

Keeping in Touch

September 2011

Calendar

- 9/7 - Mini Curriculum Night @
6:30pm
- 9/9 - All School Liturgy @ 9AM
- 9/13 - Service Project for the
Holy Family Institute
- 9/14 – Make Up Day for School
Pictures
- PTG Committee Chair
Meeting @ 8:30am in
LeGras Conference Room
- 9/16 - All School Liturgy @9AM
- Teen Center @ 7pm –
10pm Le Gras
- 9/20 – PTG Homeroom Captain
Meeting @ 8:30am –
10:00am in Bishop
Leonard Room
- 9/21 – 4th Grade Student/Parent
Lunch @ 12:15pm
- 9/23 - All School Liturgy @9AM
- 9/26 – Kindergarten Dessert
6:30pm – 7:30pm LeGras
- 9/28 – PTG Meeting @ 8:45am
Bishop Leonard Room
- 9/30 - All School Liturgy @9AM
- Early Dismissal @11:30am

From the Principal's Desk...

Welcome back to St. Louise de Marillac School, where we are educating America's next generation. Whether you are a newcomer to our school or an "old timer," we hope you will find the school year to be a memorable and exciting one.

I am excited to be part of the most dedicated team of teachers and support staff that are committed to excellence in teaching and learning, and have the highest expectations for our students. Together we strive to create a school environment that enhances self-esteem, increases student achievement, and promotes Christian values in learning.

It is my prayerful expectation that this new school year brings an ever-increasing awareness of our call to serve God and others.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served; he came to serve and to give his life to redeem many people."

Mark 10:45

Once again welcome and may God bless each of you,

Mr. Klase



From the school office

Here are some reminders:

* If you would like to meet with a teacher, please **MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.**

Do not drop in the office to see a teacher.

* If your child will be leaving school early or will be a car rider, please send in a note or call the school office before 1:00pm.

* Check your child's planner and/or the teacher's website for homework and activities. **We will NOT call your child to the office when homework is delivered. It will be put in the teacher's mailbox.** Students will **NOT** be permitted to call home for missing homework or books.

* ALL parents, grandparents and visitors **MUST** sign in, *for any reason*, at the front office when visiting the school.

* Notify the school office before 10:00am if your child will be absent or tardy

* When submitting forms or money, please enclose in an envelope with your child's name, homeroom and reason for enclosure

* Send in a note with your child after an absence/tardy, especially from a doctor or dentist's office if it's the cause for the absence/tardy

PTG Ponderings...

Your school resource for staying connected!

Welcome back to another new school year! The PTG has been busy all summer long getting ready to make this a great school year for our students.

First of all, we'd like to welcome all of our new families. St. Louise has been very blessed with a growing student body and this year we saw record growth. This is quite an accomplishment in these times when so many Catholic schools are struggling to stay open. To all of our new families: we are happy to have you and are here to help! If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact any PTG board member (see contact info below)

Our Welcome Committee, led by Suzee Talerico and Leigh Ann Lorenz, provided all of our new students with a special gift at our opening school Mass and all new families received a gift bag at mini curriculum night.

We would also like to thank the many people who have volunteered to serve as committee chairpersons and as volunteers on the various PTG committees. It's been said before but it is so true: we couldn't do it without you!

The PTG has already had some successful events. On August 24th, we welcomed our new kindergarten students. The kids got to see the classrooms, meet the teachers, and even take a bus ride! We also welcomed our new families that same day with a special orientation tailored just to their needs.

Many thanks go out to Connie Lesh and Mindy Gasiorowski for hosting our first Family Fun Event of the year: an STL night at the "drive-in". Also, many thanks go out to Mr. Klase and Mike Butler for their assistance with the "technical" setup that made this night a success. Approximately 200 people gathered to watch the movie "Rio" outside under the stars. Watch for more fun events for the whole family!

Please be sure to look for more information on upcoming events in the school calendar that was included in the back to school packets. Also, if you didn't turn in your form to volunteer for any PTG committee but would like to do so, it's never too late. Contact any PTG board member and they will put you in touch with the committee chairperson.

Happy new school year to all!

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STL's Back to School Football Raffle

**2 Tickets for the entire
2011-2012 Steelers
Regular Season**

**The drawing will be on
Wednesday, September
14, 2011 based on the
7:00pm Daily Number**

**Tickets were donated
by a STL family, THANK
YOU!**



Protecting God's Children Workshop

The Protecting God's Children Workshop, an awareness program for all employees, volunteers and other caring adults, will be offered at St. Louise de Marillac, in the LeGras Parish Center. There will be two sessions offered on Thursday, September 15, 2011 – at 9:30am and at 6:30pm.

