

PTG NEWS

PTG Meeting Highlights

The Parent Teacher Guild held its second general meeting of the school year on January 9. Attendees were able to examine the budget and hear updates on PTG activities. In addition, they received an overview of several enrichment activities. These included Kids of Steel, Pittsburgh Kids Marathon, Invention Convention and Math 24.

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 last meeting for this school year will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. We hope that you are able to attend.

Agenda topics will be announced closer to the meeting date.

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A Note from the Principal

Dear Parents,

This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." This highlights several things that are at the heart of a Catholic education. Catholic schools are teaching students to become future leaders and faith-filled disciples in our communities. These qualities are what make Catholic schools so special.

St. Louise de Marillac School is grateful for the support the parents provide to our school. Your efforts and sacrifices not only make it possible for us to have a faith-based Catholic Education, but it enables us to have the benefit of new technology such as our New STREAM Lab and Sharp Aquos Boards in each classroom.

National Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity for you to see what I'm talking about. I am so proud of our students, and I can't wait for you to visit our school and enjoy the student displays and work your children have prepared. When you come, please bring your friends and neighbors, particularly those who may be thinking about Catholic education for their children.

National Catholic Schools Week is also a time for me to say publicly what I think every single day: I am grateful for the dedication and commitment of our teachers, staff, administrators, School Advisory members, parents and volunteers who make our school a success.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Mr. Kenneth J. Klase



Catholic Schools Week

St. Louise School joins Catholic schools across the country in celebrating Catholic education this week. An Events Calendar was included in last Wednesday's Weekly Folder. Several of the activities are described below.

At St Louise, we are celebrating our gospel value of Compassion. The word's root, "patire" which means "to suffer" plus the prefix "com" which means "with", suggest that through love and friendship we bear one another's sufferings. As Christians, we discover, that as members of the body of Christ, that sharing in one another's sufferings takes on redemptive power because Christ, who is God incarnate, entered into that matrix of human suffering and made it an instrument of transforming grace. We are called by Christ to truly love one another and by His power share in each other's struggles, pains, and sorrows as much as in each other's triumphs and joys.

Our Matthew 25 Challenge Scavenger Hunt, which runs through out Catholic Schools Week, is an invitation to you to share in the sufferings of the outcasts and homeless of Pittsburgh. Please look in your pantry and linen closets to see what you may have to spare and speak to your children about compassion and its place in the Christian life.

Hopefully, you were able to join us on Tuesday for our Open House, Book Fair, and Ice Cream Social and celebrate our STL community.

Another hi-light of the week occurs on Thursday. Our guests, Mr. Chris Reibold, The Saints Story Guy, will be visiting grades 2-4 and Mr. Dave Vickle, a nationally renowned Catholic speaker, will be addressing grades 5-8 on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the gym. Parents are invited!

The much-anticipated grand finale of Catholic Schools Week is "For the Greater Glory of God Talent Show" on Friday at 12:40 p.m.. God has poured out many wonderful gifts on our students and you are welcome to come see them perform!

Win a Baker's Bounty Gift Basket



Earn Cash for Our School!

Have holiday baking and making winter comfort foods left you with a bag of Box Top\$? Submit a sheet with 25 Box Top\$ and earn one entry for a fabulous Baker's Bounty gift basket. Turn in additional sheets for more chances to win! Contest ends January 31. Please contact Amy Creely at stlboxtops@gmail.com with questions.

Yearbook

Hey St. Louise parents...last call to order your STL yearbook! Don't miss out on a book that has MORE PHOTOS THAN EVER, and many submitted by you! Preschool is included and 8th graders honored, so don't miss any grades in between.



Go to jostensyearbooks.com and order now. We don't purchase many extras, so get yours now. The final date to order a yearbook is February 2.

Elks Hoop Shoot Contest

Jillian Gallo competed in the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest on January 6th where she won in the girls 12-13 age group! Jillian made 21 out of 25 foul shots. She advanced to the next round which took place on January 28th at Westminster College. Jillian took 4th place in this 2nd round of the Hoop Shoot contest. Congratulations!

Next Year's PTG

The PTG will be looking to fill one Coordinator position for next year's Board. Contact one of the current Coordinators for additional information.

