

PTG NEWS

PTG Highlights

This issue of the newsletter is filled with notes of thanks and with articles highlighting the accomplishments of STL students. Congratulations to everyone for a job well done!

Our last PTG meeting was held on Tuesday, May 15. Agenda topics included reading strategies and avoiding the “summer slide”. Numerous handouts with suggestions were distributed.

Upcoming PTG Items

The Committee Chairperson’s meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11. The Homeroom Captain’s meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19. Both meetings are at 8:30 a.m. in the Bishop Leonard Room. The first PTG meeting of next school year is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

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A Note from the Principal

It is hard to believe that the calendar has reached the month of May! The end of the 2017/2018 school year is quickly approaching and many of us are feeling excitement.

The final weeks of the school year are traditionally a very busy time. We have many events planned so please make an effort to post the “Dates to Remember” so that you will be able to reference them in the weeks ahead.

As we prepare to send our eighth-grade students off to various high schools, we are truly filled with mixed emotions. The eighth-grade class is a very talented group and we would like to wish the students and their families much success. We are looking forward to hearing about their accomplishments in the years to come.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the entire St. Louise de Marillac Community of priests, teachers, aides, secretaries, nurse, parents, Advisory Council, Parent Teacher Guild, and custodians, for making this year such an exciting and rewarding year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Klase



Garden Committee Projects

The garden committee along with the 5th grade classrooms will be planting butterfly bushes in the outdoor garden at the back of the school along with trimming daffodils and herb garden.

Directory Help



We are still looking for 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.

Yearbook News

Yearbooks are here! Extra books will be in the main office while supplies last for \$40 made out to STL. Whomever is interested in helping with next year's book may email Erin Boni at eefemedia@gmail.com. We will have a short organizational meeting over the summer to divide up events to cover.

Thank You

As her term expires, we thank Marion Maentz for her service to the PTG Board. Her dedication to the St. Louise community is appreciated.

Thank you to Mr. Klase and all the STL faculty, staff, parents, grandparents and siblings who helped make the PTG activities and events so successful this school year. We look forward to working with you and members of the new families next year.

Welcome to PTG Board

We welcome Tiffany Elder to the PTG Board. Tiffany will be serving as one of the three co-coordinators next year.

2018-2019 Cafeteria Volunteers Needed

Please consider donating 2 hours of your time once a month to volunteer at the cafeteria next year.

Benefits include:

- Seeing your child in his or her school environment
- Catching up with other parents about school activities and opportunities
- The opportunity to experience the same meal your child is offered

If interested or with questions, please email either Maureen Ginsburg (mmurphy17@gmail.com) or Seashal Belldina (seashal@gmail.com).

Thank You from the Teachers

Thank you to all the PTG members and the St. Louise de Marillac Catholic School students for the inspirational signs, flowers, special notes, gifts, snacks, food, office supplies, and your many kind gestures throughout the week. All of the teachers THANK YOU for honoring us in so many beautiful and creative ways throughout Teacher Appreciation Week. We are truly blessed!





We want to thank everyone for helping us make Teacher Appreciation Week such a wonderful celebration of our dedicated teachers at STL! The teachers loved the notes, flowers, treats, gift cards, and all the love they received throughout the week! Your help and support made it a great success! Thanks and have a great summer!

Melissa Hruby and Melissa Porter

Math 24



Students in Grade 3-6 practiced Math 24 in math class and at recess through this semester. On May 9 students in

grades 3-6 competed in a school Math 24 competition in the cafeteria. Congratulations to our STL 24 winners:

Grade Level Winners:

3rd Grade: Mia Haspel

4th Grade: James Spratt

5th Grade: Thomas Rodriguez

6th Grade: Tate Helms

School Winners:

Grades 3/4: James Spratt

Grades 5/6: Tate Helms

First Communion Reception

We had a wonderful time celebrating the second grade Communicants after the All School Mass on Friday May 19, 2018. The students were joined by their parents and families in LeGras Hall. All the students looked radiant in their beautiful dresses and suits. Refreshments and cookies were a great way to celebrate!

Thank you to all of the third-grade parents who volunteered their time and donations.

Earth Day Poster and Essay Contest

Congratulations to Amelia Klinar, winner of the 6th - 8th grade division of the Earth Day Poster and Essay Contest sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Students were asked to take something they were going to throw away and transform it into something that would bring joy to someone else. Amelia took an old t-shirt and transformed it into a purse. To see her winning entry, go to www.facebook.com/svdppitt.