Please register online at www.virtusonline.org or by calling the Religious Education Office at 412-835-1155.

This program is a mandated part of the Safe Environment policy of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Programs are offered throughout the diocese at other locations. Those locations are listed on the above-mentioned website.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS – UPDATES

Monday, September 19 – Friday, September 23: CAMPAIGN WEEK (Officers only)

Friday, September 23: SPEECHES AFTER MASS in the cafeteria and ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Monday, September 26 – Wednesday, September 28: ELECTION OF HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14: STUDENT COUNCIL INDUCTION – 9:00 A.M. Mass



From the School Nurse, Gina McLean, RN



A warm welcome to both returning and new families!
Just a few reminders as the school year begins:

- Return your emergency forms and be sure to include current phone numbers along with updated health conditions.
- Return OTC medication distribution permission forms.
- Drop off any medications to my office that your child may need to have on hand.
- If your child is ill, please allow them to recover in the comfort of their home.
- Call me if you have any particular questions or need to share any type of health information regarding your child.

Food Allergies Are Everywhere!

Just a reminder that our school will continue with the policy begun last year to not allow outside food into the building for special occasions such as birthdays, etc. We simply need to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to allergens. Last year we did see lots of families celebrate their child's birthday in creative ways such as little trinkets or take home craft projects. Get creative and celebrate your children but leave the food at home!

REMINDER!

Parents:

Please be sure to check your child's account balance online. Some accounts are in a negative status and delinquent. Check your status at:

www.myschoolaccount.com

Your timely payments are used to pay the cafeteria program's food bills. Thank you!



Summer News from STL Chess Club

Six members of the STL Chess Club participated in the PA State Action Championship on Saturday, July 30, 2011 at the University of Pittsburgh. The team, comprised of Will Coplan, Andrey Crookshank, Zack Crookshank, Greydon Tomkowitz, Angeline Lorenz, and Max Lorenz, finished in second place. Individual awards were: Max Lorenz - 2nd place under 450, Zach Crookshank - 2nd place under 300, Andrey Crookshank - 3rd place under 300, and Will Coplan - 2nd place under 650.

Way to go, STL Chess Club!!!



STL Cross Country Program has started this Fall!

The cross country team at STL has started their running season this fall of 2011. The races are typically 1.3 - 1.8 miles long, and 3rd - 8th graders are allowed to participate. The cross country meets are usually held in a park, and the children will be running on grass or trails. We have both JV & Varsity divisions. The 3rd & 4th graders will race with the JV group.

The remaining meet schedule follows below:

Sept 13th - St Thomas Moore's meet - at South Park
Sept. 17th - Slippery Rock Invitational - needs to be confirmed
Sept. 22nd - St. Elizabeth's meet - site tbd
Sept. 27th - STL meet - home meet
Sept. 30th - South Hills Invitational - at OLG
Oct. 4th - St. Thomas Moore's meet - at South Park
Oct. 8th - Diocesan Championships, Coopers Lake

UNIFORM RESALE UPDATE

The remaining uniform clothing that were left over from the June 2011 uniform resale event were made available for sale during the week before school started. There have been many purchases.

Please check with the school office to see if your donated items were sold. There are envelopes in the school office with the proceeds from the sale.

There is a current need for girls skorts or jumpers in any size. Please consider selling or donating any that you may have (that no longer fit your daughter). There is a long wish list for these items.

These resale items will also be available for purchase during the school year. If you are interested in purchasing additional resale items, please e-mail me the item and sizes that you are looking for.

Finally, please do not donate the uniform clothing to a charity. There are many families at STL that are in great need of the uniform items.

Dolores Viehman
mvdvjv@aol.com



We are Looking for Cafeteria Volunteers!

Many thanks go out to all of you who have been able to provide a day to this wonderful service. Our current cafeteria schedule is looking great, and with a few more volunteers we will be set for the year. We attempt to place 5 or 6 members on each team, and still have a few days that could use some support. Along with that support, we would also like to identify a team captain for each team. As team captain, your only additional responsibility is to call your team-mates a few days before a scheduled work date as a reminder. As a cafeteria volunteer, you will be scheduled to assist the current staff set-up, serve and clean-up during lunch at MOST 10 times per year (once a month). On a scheduled day, arrival time is 10am, and work is completed by 12:30pm, whereby all volunteers are invited to enjoy a free hot lunch (and catch up with other volunteers – my 2nd favorite part!!) The best benefit comes by way of your clients, our STL students. Seeing your child in his or her school environment is a treat for parents AND children alike. Please take the time to review your calendar and see if there is a day that you might be able to support. Though we specifically need additional coverage for our Tuesday and Wednesday teams this year – please give us a call or email us if any day might fit in your schedule

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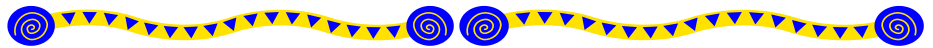
MARKET DAY

STL participates in a fundraising food program called Market Day. This program has been at our school since 2001 and is still going strong! Market Day products are competitively priced and STL will earn profit on your purchases and the profits can also be designated towards the tuition costs of a specific child or family of your choice.

