

PTG NEWS

PTG Meeting Highlights

The Parent Teacher Guild would like to wish all the families, faculty and staff of St. Louise a Merry Christmas. Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of the children at STL. We are blessed to have so many give of their time and talents. May 2018 bring you much happiness and good health.

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

Agenda topics will be announced closer to the meeting dates.

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A Note from the Principal

Dear Parents,

At this busy time of year, it is very easy to get caught up in the frantic race that has become the pace of our present day culture. However, Advent, which began on Sunday, December 3rd is all about waiting. The Advent season is a wonderful reminder that we all need to take our foot off of the accelerator and appreciate the prelude to Christmas Day.

Although the evergreen Christmas tree, Santa Claus and presents have become a symbol for Christmas, it is my wish that your children understand the real reason for the season, *giving* and *receiving*. The real reason for the season is to reflect on the special gift (His Son) that God has lovingly *given* us and to *receive* this gift with reverence and appreciation. It truly is the season for *giving* and *receiving*.

May Christmas 2017 find each of us better able to lovingly *give* and to *receive*, and to understand more fully the miracle of Christmas. During this special season, be assured of my prayers for each of you, members of our St. Louise de Marillac School family.

Christmas Peace to Each of You,

Mr. Klase



Run for the Roses Gala Update



Greetings All! The Gala is about a month away and this article is filled with lots of important information.

We would like to thank all the sponsors who have committed to our fundraising efforts to date. We are still looking for more sponsors, particularly a Millionaires' Row Live Auction Sponsor (\$750) and a Breeder's Cup Decoration Sponsor (\$500). These sponsors will have signage at the event and recognition in several places. Also, Friends of St. Louise can be in any denomination starting with \$100. These sponsorships whether from a business or a family can be applied to your family share. Please consider a sponsorship this year, it helps defray costs of the event and it gives your business great exposure. If you are interested, please contact us.

The website for ticket registration and purchase is now live. You can go to the school website and it can be found under the News section at the bottom of the site. Click the link and it will connect you to the page and then go to the drop-down menu and look for registration tab.

Don't forget about the tuition raffle and grand raffle tickets. These raffles each offer a unique opportunity to win full tuition for a year for one child and the grand raffle offers eight opportunities to win a gift card valued at \$1000. This year you have two opportunities to possibly win \$1000 CASH! You can purchase the tickets for your family or you can sell them. These tickets would make a great Christmas gift.



No Run for the Roses Gala would be complete without horse racing. We will be

bringing a night at the races to St. Louise. We will have "live" horse racing that night. The races will be projected on a big screen with a live MC and betting throughout the evening. You have the opportunity to buy a horse for \$40 and you will be able to name your horse and then cheer him on to victory. People will be able to bet on your horse and, if it wins, you will win \$80. This is a rare opportunity. Only 40 horses are available for sale. Don't delay, deadline is January 5th.

We had a very successful donation drop off earlier this month for new/unused items and donation items for the gala. We will be having another drop off on Friday January 5th before and after mass. Consider donating those items that you received as Christmas gifts that you do not need or want. We are in the process of putting the packages together and even small items can enhance the value of a package.



We will be having a basket making party on Wednesday January 17th starting after drop-off at my home. Whether you can give an hour, or the day is greatly appreciated. We will provide breakfast and lunch for the volunteers. This is a fun time and it will go smoothly and quickly with lots of help. We are still taking basket donations, paper filler, ribbon, and cellophane wrap. Feel free to drop off at LeGras Center in a bag marked "basket making party". Thanks in advance!

I would like to thank all the committee members who have been working for months to help make this event a very successful evening! If you have any questions, email us at gala@stlouisedemarillac.org.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!

Mary Anne Meade
Gala Chair

Congratulations Forensics Students



On Saturday, December 9, 2017, St. Louise de Marillac School hosted a Forensics competition. Forensics is a form of public speaking that embodies several different genres. It encourages students to become confident readers, speakers, and performers.

Many of our St. Louise students participated in this event and received several first, second, and third place awards in various categories. During each competition, there are two rounds, allowing each participant to receive an award for that round. The following students received awards during the tournament:

In the category of poetry, Ivy Pettigrew received 2 first place awards.

In the category of prose, Alexander Smaroff received 2 first place awards.

In the category of drama, Henry Rainone received 2 first place awards, and Mary Nagy received 2 first place awards.

In the category of declamation, Emily Lukasewicz received 2 second place awards.

In the category of impromptu, Hunter Maher received 1 third place award and 1 first place award, Briella Lucadamo received 1 second place award and 1 first place award, Meagan McKenna received 1 second place award and 1 first place award and Sydney Gisoni received 1 third place award and 1 second place award.

In the category of multiple reading, the team of Julia Brandwein, Julia Bannister, Katie Erfort, and Kaitlyn Zediker received 1 first and 1 second place award performing Cinderella and the team of Audrey Stoll, Maya Chlystek, Sofia Ellison, and Sophia Peretin received 2 first place awards performing Finding Nemo.

