

PTG NEWS

Welcome Back

The Parent Teacher Guild Board would like to welcome you back to school. Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer his/her time and talents to St. Louise. If you are not already participating, consider making this the year that you become involved.

PTG Meetings

Remember that you are already a member of the PTG. There are no dues. You are welcome to attend all of our general meetings:

- October 17, 6:30 p.m., School Library
- January 9, 6:30 p.m., School Library
- May 15, 6:30 p.m., School Library

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A Note from the Principal



Labor Day Weekend is a sure sign that the summer has ended. The children and their teachers have settled into a new school year. It always amazes me how the children grow and change in so many ways when they return to school after summer vacation. Together we strive to create a school environment that enhances self-esteem, increases student achievement and promotes joy, hope, compassion and Christian values in learning.

Arrival

Please note that students should not arrive at school before 8:00 a.m. We do not have any supervision in the classrooms until that time. St. Louise does offer a before care program that begins at 7:00 a.m. Prior arrangements must be made to utilize this service.

Dismissal

Please respect the dismissal procedure for the safety of our children. Parents should exit their car, and escort the children back to their vehicle. If you must converse with other parents, please do so in the coned off safety area and keep your child/children with you.

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

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God"

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

God Bless,

Mr. Klase

Kindergarten Dessert This Evening

We are excited to welcome the kindergartners and their parents to the St. Louise family. Our annual Kindergarten Dessert Social will be held on Wednesday September 27th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Le Gras Hall. Dr. Seuss is the theme this year but we won't be serving Green Eggs or Ham.

Mark Your Calendar For the Living Rosary!



Please come and experience the beautiful portrayal of the 8th annual Living Rosary...

*Wednesday, October 4th
at 1:30 p.m.
in the church*

Students will form a rosary in church and present Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, with a rose for each prayer said on the rosary. At its conclusion, Mary will be surrounded by roses! It's a sight you don't want to miss!

Kindergarten and New Student Orientation

The incoming Kindergarten class and other students new to St. Louise this fall were welcomed at Orientation on August 23. Many eager faces showed up to meet their teachers and enjoy a bus ride!

Next Issue

The next issue of the PTG News will be published on October 25. Articles are due to Michele Sites, msites1@verizon.net, on October 20.

Box Top\$ Collection Time

It's Box Top\$ collection time again! Last year, Box Top\$ raised over **\$2,700** for our school.

FALL CONTEST DEADLINE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

- When cutting out your Box Top\$, be sure to include the entire Box Top label with expiration date – and check those dates!! No credit is given for expired tops.
- Encourage family and neighbors to clip and collect for you. Each top is worth 10 cents...they add up quickly!
- Don't forget to include your child's name, teacher's name, and room number each time you turn in the Box Top\$ to ensure their class gets credit.
- Dress Down Day will be awarded to any class that collects over 500. New prizes this year for the class that collects the MOST Box Top\$ throughout the whole school year.
- Each child that collects over 100 Box Top\$ will be entered to win a gift card. ****Please send an email if your child is bringing in 100+ Box Top\$****
- Box Top\$ Bonus App (App Store for Apple and Google Play for Android). Earn even more for our school!
- Contact Amy Creely, stlboxtops@gmail.com, with any questions.



First Grade Families Save the Date!

We're excited for this year's First Grade Covered Dish Dinner: Around the World.

Please join us for an evening filled with music, good food, compassion and fun with your first grader. Invitations and more information will be sent home in backpack mail, but mark your calendars now.

First Grade Covered Dish Dinner

Thursday, November 16

6:30 p.m.

LeGras Parish Hall

Lower Level

"Sunday Best Attire!"

This is a special night for the first graders, please make other arrangements for siblings!



Teen Center's Black Out!

On Friday, September 22nd the 7th and 8th graders kicked off this year's Teen Centers with a solar eclipse black out. The kids were asked to wear black and all the tables and windows in LeGras were covered with black plastic. To add to the illusion of being in space, several celestial posters decorated the walls, including images of earth from space, galaxies, the moon and of course a solar eclipse.

The kids danced the night away and were treated to pizza, snacks, drinks and prizes. In addition to the usual gift cards, three lucky winners won solar eclipse t-shirts to remember an evening that was "out of this world!"

ReplayIt App

Erin Boni, Kathy Pierce and Nicole Zukowski are this year's co-chairs of the STL Yearbook. They welcome you to help contribute to your child(ren)'s yearbook! Please take a few minutes to follow the steps below to download Jostens' ReplayIt app to easily share photos from your phone and/or computer for them to use in the yearbook.

1. From the App Store or Google Play, download ReplayIt and launch.
2. To get started, find your STL. Click on it.
3. Connect with Facebook or create an account. If you have a Jostens account, use that password.
4. Stream lists all photos already on ReplayIt. To add, click the Take Photo tab to add from your phone library or to take a new photo.
5. Select Category, tag the photo and add names of the people on the photograph. Click upload.
6. After getting approved, the image can be shared on social media and liked.



