

# PTG NEWS

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## **PTG Meeting Highlights**

The Parent Teacher Guild would like to congratulate STL students for their accomplishments thus far this school year. Many students have been successful in a number of different activities. Several accomplishments were shared for publication in this newsletter.

Thank you to all of the parents, teachers, coaches and staff that support, encourage and guide our students.

## **Upcoming 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. The remaining meetings this school year are as follows:

- 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**

Two months have passed since the beginning of the new school year. We have completed the first grading period, Halloween has come and gone and Advent preparations are soon to follow. As we approach the time of year when we turn our attention to thanking God for all of the blessings in our lives, I would like to focus on all of the wonderful things happening at St. Louise de Marillac School.

When interacting with students in the hallways, lunchroom, before and after school, I am amazed at their good manners and respect always complying with requests and instructions. Observing students showing compassion to one another when another student drops their lunch tray in the cafeteria or books in the hallway is heartwarming. Seeing those smiling faces each morning as they enter the building makes my day.

Thanks to God for this great gift of Catholic education for our children. So many sacrifice to make sure we can continue to teach our faith each year. Thanks to our priests, parishioners, parents, faculty and staff that so generously support this important mission of the Catholic Church.

Thanks be to God for all of the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to work towards the goal of making St. Louise de Marillac the best school in every possible way for our children!

With God all things are possible,

Mr. Klase



## Emergency Closings and Delays

If inclement weather or some other emergency requires that St. Louise de Marillac School be delayed or closed, this information will be announced on KDKA, Channel 2; WTAE, Channel 4; WPXI, Channel 11; St. Louise School website and Option C Parent-Alert system. Because of the number of public districts represented in our school, it is important that you listen for an announcement that identifies your public school district. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL OR RECTORY FOR THIS INFORMATION.**

The following procedures will be adhered to regarding poor weather conditions:

1. If Upper Saint Clair School District cancels school, *Saint Louise de Marillac School* is **automatically closed** for **all** students.
2. If the district that provides your transportation has canceled school, but Upper Saint Clair has not canceled school, parents are encouraged to provide transportation **to** and **from** school for that day for *Saint Louise de Marillac School* students.
3. Delays due to weather are dependent upon the school district in which the student lives- Bethel Park, Peters Township, CanonMac, etc. For example: if Bethel Park has a delay, then **only** those students who are bussed by Bethel Park have a delay.

In the event of a two-hour delay, which will be announced **only when every district** bussing children to *Saint Louise de Marillac School* has called a delay, all children should report to school by 10:20 a.m. tardy bell. Because some public districts that have not delayed do not provide bussing outside of the normal times, children from these districts will be picked up at the normal times and will be admitted into the building to wait for the scheduled start.

Teachers will be present at the usual time. If you are driving your children to school on a two-hour delay day, **please** do not arrive before 10:00 a.m.

## Iowa Assessments

The Iowa Assessments are achievement tests that assess students' Reading, Language, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies skills. The test results are in and over the next several weeks we will be analyzing this data. The data management system for the assessment has many reports which can be customized for each class, grades and the entire school.

Results from this assessment will be used to drive instruction and improve students' learning. Achievement tests help identify students' strengths and weaknesses. The teachers and administration will use this information to monitor students' growth, provide instructional grouping data and improve instruction. This data will allow us to make decisions on past and future instructional strategies.

The teachers have been in serviced in order to understand and explain the results to the parents. I believe you will find the Student Narrative and the Student Profile reports very informative and easy to understand. A school summary report will be provided to you in the December newsletter.



## Yearbook News!

Please order your yearbook ASAP to be sure that you get one. The few extras we were able to get last year sold out! Go to [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com) directly to order online.

If you have children in winter sports, please send us a few photographs via the ReplayIt app or simply email one or two along to [eefemedia@gmail.com](mailto:eefemedia@gmail.com). This is a great way to get your child in the yearbook.

Also, if you would like to help us with the yearbook and/or the Activities Photo Day in February, please contact Erin Boni at [eefemedia@gmail.com](mailto:eefemedia@gmail.com). Kathy Pierce and Nicole Zukowski are also chairs of this publication and we are happy for more photos or more help in any way you may be interested!



## Special Holiday Box Top\$ Mini-Collection

Did you know that Box Top\$ are on so many of the products you will be buying to make all of your wonderful holiday treats this year? Flyers with the list of the participating products and a space to secure your Box Top\$ are available. Submit a sheet with 25 Box Top\$ and earn an entry for a fabulous Baker's Bounty gift basket!

