was a small, but mighty army, and we cannot thank you enough for your help! Thank you, thank you, and thank you – to our golfers, volunteers and sponsors! This year we received over \$35,000 in sponsorship pledges and had 110 golfers – truly unbelievable in the current economy and a testament to the hard work of Fred Boos and his team. When all receipts are in and accounted for, we will update you with the grand total that will be used for our technology program in the next school year!

Staffing Changes

Mrs. Christine Kerr, our pre-k teacher will not be returning for the 2010/2011 school year. Her husband has been offered a position at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Mrs. Kerr is very excited about this new opportunity and we wish them all the best. Mrs. Kerr has done a wonderful job getting our pre-k program started and we are extremely grateful. Mrs. Laurie Tyler, who has worked as Mrs. Kerr's assistant will be taking over as the new pre-k teacher. I know that everyone will make her feel welcome in her new position.

Mrs. Debbie Murphy, seventh grade homeroom teacher, will also not be returning next school year. She will be pursuing new endeavors. She has only been with us a short time and we are grateful to her for all her efforts. We wish her much success and happiness wherever the future leads.

Kindergarten's Last Day

The last day for our kindergarten students is Wednesday, June 2nd. Students will be dismissed to their parents immediately following the 10:00 a.m. end of year celebration and reception. **Aftercare is not in session for kindergarteners. Kindergarten students are invited to attend Carnival Day, but they must be accompanied by an adult.**

Exciting Time

Our eighth graders can hardly contain their excitement as they prepare for graduation. They completed their final exams on Wednesday and are looking forward to their class trip to King's Dominion, the Awards Assembly, and the special luncheon coordinated by our seventh grade moms. We share in their excitement and hope these final days are memorable ones.

King's Dominion Trip

The bus for King's Dominion departs from school at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1st and returns to school at 7:30 p.m. **Please be prompt when dropping off and picking up your child.**

Awards Assembly

The Awards Assembly is a very special afternoon for our eighth graders. They are recognized for their academic and extracurricular achievements. There is a power point presentation showcasing the eighth graders and their years at St. Louis School. We are requesting that all parents of 8th grade students attend, since this is such an important day for their child. The Awards Assembly will be held on Thursday, June 3rd at 2:00 p.m. **The eighth grade students should come to school at 1:15p.m. on this day.**

Eighth Grade Luncheon

Friday, June 4th, is the luncheon for the eighth graders, the faculty and staff, and the eighth grade room parents. **All eighth graders should be picked up after the luncheon at 12:45 p.m. from the gym.**

Eighth Grade Graduation

Graduation Day is a most exciting day for our 8th graders and, for many, the culmination of 9 years at St. Louis School. The eighth graders should report to the social hall of the Pastoral Center at 9:15 for pictures at 9:30. The mass begins at 10:00 a.m. There will be a reception, prepared by our 7th grade parents, immediately following the mass and graduation ceremony, in the school gym.

Monsignor Luca will not be celebrating the graduation liturgy this year. He has not been well since he returned from his trip to Turkey. He is following doctor's orders and getting the rest that he needs. We ask that you please keep Monsignor in your prayers. Father Dominique has kindly agreed to celebrate the mass. We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration.

Eighth Graders and Carnival Day

All eighth graders are welcome to attend Carnival Day on Thursday, June 10th from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., **but they must be accompanied by an adult.**

Carnival Day Donations and Help Needed

To help defray the cost of Carnival Day, we are asking each class to donate the items listed below. Please send these items to school ASAP. The baked goods may be sent in on Carnival Day. We are also asking for donations of clean stuffed animals for prizes and small toys for grab bags. Please bring any donations you may have to the school office. Thank you for your help.

Grade K	Tootsie Pops and Blow Pops for the Lollipop Garden
Grade 1	Decorated Cakes, cupcakes and baked goods for the Cake Walk
Grade 2	A bag of candy for the Candy Walk
Grade 3	12 pack of soda (cans only)
Grade 4	12 pack of soda (cans only)
Grade 5	Mrs. Winthrop – Bottled Water (6 pk. Of 16.9 oz bottles) Mrs. Dockeray – Beach items to be placed in the Beach Basket
Grade 6	Boys – Sports items for the Sports Basket Girls – Arts/Crafts items for the Arts & Crafts Basket
Grade 7	Mr. Vazzana – Snack food for the Snack Food Basket Mrs. Murphy – Sports items for the Sports Basket

**Thank you for your continued support. The Carnival Committee
Mrs. Coyle, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Purvis**

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 \$15.00 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.)