Congratulations to all of these students! Also, a very special “Thank you” to all the parent volunteers who helped to make the competition a success, as well as, two of our St. Louise teachers, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Whisker who helped judge and count ballots. We look forward to our next competition on January 20, 2018 at Carlynton! If any student in 5th through 8th grade is interested in Forensics, please see the moderator, Miss Muth, for additional information.

Advent Evening for Families

On the First Sunday of Advent, STL School families gathered in LeGras Hall for cookies, cocoa, Christmas music and an Advent wreath craft. Children and parents then also assembled Christingles, the traditional and religiously symbolic candle holder made from an orange decorated with candies.

The families then gathered at the Church for a brief Advent service and a beautiful candlelight procession to the school Christmas tree. Fr. Daniele Vallecorsa blessed the tree before it was lit as well as the manger before the children took turns filling it with hay. A cantor sang the Magnificat by the light of the gorgeous super moon and then Father blessed all the families gathered around the tree with their candles.

This school tradition is a lovely way to begin Advent. Do consider joining us next year!



Teens Care

When you think of Teen Center, dancing is usually the first thing that comes to mind. Over the past two months, however, the 7th and 8th graders have done much more than that!

The Sunday morning before Thanksgiving, approximately 20 kids came to LeGras to bake various types of breads to add to the food being delivered to Mooncrest the following morning. In addition, the 8th grade Girl Scout troop made beautiful centerpieces to give the donations a personal touch. After the project was complete, Mr. Klase took all the kids out on the football field for the annual Turkey Bowl which consisted of a game of flag football between the grades and homerooms. The winner of this year's trophy goes to Mrs. Ingold's 8th grade homeroom. Congratulations!

On the evening of Friday, December 15th a large group of junior high kids came to LeGras to help assemble and wrap the gifts that would be delivered to the people of Grand Residence. With a lot of teamwork, all 75 presents were wrapped within an hour! The evening was then followed by the traditional dance complete with pizza, cookies and drinks. Le Gras turned into a Christmas wonderland with holiday lights and various Christmas trees to deck the halls.



Save the date for the 2018 Snowball Dance scheduled for Friday, January 12th. Pictures start at 6:30 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner at 7:00 p.m. and dancing beginning at 7:30 p.m. This is a semi-formal affair so boys are expected to come in a shirt, tie and dress shoes (no tennis shoes) and girls should be modestly dressed. Shoulders need to be covered. If the dress is strapless or sleeveless, they need to wear a wrap at all times. *Formal invitations will be sent home via backpack mail with your child on Tuesday, January 2nd with written response and check due by Friday, January 5th.*

Faith Formation Bulletin Board

While taking a break at lunch, students have been taking in the messages from the Faith Formation bulletin board. This fall, the board was decorated by members from Mrs. Joyce's fifth grade class with a paper chain Rosary and Our Lady of Fatima's message. Now, in Advent, students can imagine themselves on a journey to Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph. Any student interested in working on a future bulletin board during a lunch or recess can contact Mrs. Mozes at christina.mozes@gmail.com.

Thank You

Many thanks to those families who purchased Advent candle bundles from STL students. We raised nearly \$640.00 for Saint Anthony School Programs!

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!

Contact Amy Creely, stlboxtops@gmail.com with any questions.



Upcoming Events

- 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
- First Communion Parent Meeting, Sunday, January 7, 1:30 p.m., LeGras. OR Monday, January 8, 7:00 p.m., LeGras
- PTG Meeting, Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 p.m., Library
- Snowball Dance for 7th and 8th Grade, Friday, January 12, 7:00-9:30 p.m., LeGras
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School, Monday, January 15
- Transition Night, Tuesday, January 16
- Geography Bee, Wednesday, January 17, 1:00 p.m., Gym
- 1st Grade VIP/Student Lunch, Thursday, January 18, 12:15 p.m., Cafe
- March for Life, Friday, January 19
- Second Grading Period Ends, Friday, January 19
- Game Night for 5th and 6th Grade, Friday, January 19, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Clerical Day, No School, Monday, January 22
- Report Cards Issued, Tuesday, January 23
- Winter Pep Rally, Thursday, January 25, 1:30 p.m., Gym
- Run for the Roses Gala, Friday, January 26, p.m., 6:00 p.m., LeGras
- Catholic Schools Week, Sunday January 28-Friday, February 2
- Kindergarten, New Student and Preschool Registration, Saturday, February 3

Next Issue

The next issue of the PTG News will be published on January 31. Articles are due to Michele Sites, msites1@verizon.net, on Friday, January 26.

In Thanksgiving for Christmas Traditions

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*Be with us, Lord Jesus, as we celebrate
the joy of Christmas traditions.
Thank you for each one that
brings us closer together,
For trimming trees and hanging stockings,
For wrapping gifts and welcoming guests,
For preparing meals and
sending seasonal greetings.*

*Make each tradition an opportunity to deepen our
awareness of your presence in our lives.
Enlarge our capacity for
hospitality, generosity, and joy.
Attune us to the traditions of our Church
and, through them,
Draw us together in faith, hope, and charity.*

*In your sacred name, we pray.
Amen.*



St. Louise de Marillac, Pray for Us