Congratulations to Brandon Kelley from Mrs. Hamilton's 4<sup>th</sup> grade! He was randomly chosen as the fall collection contest winner, submitting over 100 box tops. Enjoy your gift card, Brandon!

Contact Amy Creely, [stlboxtops@gmail.com](mailto:stlboxtops@gmail.com) with any questions.

## PTG Lottery Calendar Fundraiser



The Lottery Calendar is back as the main fundraiser for the 2017-2018 school year. All families should have received 3 randomly assigned calendars in the weekly folder on October 25, 2017. Calendars are \$40.00 each and provide the lucky owner a chance to win at least \$40.00 each night during the 2018 calendar year. The calendar sale will end on December 20, 2017

Calendars can be sold to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. They also make great birthday and Christmas gifts. If you are in need of more calendars, please contact Lee Ann Cebula at [leeleecebula@gmail.com](mailto:leeleecebula@gmail.com) or Michele Straka at [michelestraka@verizon.net](mailto:michelestraka@verizon.net). If you do not plan on selling your calendars, please return them to the school office as soon as possible so that others may purchase them. For every calendar sold, 100% of the money will be credited to your Family Share. Good Luck!!!

## 2017 Faculty Christmas Fund

The holiday season is upon us and we would like to acknowledge our wonderful STL faculty and staff by presenting each of them with a special Christmas gift. It has become a tradition to collect monetary donations for our faculty (classroom teachers, teacher aides, special teachers, administrative staff and support staff). This allows the faculty to treat themselves to something special over the holidays and alleviates any stress of trying to find just the right gift to show your appreciation.

You are not obligated to donate to the faculty gift for your child's teacher. This is completely **OPTIONAL**. All monies received will be divided among the St. Louise de Marillac faculty and staff.

Watch for additional details in your Weekly Folder.

## Gala Update



We are about two months away from the Run for the Roses Gala set for Friday January 26. We would like to thank everyone who has signed on to be a sponsor of the event. We really appreciate your generosity. We are still in need of sponsors for the event. The sponsorships help offset the cost of the event. Most of the sponsorship levels are still available. We are looking for a few dessert sponsors to try something new at the Gala instead of just cookies. If you know anyone who would consider being a sponsor, please contact us.

We are still looking for a donor who would be willing to donate a condo weekend at Seven Springs. Also, we are looking donations of NEW items such as a putter, driver, small appliances or other interesting items. If you have anything that you would like to donate. please contact us at [gala@stlouisedemarillac.org](mailto:gala@stlouisedemarillac.org).

We are currently collecting gift cards for the classroom baskets. Purchase your gift cards at LeGras and you can place them in the special envelope or send with your child via backpack mail to the Gala Committee. These gift cards cannot be used toward the family share but can be used toward tuition reduction.

Here are just a few dates to keep in mind:

- Wine Giving Party, Tuesday December 5, 6:30 p.m.
- Auction Donation Drop, Off LeGras Entrance, Friday, December 8, Before/After Mass \*A committee member will be there to collect your donation\*
- Auction Donation Drop Off, LeGras Entrance, Friday, January 5, Before/After Mass

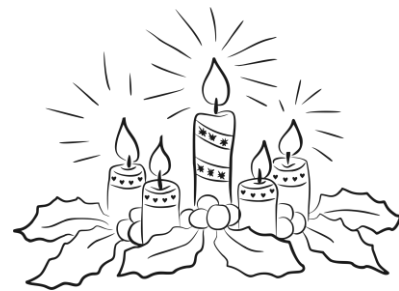
If you have any gifts or talents that you would like to share, please reach out to us! Thanks.

## Feeding Your Faith News

Advent is fast approaching and that means the Advent Evening for Families and the sale of Advent Candles for your friends' and families' Advent wreaths will soon be upon us.

If you haven't been to the Advent Evening for Families, come start this lovely tradition for your family on December 3 at 6:30 p.m. in LeGras Hall. We'll have some festive desserts, cocoa and coffee, make a few little-kid friendly crafts, including the all-important Christingle candle holder, and then have a candlelight service and procession to the light the tree. It ends at 8:00 and you'll be glad you took the time to come together as a family to enter into the holiness and beauty of the season (not to mention the fun).