Scrip News

The SCRIP/Gift card program needs volunteers for Next Year! Many of our scrip volunteers have children graduating this year. There are several volunteer positions available:

Weekly Parking Lot Seller – We need three volunteers. A volunteer sells gift cards from their car in the school parking lot from 8:45 a.m. until 9:05 a.m. once a week. We need sellers for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. This is a fast, easy way to earn volunteer hours!

Wednesday Volunteer - The Scrip program is looking for someone to come in on Wednesday afternoons to help with data entry and counting the cards. The time commitment is about 2 hours once a week. We work in the teacher's lounge and entertainable younger children are welcome. You work with at least one other person, so lots of training is available.

After Mass Seller – We need volunteers to sell after mass once a month.

Our SCRIP/Gift card program is a great fundraiser for our school. If you can help out in any way, we would appreciate it. Please call or email Meg Clarke 410-489-5718 jmclarke@verizon.net or Kim Williams 410-772-0042 kimswilliams@verizon.net.

Box Tops Winning Classes

Congratulations to (1A) and (5A), the winners of this year's Box Tops contest. Both classes enjoyed an out of uniform day last Friday and ice cream treats. We will continue to collect box tops (and Campbell's Labels) through the end of the school year. Thank you to everyone who participated, and keep saving Box Tops throughout the

summer - the collection bags will be back in the classrooms at the start of the school year!

Library News

Calling all library books! The children are no longer checking out library books, and we are asking that all of the books be returned by June 2nd. The library is in the process of conducting an inventory for our over 10,000 books and DVD's, and we could use some help with that task. Please email Mrs. Ryder at jryder@stlouisparish.org if you can help. The hours are flexible, and we can use your help when it is convenient to you. Thank you for supporting the library all year long.

Fund for St. Louis

We are so close to the 70K mark this week! Thank you to all the families this week who contributed. Our information is updated weekly and is posted outside the main office. We need participation from **all** of our school families to meet our goal this year. We will be accepting donations and company matching gifts through June 30, 2010. Please contact Lisa Lengel at lisa.lengel@verizon.net with any questions.

Medications Notice from the Health Room

Any medications kept for your child in the health room must be picked up before the last day of school. This includes prescription and over the counter medications. We are unable to send the medications home with the student. Medications left in the Health Room after June 10th will have to be destroyed. Please call the Health Room at (410) 531-7936 if you have any questions or wish to make arrangements for pick up.

From the Health Room

It is recommended that incoming sixth graders have a physical to ensure they are up-to-date on their immunizations. Immunization forms and health inventory forms can be downloaded from the school website. Bring completed forms to the school nurse at the beginning of the school year. If you have any questions, please call the health room at 410-531-7936.

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**.

Summer Camp Reminder

Just a reminder that summer is only a few weeks away! **Summer camp will be held from July 12th through August 13th**. The Camp Brochure and all necessary forms are on the school's website. Enroll today, before it's too late!

Catholic Daughters Cookbook

The next time you are in the school, please pick-up the new Catholic Daughters Cookbook. The Catholic Daughters group at St. Louis does annual fundraising for our school, and our support of their project would be a nice way to thank them for all that they do for our students. We have only sold a few of the books and would like to have the school "put in a good showing" of support! The cookbook contains 250 tried and true recipes, some from our teachers and staff. Take a look at Mrs. Duckhorn's "How to Preserve a Husband" or Mr. Buchta's "Creamed Tomato Soup- Excellent hot or cold" (Who knew?!) The cookbooks are \$15.00 each and are available in the school office for sale. Makes a great gift!

Operation Welcome Home

The St. Louis Girl Scout Troops in 3rd through 6th grades welcomed home an arriving military flight Friday evening at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport. Most of the military troops did not have family waiting to welcome them back

to the USA as they were making connecting flights to their hometowns. The girls collected donations to purchase Girl Scout cookies and made cards to go with them as well as posters. It was an extraordinary experience to watch the soldiers' faces as they realized the cheering was for them! They shook hands and high-fived our scouts and walked away with smiles on their faces and boxes of cookies in their hands! Thank you to Lynne Layug, Jan Blee, Sharon Gleeson, Kathleen Johnson, and Gina Rosso for providing our students with this wonderful opportunity to serve in this very special way. God Bless the USA and those who protect us!