Order forms will be sent home monthly in the weekly folder. You can even review the products and place your order online: www.marketday.com

The first school year sale pickup is on Tuesday, September 13th at 4:30pm – 5:30pm in the school cafeteria. Be sure to place your order ahead of time!

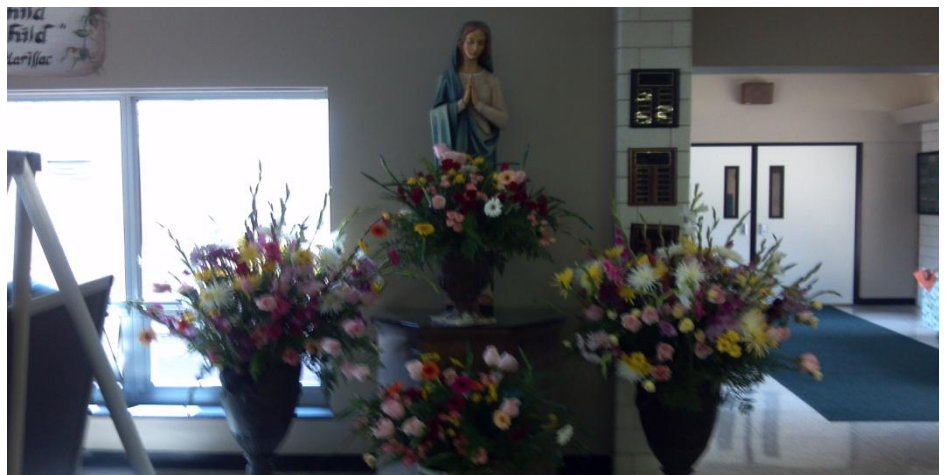
Please feel free to call Cindy Krappweis at (412) 833-6699 for more information or assistance with the program.



STL SUMMER BASEBALL

Many of our students were very active over the summer, participating in activities, camps and sports. One of the STL baseball teams played in the BCL Pinto Division and won the championship title with a 15-1 record. The STL boys, currently in the third grade, are Luke Banbury, Ethan Cooper, Andrey Crookshank, Zach Crookshank, Hunter Hanna, Aaron Lattner, Tyler Lesh, Max Lorenz, and Brian Sullivan. Way to go, STL boys!!

***Submitted by Coach Brian Lorenz**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARY!!!

From Mrs. Lijewski

We need a Beehive!

When fall arrives and you are raking leaves, if you notice a beehive, hornet's nest, or paper wasp nest in one of your trees, please consider sending it to the newly renovated science lab. The two hives from the old lab did not survive the move. Thank you!

7th grade Social Studies – The students are learning how and why the original thirteen colonies came into existence.

7th and 8th grade Science – In both levels the students are reviewing the steps to the Scientific Method and converting English units of measure to SI units. Seventh grade will then go on to study the structure of the atom while eighth grade will study the development of the microscope and learn how to use it.

From Mrs. Zaremba

(6th) Religion- The students are learning about the importance of the Bible (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth); the Word of God; preparing to receive Bibles this month

(6th) Social Studies- The students will be reviewing geography skills; studying the Paleolithic/Neolithic Eras

(5th) English – Our students are practicing their writing skills by using grammatically correct sentences

Target's Take Charge of Education Program



Every time you use your Target Visa or Target REDcard at a Target store or at [target.com](https://www.target.com), Target will donate 1% from those purchases to St Louise de Marillac School

(Visa holders will also receive 1/2% of purchases from other merchants).

Here's how it works: Visit [Target.com/tcoe](https://www.target.com/tcoe) or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school, then use your card whenever you shop.

If you would like to help us earn money for our school and do not have a Target Visa or Target REDcard, you can simply apply in person at any Target store or download an application and mail it in.

St Louise de Marillac's School ID is 15186.

Did I mention that in addition to earning money for the school - **YOU also receive a 5% discount on all of your purchases when you shop at Target** and use your Target REDcard or Target Visa? This is a Win-Win situation!