Erin, Kathy and Nicole cannot possibly cover all of the amazing events at STL on their own, so they will rely on you to share your experiences with them through your pictures.

Remember to order a yearbook at www.jostensyearbooks.com. Order by September 29 for special discounts.

Thank you in advance for your help! If anyone has problems or questions, please email Erin at eefemedia@gmail.com.

STL Featured in The Almanac

The following is a copy of the article and pictures featuring Schoolapalooza that appeared in the August 30 edition of The Almanac.

Schoolapalooza kicks off new year

Welcoming event at St. Louise de Marillac a rousing success

By Harry Funk

The smoke and accompanying appetizing aromas from a grill told the story that something special was happening at St. Louise de Marillac School in Upper St. Clair.

The third annual Schoolapalooza, a megaparty for students and their families, was held Aug. 26 to welcome everyone back before classes began a couple days later.

“We started it to get new families kind of oriented to our school and feel a little bit more familiar with it before they came in, and it wasn’t overwhelming for the new students,” Kristin Klein of Peters Township, one of the parent organizers, explained. Her son, Nathan, a St. Louise seventh-grader, joined scores of schoolmates in trying out the activities and attractions that were set up in the back parking lot, from having their faces painted and photos taken to climbing on a rope course and rock wall.

“It has progressively gotten bigger,” Kristie Cobleigh of Canonsburg, another parent organizer, said about the crowd of 700-plus. “Word has spread. The kids who are here year after year, already, really enjoy seeing their friends.” She has twin sons, Alex and Andrew, going into fourth grade.

“The families just really enjoy getting together and getting to socialize before that craziness of the school year starts, where we see everybody but it tends to be in passing,” she said. “It also gives the new parents an opportunity to meet some parents in their children’s classroom, which is nice.”

Volunteers staff the event each year, including Principal Ken Klase, who spent most of the evening working the grill. Boy Scouts from Troop 4, based at St. Louise, also provided considerable help. And the folks who lent their talents to painting faces included Peters Township High School student Natalie Klein, Kristin’s daughter.

“It’s just a great welcoming event,” Cobleigh said. “We really enjoy being here.”



Samantha Vincent, 4, a preschooler at St. Louise de Marillac, enjoys a climb on a rock wall set up as one of the attractions during Schoolapalooza.

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Gemma Roman of Canonsburg, a St. Louise de Marillac preschooler, gets ready to have her picture taken in a photo booth while wearing a distinctive pair of shades.

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John Hyrb, a St. Louise de Marillac second grader, enjoys a climb on a rock wall set up as one of the attractions during Schoolapalooza.

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Our Blessed Mother's Birthday

On Friday, September 8th the Church celebrated the nativity of Mary, the mother of Jesus, 9 months after her Immaculate Conception on December 8th. The children of STL honored Our Blessed Mother in a special way by giving her what we call spiritual gifts.

On a small piece of paper, the students wrote something they wished to do to make Mary happy. Spiritual gifts are things such as praying a Hail Mary, reading a Bible story, going to confession or doing a charitable work for someone in need. These slips of paper were then placed in a large birthday gift and presented to Our Lady before the start of the all school liturgy on September 8th.

Mary's greatest desire is for her children to come to know and love Jesus. By performing spiritual gifts, we are making the necessary steps in that direction and giving Mary the best gift she could ever hope to receive!



St. Louise de Marillac, Pray for Us!

Upcoming Events

- Kindergarten Dessert, Wednesday, September 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m., LeGras
- Fall Pep Rally, Thursday, September 28, 1:30 p.m., Gym
- 1st Reconciliation Parent Meetings, Sunday, October 1, 12:30-2:30 p.m. or Monday, October 2, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Cafeteria
- Baby Bottle Service Project, Monday, October 2 to Friday, October 27
- Living Rosary, Wednesday, October 4, 1:30 p.m., Church
- Family Fun Service Day, Saturday, October 7, 9:30-11:30 a.m., LeGras
- 7th Grade Confirmation Meeting, Monday, October 9, 7:00 p.m., LeGras
- SAC Meeting, Monday, October 9, 6:30 p.m., LeGras
- Grace Before the Race Dinner - Tuesday, October 10, 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria
- Race for Education - Wednesday, October 11
- Race Awards, Friday, October 13, 10:00 a.m., Gym
- Teen Center - Friday, October. 21, 7:00-9:30 p.m., Le Gras
- 3rd Grade VIP/Student Lunch - Tuesday, October 17, 12:15 p.m., Cafeteria
- PTG Meeting - Tuesday, October. 17, 6:30 p.m., Library
- Confirmation, Saturday, October 21
- 4th Grade Donuts with Dad - Wednesday, October 25
- Trunk or Treat - Saturday, October 28, 7:00 p.m. Back School Parking Lot
- Halloween Classroom Parties - October 31, 1:00 p.m.