Advent candles bundled by STL 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be available for purchase at the school and parish offices as well as at St. Nick Shop. All profits are donated to St. Anthony School Programs which benefit children with special needs in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. They are always so grateful for the money our kids raise! This fundraiser brings in \$600-\$800 each year. Please consider buying candles for yourself, your loved ones, neighbors, and holiday hosts and embrace the wonderful Advent Wreath tradition for your family. Prayer cards for each week of Advent are included.



## A Recap

Two events of note brought in large crowds to STL's LeGras parish Hall in the last few weeks. On October 27<sup>th</sup> over 165 people came for the fascinating and inspiring talk on "Angels, Demons, Ghosts, Hauntings and Exorcisms. Nationally acclaimed Presenter Dave VanVickle kept his audience riveted and the attendees enjoyed refreshments and an extended question and answer session.

On the following weekend, we hosted Feed Your Marriage featuring internationally acclaimed Catholic author, producer, podcaster and video host Matthew Leonard. Over 160 people attended the event, enjoying delicious appetizers, craft beer, and a catered dinner. Don't miss this next year!

## Trunk or Treat

Rain pushed Trunk or Treat to the weekend after Halloween this year, but so much fun was had at last year's event that many still wanted to come together to enjoy the company of friends. On this cold fall evening, trunks were decked out with spiderwebs, jack-o-lanterns, and skeletons. There were fog machines and cotton candy machines; sorting hats and ice cream trucks; and under sea and STL Open tennis themes. So many creative ideas! Many parents enjoyed dressing up just as much as the kids. Tailgate food, drinks and candy were enjoyed by all along with laughter and fun memories for all to remember.

## Next Issue

The next issue of the PTG News will be published on December 21. Articles are due to Michele Sites, msites1@verizon.net, on Friday, December 17.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Covered Dish



This year's First Grade Covered Dish was held on November 16 and our first grade families took a trip *Around the World*. The night included feasting on international dishes prepared by our first grade families and students filling up their passports with stamps as they learned about more than 21 countries.

The evening was highlighted by a musical program from the children featuring "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands". For a service project incorporating this year's gospel value: *Compassion*, we assembled bookbags and PJs, generously donated by our first and eight graders for 175 local foster children.

Thank you to all who attended and volunteered to make this evening special for the first graders and their families.

## Honors Band

Congratulations to the following 6th-8th grade students who auditioned November 16 and were selected for the South District Diocesan Honors Band:

- **Becky Mack** - 1st chair, flute
- **Molly Maher** - 4th chair, clarinet
- **Sydney Gisoni** - 4th chair, trumpet
- **Dani Mack** - 5th chair, trumpet
- **Hunter Maher** - 6th chair, trombone

*This is the most students we've had audition and make the band in at least 6 years. These students will come together with students from other Catholic schools in the southern area of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to rehearse and play a special concert at Seton LaSalle High School in February. GREAT JOB TO ALL!*

## Alumni in the News

Congratulations to several former STL students who were recently featured in The Almanac for their football accomplishments. A list of those students with links to the articles featuring them is below.

### Matt Banbury

[https://thealmanac.net/sports/seton-lasalle-senior-sheds-shell-to-become-a-leader/article\\_74ba46cf-b7a4-5162-be73-dd36be5de311.html](https://thealmanac.net/sports/seton-lasalle-senior-sheds-shell-to-become-a-leader/article_74ba46cf-b7a4-5162-be73-dd36be5de311.html)

### Josh Blamer

[https://thealmanac.net/sports/peters-township-pair-provides-protection-at-seton-lasalle/article\\_03cc962c-b8d5-11e7-ac2d-37bef0d90314.html](https://thealmanac.net/sports/peters-township-pair-provides-protection-at-seton-lasalle/article_03cc962c-b8d5-11e7-ac2d-37bef0d90314.html)

### Jake Cortes

[https://thealmanac.net/sports/peters-township-qb-grows-into-position/article\\_5b1f4dce-6474-5d57-8b84-29cc310eaa6f.html](https://thealmanac.net/sports/peters-township-qb-grows-into-position/article_5b1f4dce-6474-5d57-8b84-29cc310eaa6f.html)

### Nick McNally

[https://thealmanac.net/sports/bethel-park-lineman-center-of-attention-at-seton-lasalle/article\\_771afa8a-bf0e-11e7-a85f-8783edd2c4aa.html](https://thealmanac.net/sports/bethel-park-lineman-center-of-attention-at-seton-lasalle/article_771afa8a-bf0e-11e7-a85f-8783edd2c4aa.html)

Please let us know about any other alumni and their achievements. It would be great to recognize their success in a future newsletter.



