

Staff Appreciate Week May 7th to 11th



We want to thank our STL staff for helping our children to “BLOOM”. Be on the lookout for information about celebrating our teachers throughout the week of May 7th. A Sign-Up Genius has been sent out for both breakfast and lunch items needed. Please check your email.

We thank you in advance for your time and generosity!

Save the Date!

Second Grade Communicants and their parents are welcome to join us for a short reception after the All School Mass on Friday, May 18, 2018. Light refreshments will be served while we celebrate.

Directory Help



Want to help with the A to Z Connect school directory next year? It’s all on-line and can be done from your own computer. The bulk of the work occurs in the weeks prior to each school year, tapers off in the fall, and has only minor tasks here and there after that. (A to Z also offers some newer features and functionality that we may want to explore for STL.)

If you can do data entry and have good attention to detail, please consider this opportunity to assist. Contact Laura Cebula at lauracebula@gmail.com.

Spring BoxTop\$ Contest! Deadline May 9th!

We will wrap up the school year with two winners (K-4 and 5-8) that will win Scholastic Book Club credits for summer reading! Keep collecting Box Top\$ from spring cleaning products. For a complete list of participating products and how to earn bonus Box Top\$, log onto www.boxtops4education.com.

Students may earn one entry for every 25 valid Box Top\$ turned in. Please remember to check expiration dates before attaching them to the collection sheets; they will not accept expired tops. If you have any questions or need additional collection sheets, please contact Amy Creely at stlboxtops@gmail.com.

Battle of the Books

Recently, students in grades 3-6 participated in Battle of the Books. Over the course of the last three months students read a variety of books in class and at home. They then made teams for each class and they answered questions based on the books to earn points. A 4th grade class and a 3rd grade class took the win.

Everyone had fun, and it was a great way to celebrate reading as a school community. We will vote on the favorite/most popular book next week and see which one students liked the best overall as far as content goes.



Geography Bee Competition



Briella Lucadamo, a seventh-grade student, was the winner of the Geography Bee Competition at St. Louise School, sponsored by the National Geography Society.

As a result of winning this

competition, Briella completed an online test for the next round. She received a high score which took her to the State round. On Friday, April 6th, Briella Lucadamo participated in the National Geography Bee in Harrisburg, at the State Museum of Pennsylvania. She was one of 103 students from all over the state of Pennsylvania to make it to this part of the competition. There were a total of nine girls out of the 103 students to participate this day.

Briella had an amazing competition, only missing one question out of the eight rounds. Questions dealt with cities, states, and countries from all over the world. The topics ranged from state birds, conservation, population, and gross domestic product. Briella did amazingly well! There were seventeen students that day who did not miss any questions and continued on with the competition. At St. Louise we are so very proud of Briella's accomplishments and how far she was able to progress in the Geography Bee.

Alumni News

We are proud to announce St. Louise de Marillac School alumni, Megan Nagy and Molly Quinlan, will soon graduate from Oakland Catholic High as Global Competence Initiative Scholars. GCI is an intensive four-year certificate program at Oakland Catholic High School and tackles the concept of what it means to be globally competent in a world that is more and more interconnected. Also junior, Brouklin Alger, will be presenting that evening.

Family Eggstravaganza

To observe the last day of the Easter Triduum with both proper solemnity and anticipatory gladness, St. Louise Parish and School families gathered together for our "Holy Saturday Family Eggstravaganza and Blessing of the Easter Foods". The event brought LeGras Hall to life with nearly a hundred people and many more hundreds of hard-boiled eggs!

Attendees dyed the supplied eggs and applied traditional Pysanky wraps featuring gorgeous icons and Eastern Rite Catholic designs. Children also created a lamb, signifying Christ the Lamb of God, and decorated wheat shafts with beads and ribbons. The three pieces of wheat symbolize the Holy Trinity and represent an offering up of the fruits of our labors. The wheat also calls to mind Christ who died to give himself to us as the Bread of Life. Participants placed these crafts and the decorated eggs, which symbolize eternal life and the tomb from which Christ arose, in the baskets which each family prepared at home with Easter foods associated with the breaking of the Lenten fast. They then carried them over to the church and placed them around the steps of the sanctuary for the Blessing of the Easter Foods liturgy. Fr. Isaac greeted the families and conducted a brief liturgy of the Word. Next, he blessed the hams, lamb legs, and other meats, the butter and cheeses, the herbs, greenery, and flowers, salt, eggs, wines, and Easter breads.