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 to get homework for a student who had been absent; helping at Catholic Schools Week Open House; showing kindness to a classmate; tying another student's shoes; taking a friend to the bathroom during recess time; finding a book that was lost; picking up trash in the classroom; being helpful all of the time; working extra hard; getting a book out of the recycle bin; picking up a piece of trash rather than stepping on it; participating in the Carson Scholar Essay contest; and cleaning up someone else's mess.

A.J. Battista	DJ Hostutler	CJ Palting
Riley Berge	Matthew Hostutler	Denesha Peoples
Justine Birrane	Sean Hostutler	Andrea Russell
Emma Clarke	Austin Jameson	Brooke Sessler
Dan Comberiate	Mary Kate Johnson	Mary Kate Sisk
Lauren Comeaux	Ryan Kerr	Caroline Stallings
Anthony Del Buono	Rachel Kostelec	Reilly Vicendese
Caroline Divver	Jacob Langsdale	Tanner Vicendese
Sarah Heffner	Jessica Langsdale	Tatum Vicendese
Liam Herlihy	Meghan Layug	
Russell Hong	Shriya Menon	

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

Areas That Need Improvement

Respecting one another and being kind

NO iPods or electronic devices of any kind are to be brought to school. (This is in the St. Louis handbook on page 34.)

Sent Home today

Field Day Schedule (for parents who signed up)

Sent Home Electronically

Maryland Alliance of Catholic School Families and Teachers flyer
Farewell Letter from Dr. Valenti

Upcoming School Lunches

Tuesday, June 1st – Chick-fil-A nuggets, potato chips and a fruit cup

Wednesday, June 2nd – Meatball sub, mozz. sticks and a brownie

Thursday, June 3rd – Pizza, pretzels and vanilla ice cream cup

Tuesday, June 8th – Chick-fil-A sandwich, potato chip, and a fruit cup

Wednesday, June 9th – American cold cut sub, apple dippers, and a sugar cookie

Reminders

Friday, May 28 th	Field Day and Laps for Learning Grades K-8 12:45 p.m. Dismissal NO P.M. BUSES Art Club Luncheon 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Monday, May 31 st	School Closed (Memorial Day)
Tuesday, June 1 st	6 th grade to Smithsonian 7 th grade to Terrapin Adventures 8 th grade to King's Dominion
Wednesday, June 2 nd	Kindergarten End of the Year Celebration 10:00 a.m. in Church - dismissal for Kindergarten to follow NO Aftercare for Kindergarten End of the year Math Assessments (grades 4-7) 8 th grade Graduation Practice (8 th grade arrives 1:30 p.m.) Rain date for field day
Thursday, June 3 rd	End of the Year L/A Assessments (grades 5-7) 8 th grade Awards Assembly 2:00 p.m. in the church (8 th grade students arrive at 1:15 p.m.)
Friday, June 4 th	End of 3 rd Trimester End of the year Science Assessment (grade 7) Graduation Practice & Luncheon (8 th grade arrives normal time, dismissal at 12:45 p.m.)
Saturday, June 5 th	8 th grade photo 9:30 a.m. in Social Hall Graduation 10:00 a.m. in the Church, reception follows in the Gym
Monday, June 7 th	3 rd grade to Maryland Zoo & Camden Yards 4 th grade Beach Bash at 12:25 p.m.
Wednesday, June 9 th	1 st grade picnic 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 10 th	Carnival Day 9:30-11:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. Dismissal NO p.m. buses Aftercare in session
Friday, June 11 th	Last day of school 10:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m. dismissal NO p.m. buses No Aftercare

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
Jeannie Rutkowski, grandmother of Kelsey (7A) Horn
Agnes Hetherington, grandmother of Brittany (8B) Fontana
Mrs. Marion Conley, a teacher at St. Louis School
Margaret McDermott, mother of Mrs. Sanagursky, our Lunchroom Coordinator
Matt Renehan, nephew of Mr. Larry Bowes, maintenance staff
John Mongelli, grandfather of Ben (1B) Kopec
Ginnie Gick, friend of the Gough and McGarvey families
Melody Walsh, Grammie of Charlotte (2A) Lang
Monsignor Luca

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
Ella Noreika, aunt of Ryan (7A), Amanda (6A) and Elizabeth (4B) Gallagher
Raymond Furze, relative of Ryan (7A), Amanda (6A) and Elizabeth (4B) Gallagher
Robin Oldfelt, great aunt of Annaliese (3B) and Austin (2A) Jameson
Jason Fingar, who served in Afghanistan

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.