A **GREAT BIG "THANK YOU"** goes out to the **23** cardholders that have already designated St Louise de Marillac as their school. **In September, Target will issue us a check for \$571.87.** Since the program started we have received over **\$4,628.30. GREAT JOB!**

Grandparents, alumni, friends, teachers and neighbors are all welcome to participate in the program too!



Thank you Target for this wonderful opportunity!

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Moses
tgmoses@hotmail.com or (412) 220-7705



Wednesday
October 19th, 2011
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Join us at the Chick-fil-A at South Hills for a Spirit Night! St. Louise de Marillac School will earn 20% of the sales.

Come eat dinner at this Chick-fil-A, tell your cashier that you support St. Louise, & help us raise funds!

Sponsored by the Chick-fil-A at the South Hills store

1620 Washington Road •
 Pittsburgh, PA 15241
www.chick-fil-a.com/southhills



9th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL RACE FOR EDUCATION

The Pittsburgh Diocese requires its schools to raise 10% of their operating budget through fundraising events. This means St. Louise is required to earn \$202,000 this year! One of the two major fundraisers that helps accomplish this is the ‘**Race for Education**’. Last year the children worked hard to raise over \$56,000 by participating in this event. This year’s goal is \$65,000 and if every family participates we can reach our goal.

The ‘Race for Education’ is a **low-cost direct mail** fundraiser. **Parents, all you need to do is return your labels to school with the names and addresses of likely potential donors.** The children and the race team will do the rest.

The children will mail personalized sponsor request letters and use the labels for the envelopes. On Tues., Oct. 11 they ‘earn’ their donations by running a .75 – 1.5 mile race on school grounds. The next morning there is an Awards Ceremony where the 1st 2nd and 3rd place race winners in each classroom will be announced and various prizes will be awarded. A grand prize will be awarded to the *family* submitting the most non-duplicate labels. All donations earned by the children are credited to your Family Share requirement.

In addition, each grade has a ‘country’ assigned to them and will compete for prizes by completing fun, healthy, and educational projects in the weeks before the actual race. Teachers incorporate their countries’ assignments into their curriculum. Gym classes will be tailored to help the students train for the big race. With a little bit of training, hard work, and determination we know the kids will do their best and have fun cheering each other to the finish line.

Important dates related to our ‘International Race for Education’:

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| Sept. 6 | Family packet including mailing labels sent home |
| Sept. 9 | Students begin preparing donation requests |
| Sept. 26 | Final date for mailing labels due back to the school |
| Sept. 30 | Bulk mailing of the donation request letters |
| Oct. 6 | Fitness Take Home Score Sheets due |
| Oct. 11 | Race Day – Come and cheer on the racers! |
| Oct. 12 | Awards Ceremony in the gym – Join the celebration! |



**INNISBROOK
WRAPPING PAPER
SALE**

**AUGUST 31st THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 22nd**

New this year - anyone who sells 10 items will get a MAX Backpack Monkey when the order is placed through Innisbrook EZ Order.

**"FABULOUS FRIDAYS"
BONUS PRIZES:**

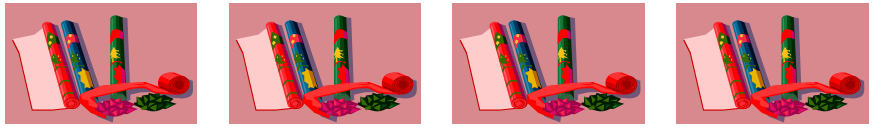
**SWEET TREATS
FABULOUS PRIZES
GIFT CARDS AND MORE!**

**50% OF ALL
INNISBROOK SALES,
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DONATIONS
BENEFIT ST. LOUISE**

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR
SCHOOL!**

**Pick up date:
October 26, 2011**

**IF YOU HAVE
QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT MELISSA
MAMULA at 724-969-
6901**



THE INNISBROOK SALE

Don't forget to enter your order on-line and send your receipt and payment to school by **Thursday, September 22nd.**

Some important things to remember:

- Our school code is 102578
- Enter your order at www.innisbrook.com, following the EZ Order instructions included in your packet.
- If you have trouble or questions about EZ Order entry, contact Innisbrook Customer Service at 1-877-525-5608
- If you do not have Internet access, please contact Melissa Mamula (info at bottom of page) to have your order entered for you.
- Do not add tax or processing fees to your order.
- After entering you order, PRINT THE VOUCHER and return the voucher with your check, made payable to St. Louise de Marillac School, in the Innisbrook envelope.
- Keep your order forms so you can distribute the products when they come in.