The Blessing of the Baskets is a tradition which comes to us from Catholics of Polish and Ukrainian descent. Some form of this tradition dates as far back as the 7th Century AD, though its more "modern" form dates to the 12th Century. Observing this tradition of helped families to observe Holy Saturday in its proper context and to enter into the Easter season with hearts full of gratitude for the gift of our redemption in Christ, for His Church, and for all good things which flow from God's graciousness.

Upcoming Events

- Snow Make Up Day, Thursday, April 26
- No School, Friday, April 27 (Men's Fish Fry)
- Invention Convention, Grades 2-6, Thursday, May 3, 1:00 p.m., Gym
- May Crowning, Friday, May 4
- 1st Communion, Saturday, May 5 and Saturday, May 12
- Teacher Appreciation Week, Monday, May 7-Friday, May 11
- SAC Meeting, Monday, May 7, 6:30 p.m., LeGras
- Ascension Thursday, All School Liturgy, Thursday, May 10
- Soul for Soles Shoe Collection, starts Monday, May 14
- 7th and 8th Grade VIP/Student Lunch, Tuesday, May 15, 12:15 p.m.
- PTG Meeting, Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m., Library
- Diocesan Spelling Bee
- Band Concert, Thursday, May 17, 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Gym
- 2nd Grade Communion Reception, Friday, May 18, after 9:00 Mass
- 5th Grade NASA Challenger Center Field Trip, Friday, May 18
- PJAS Competition, Sunday, May 20-Tuesday, May 22, Penn State
- Kennywood Ticket Sale, Wednesday, May 23, 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Lobby
- Choral Concert, Wednesday, May 23, 1:00 p.m., Gym
- Passing of the Torch, Friday, May 25
- Memorial Day, No School, Monday, May 28
- Field Day, Tuesday, May 29, 12:45-2:15 p.m.
- Kindergarten Field Day, Wednesday, May 30



Planning is already beginning for several activities for next school year. Please consider sharing your time and talents with one of our PTG committees if you are not presently doing so. Time commitments vary. New volunteers are always welcome.

Contact a PTG officer or the committee chair for additional details. Committee information is available on the PTG section of the school website, <https://stlouiseschoolpa.org/parents/ptg-news/>.

Next Issue

The last issue of the PTG News for this school year will be published on May 30. Articles are due to Michele Sites, msites1@verizon.net, on May 25.



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 *third nine-week* grading period.

8th Grade Highest Honors – Straight A's

Tommy Boehner
Cole Brdar
Molly Maher
Adeline Meinert

7th Grade Highest Honors – Straight A's

Jillian Gallo
Alex Milliken
Matt Milliken
Monife Obiri
Jack Sabo
Melina Stewart

8th Grade High Honors – Grade Point Average of 3.6 -3.99

Sammy Ahille	Kaitlyn Karrenbauer	Andrew Porco
Massimo Adams	Nicole Lusk	Henry Rainone
Ava Baumcratz	Becky Mack	Matt Schearer
Jackie Bell	Phillip Majkic	Taylor Sluss
Ava Cilli	Lily Marchand	Jessica Stefanyak
Julia Corey	Ryan McKenna	Cam Uchic
Luke Cortes	Olivia Mustin	Cassidy Vaccarello
Meghan Erfort	Connor O'Neill	Drew West
Cullen Gillespie	Sara Osterhaus	Donovan Whitfield

7th Grade High Honors – Grade Point Average of 3.6 – 3.99

Beckam Alger	Cam Donahue	Gianna Rainone
Mark Banbury	Anthony Frank	Rylie Saxe
Kirk Brdar	Peyton Gillespie	Quinn Stanek
Mary Connolly	Amelia Klinar	Lizzie Syverson
Ella Coury	Kaylee Knobel	Mario Williams
Loch Davis	Briella Lucadamo	

8th Grade Honors – Grade Point Average 3.20-3.59

Emma McNally
Jackson Savine
Keira Sipe

7th grade Honors – Grade Point Average 3.20-3.59

Mary Amorose
Carsyn Cortes
Chloe Cross
Alex Dixon
Ben Fincham
Shea Gallagher
Nathan Klein
Riley Mazur
Mary Nagy
Connor Spratt