2018 Gala




From the Run for the Roses Gala Committee

PTG Lottery Calendar Sale

The 2018 Lottery Calendar Sale was a success! Thanks to all who bought and/or sold a calendar, or two, or three. Close to 600 calendars were sold. Now it is time to wait and see if your lucky calendar number comes up during the 7:00 p.m. drawing of the Pick 3 Daily Lottery Number. If you are so lucky and your number does come up - - - be assured that you will receive your winning check by mail early the following month. (e.g., Daily winners for the month of January will receive their winnings by mail in early February.)

Thanks Again and Good Luck!!!

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Upcoming Events

- Catholic Schools Week, through February 3
- New Student Registration, K-8th Grade, Saturday, February 3, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences, Tuesday, February 6 or Tuesday, February 20, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- 6st Grade VIP/Student Lunch, Thursday, February 7, 12:15 p.m., Cafeteria
- Teen Center, Friday, February 9, 7:00-9:30 p.m., LeGras
- St. Valentine Love Collection Service Project, starts Monday, February 12
- 8th Grade Parent/Candidate Meeting, Monday, February 12, 7:00 p.m., LeGras
- 3rd Grade Muffins with Mom, Tuesday, February 13, 7:30 a.m., Cafeteria
- Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins, Wednesday, February 14
- Family Fish Fry, Begin Friday, February 16, 4:30 p.m., LeGras
- Family Fun Day, Saturday, February 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Cafeteria
- President's Day, Make-Up Day, Monday, February 19, School In Session
- Progress Reports Issued, Tuesday, February 20

Next Issue

The next issue of the PTG News will be published on February 28. Articles are due to Michele Sites, msites1@verizon.net, on Friday, February 23.



St. Louise de Marillac, Pray for Us

Honor Roll Announcement

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

8th grade Highest Honors - Straight A's

*Tommy Boehner
Molly Maher
Adeline Meinert
Sara Osterhaus
Matt Schearer*

7th grade Highest Honors - Straight A's

*Mary Connelly
Loch Davis
Jillian Gallo
Briella Lucadamo
Matt Milliken
Monife Obiri
Jack Sabo*

8th grade High Honors - grade point average of 3.6 -3.99

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| <i>Massimo Adams</i> | <i>Erica Janosko</i> | <i>Taylor Sluss</i> |
| <i>Ava Baumcratz</i> | <i>Kaitlyn Karrenbauer</i> | <i>Keira Sipe</i> |
| <i>Jackie Bell</i> | <i>Nicole Lusk</i> | <i>Cassidy Vaccarello</i> |
| <i>Cole Brdar</i> | <i>Becky Mack</i> | <i>Kylene Vas</i> |
| <i>Ava Cilli</i> | <i>Phillip Majkic</i> | <i>Lia Violago</i> |
| <i>Julia Corey</i> | <i>Lily Marchand</i> | <i>Drew West</i> |
| <i>Dominic Coury</i> | <i>Olivia Mustin</i> | <i>Donovan Whitfield</i> |
| <i>Meghan Erfort</i> | <i>Henry Rainone</i> | |
| <i>Cullin Gillespie</i> | <i>Jackson Savine</i> | |

7th grade High Honors - grade point average of 3.6 - 3.99

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| <i>Beckam Alger</i> | <i>Shea Gallagher</i> | <i>Melina Stewart</i> |
| <i>Mark Banbury</i> | <i>Kaylee Knoebel</i> | <i>Lizzie Syverson</i> |
| <i>Kirk Brdar</i> | <i>Alex Milliken</i> | <i>Mario Williams</i> |
| <i>Cam Donahue</i> | <i>Rylie Saxe</i> | |
| <i>Anthony Frank</i> | <i>Quinn Stanek</i> | |

8th grade Honors - grade point average 3.20-3.59

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| <i>Sammy Achille</i> | <i>Ryan McKenna</i> |
| <i>Luke Cortes</i> | <i>Andrew Porco</i> |
| <i>Nathan Dummer</i> | <i>Shannon Thelk</i> |
| <i>Hailey Knoll</i> | <i>Camden Uchic</i> |
| <i>Brendan Mattes</i> | <i>Della Vasilko</i> |
| <i>Dana Marchisotto</i> | |

7th grade Honors - grade point average 3.20-3.59

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| <i>Carsyn Cortes</i> | <i>Mary Nagy</i> |
| <i>Ella Coury</i> | <i>Thomas McMahon</i> |
| <i>Chloe Cross</i> | <i>Ethan Pievach</i> |
| <i>Nathan Klein</i> | <i>Gianna Rainone</i> |
| <i>Riley Mazur</i> | <i>Connor Spratt</i> |