**Let's make this a GREAT fundraiser for St. Louise School! Questions? Contact Melissa Mamula at:
724-969-6901**

POP TAB RECYCLING

St. Louise de Marillac School is proud to participate in the Pop Tab Recycling Program to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Pittsburgh.

Last year, we collected OVER 20 lbs! Let's continue to "pull" together & send in your Pop Tabs from canned drinks/vegetable cans, & deposit them in the designated box in the school office. Don't forget to ask friends and family to help us save for this worthy cause.

What is the Ronald McDonald House? Each year, hundreds of families from all over the world face the traumatic experience of having their child hospitalized in Pittsburgh for a serious illness. Far from the comforts of home & assurance of loved ones, families often feel lonely, anxious & overwhelmed during this frightening time.

The Pittsburgh Ronald McDonald House is able to offer these families hope, compassion & a safe place to call home. Each family has a private, comfortable suite, as well as a shared kitchen, laundry facility & playroom, which foster support networks among families, staff & volunteers.

Since opening more than 30 years ago, the Pittsburgh Ronald McDonald House has served more than 11,000 families regardless of their ability to pay. For families unable to pay the \$15 a night, the fee is waived. The Ronald McDonald House is located next to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Any questions contact: Tracy Moses (412) 220-7705 / email @ tgmoses@hotmail.com

The FALL 2011 Box Top\$ Contest is Kicking Off!



St. Louise is kicking off its first BoxTop\$ contest of the school year and we are looking for your BoxTop\$! Please send in all of the BoxTop\$ that you have collected over the SUMMER months and help your child's class win an ice cream treat (YUMMY!), dress down day (AWESOME!) and/or end of the year pizza party (WE ROCK!)

The FALL Contest will run from Monday, Sept 12, 2011 through Wednesday, October 19th, 2011.

The class with the highest total Box Top\$ collected in their grade breakdown (K-2, 3-5, or 6-8) will win an ice cream treat.

Any class that collects at least 500 Box Top\$ will be awarded a Dress Down Day.

The class that collects the **MOST** Box Top\$ *throughout the whole school year* will be awarded a pizza party.

It's SO easy to collect Box Top\$!

1. Collect, clip and save from more than 500 participating General Mills products through the Box Top\$ program.
2. Ask friends, neighbors, and relatives to collect, clip & save too.
3. Send your Box Top\$ to your child's classroom between 9/12/11 – 10/19/11. Each classroom has its own collection box.

Earn additional Box Top\$ by shopping online: www.Boxtops4education.com (shop retailers such as Barnes & Noble, Gap, and Old Navy, just to name a few).

September BONUS OFFER at Giant Eagle Purchase any 12 products with the Box Top\$ Logo & receive **70 BONUS BOX TOP\$!**

(single transaction using Giant Eagle Advantage Card - Bonus BoxTop\$ Certificate prints @ register)

Last school year, the students of St Louise collected OVER \$3,200 worth of Box Top\$. WOW! GREAT JOB! We more than EXCEEDED our goal of \$2,600!

Our NEW GOAL for this year is \$2,700.

Any questions, please call Tracy Moses at (412) 220-7705 or tgmoses@hotmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD IN OCTOBER 2011

- 10/6 – Fall Pep Rally 1:30pm
@ Gym
- 10/7 – All School Liturgy @ 9AM
5th – 6th Grade Game
Night @ Le Gras
- 10/11 – Race for Education
- 10/12 – Race Awards Day
@ 9AM
- 10/13 – 3rd Grade Student &
Parent Lunch
@12:15pm
- 10/14 – All School Liturgy @9am
- 10/21 – All School Liturgy @9am
6th Grade Grandparents
Day/11:30am Mass
- 10/26 – Innisbrook Sale Pick Up
@ LeGras
- 10/27 – Last Day to wear
Uniform Shorts
- 10/28 – No School
Teen Center @ LeGras
7pm – 10pm
@ LeGras
- 10/31 – Halloween Parties
@1:30pm



LIBRARY NEWS

The STL Library is looking for library volunteers. Any amount of time or days that you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated. For more information on how you can participate, please contact Christine Gillespie at clgillespie@verizon.net or 724-942-0959.



IF YOU HAVE ANY FUTURE NEWS OR INFORMATION TO SHARE FOR THE ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FOR THE NEW 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT THE STL NEWSLETTER CHAIRPERSON, TRACI BAYER AT: ntbayer@msn.com

HAVE A GREAT NEW SCHOOL YEAR
2011-2012