St. Louise de Marillac, Pray for Us

## Upcoming Events

- St. Nick Shop, Thursday, November 30, Gym
- Advent Begins, Sunday, December 3
- Rite of Intention, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Sunday, December 3, All Masses
- Advent Events for Families, Sunday, December 2, 6:30 p.m., LeGras
- SAC Meeting, Monday, December 4, 6:30 p.m., LeGras
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Saturday, December 9 and Saturday, December 16, 10:00 a.m., Church
- Service Project for Grand Residence Begins, Monday, December 11
- Progress Reports Distributed, Tuesday, December 12
- Band Concert, Tuesday, December 12, 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Gym
- Light is On Day, Wednesday, December 13, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Church
- Teen Center, Friday, December 15, 7:00-9:30 p.m., LeGras
- Choral Concert, Wednesday, December 20, 1:00 p.m., Gym
- Classroom Christmas Parties, Thursday, December 21, 1:30 p.m.
- No School, Friday, December 22-January 1
- School Resumes, Tuesday, January 2



## Honor Roll Announcement

The following seventh and eighth grade students have met the academic criteria necessary for the Honor Roll for the first nine week grading period.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Highest Honors - Straight A's

*Massimo Adams  
Tommy Boehner  
Cole Brdar  
Molly Maher  
Adeline Meinert  
Sara Osterhaus*

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Highest Honors - Straight A's

*Kirk Brdar  
Jillian Gallo  
Briella Lucadamo  
Matt Milliken  
Jack Sabo  
Rylie Saxe*

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors - Grade Point Average of 3.6 -3.99

<i>Ava Baumcratz</i>	<i>Becky Mack</i>	<i>Taylor Sluss</i>
<i>Jackie Bell</i>	<i>Phillip Majkic</i>	<i>Camden Uchic</i>
<i>Dominic Coury</i>	<i>Lily Marchand</i>	<i>Cassidy Vaccarello</i>
<i>Meghan Erfort</i>	<i>Dana Marchisotto</i>	<i>Kylene Vas</i>
<i>Cullen Gillespie</i>	<i>Ryan McKenna</i>	<i>Lia Violago</i>
<i>Erica Janosko</i>	<i>Andrew Porco</i>	<i>Drew West</i>
<i>Kaitlyn Karrenbauer</i>	<i>Henry Rainone</i>	<i>Donovan Whitfield</i>
<i>Nicole Lusk</i>	<i>Matt Schearer</i>	

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors - Grade Point Average of 3.6 - 3.99

<i>Mark Banbury</i>	<i>Peyton Gillespie</i>	<i>Rocco Salvitti</i>
<i>Isabella Bergstresser</i>	<i>Nathan Klein</i>	<i>Connor Spratt</i>
<i>Mary Connolly</i>	<i>Amelia Klinar</i>	<i>Quinn Stanek</i>
<i>Ella Coury</i>	<i>Kaylee Knoebel</i>	<i>Melina Stewart</i>
<i>Loch Davis</i>	<i>Alex Milliken</i>	<i>Lizzie Syverson</i>
<i>Abrielle DeAngelo</i>	<i>Monife Obiri</i>	<i>Mario Williams</i>
<i>Shea Gallagher</i>	<i>Gianna Rainone</i>	

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors - Grade Point Average 3.20-3.59**

<i>Ava Cilli</i>	<i>Brendan Mattes</i>
<i>Julia Corey</i>	<i>Emma McNally</i>
<i>Luke Cortes</i>	<i>Olivia Mustin</i>
<i>Zach Crookshank</i>	<i>Connor O'Neill</i>
<i>Nathan Dummer</i>	<i>Shannon Thelk</i>
<i>Nate Kuntz</i>	

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors - Grade Point Average 3.20-3.59**

<i>Beckam Alger</i>	<i>Jack Guzowski</i>
<i>Carsyn Cortes</i>	<i>Rylie Mazur</i>
<i>Chloe Cross</i>	<i>Thomas McMahon</i>
<i>Anthony Frank</i>	<i>Anthony Phillips</i>