Every year, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul assists more than 100,000 neighbors in need in the Southwestern Pennsylvania region through person-to-person, hands-on acts of charity -- providing housing assistance, food, clothes, and many other essentials. Additionally, they operate six thrift stores that support vital programs as well as provide an outlet for the community to donate gently used clothing, furniture, and household items.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul believes that engaging with the next generation is the best way to continue this vital work well into the future. They are also interested in finding out how students around Southwestern Pennsylvania see their roles as caregivers of our world. In the past two years, 12 local Catholic primary schools and more than 1,000 students have participated in the Annual Earth Day Poster and Essay Contest.

Amelia and her family are invited to the Bishop's Brunch with Bishop Zubik, tentatively scheduled for October 7th. She will also be presented with a plaque and monetary gift.



**St. Louise de Marillac
Represents Diocese of Pittsburgh
at PAECT Student Technology Showcase
at PA State Capitol**



St. Louise de
Marillac Catholic
School students
Kaitlyn

Karrenbauer (Grade 8), Nate Klein (Grade 7), and Shea Gallagher (Grade 7) along with their teacher, Zee Ann Poerio represented the Diocese of Pittsburgh at the PAECT, Pennsylvania Association for Educational Communications and Technology, Student Technology Showcase. Schools (K-12) from across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania were invited to apply to participate in the Showcase which was held in the East Rotunda of the Capitol Building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on April 30th. Groups accepted have the opportunity to present innovative uses of technology in the classroom to legislators and the public.

The St. Louise de Marillac Student Technology Team members presented how they use TouchCast, a FREE APP for education which enables students to create content using green screen effects, filters, transitions, annotations, lower thirds, and VAPPS - or video apps - that are interactive with social media feeds, polls, websites, and more. The students also shared the equipment they use: the Padcaster Ultimate Studio for an iPad and the Padcaster VERSE for use with a smartphone. Additional apps like Reflector 3/Reflector Teacher, Canva, along with resources like CommonSense Media, and Creative Commons are also used by the students to create their morning announcements and classroom projects.

At the Showcase, they were assigned a table space to set up their project, display, and present how they use technology in creative ways. Each school also presents their project for a livestream from the Capitol. *(The livestream is archived and available for viewing at <http://ccitv.cciu.org/videos/watch/2018-paect-student-showcase>. You can view our presentation*

for St. Louise de Marillac Catholic School from 1:03:00 - 1:05:52.)

While at the Showcase, students interviewed legislators and educators, as well as other students participating in the Showcase. Senator Mario Scavello led a tour of the Capitol where students learned about electronic voting in the House of Representatives, viewed historic artwork, and took photos on the Senate Floor.

Parishioner and local Representative John Maher stopped to personally congratulate our students on their project. This was a great opportunity for students to share their voice, their knowledge, and use of technology while having the opportunity to learn from others.

Volunteers Needed

If you have not done so already, please consider volunteering to chair or serve on a PTG committee. Information and a link to a SignUp Genius was recently distributed via Option C.

PTG helps to support and/or plan many of the activities and events that you read about in these newsletters. Those efforts are only possible if volunteers are willing to share their time and talents with the school and the students.

Time commitments vary. New volunteers are always welcome. Contact one of the co-coordinators for additional information.



English Festival



The Western Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of English sponsors an annual English Festival for Grades 7 - 12 at Duquesne University. The students read six novels and then participate in various

competitions against other schools in the area. The following St. Louise de Marillac students were a part of the special day on May 10, 2018.

Congratulations to our winning teams:

Team 1

Mary Nagy
Mario Williams
Meghan Erfort
Hailey Knoll

First Place in Talk Show
Second Place in Insights

Team 2

Olivia Mustin
Henry Rainone
Becky Mack
Adeline Meinert

First Place in Trivia
First Place in Insights
Second Place in Talk Show



PJAS State Meet

Twenty-six 7th and 8th grade students represented St. Louise at PJAS (PA Junior Academy of Science); fourteen as presenters and eleven as Awards Committee Technicians. The presenters returned with ten first place and five second place awards.

The first-place winners were: Cole Brdar, Meghan Erfort, Kaitlyn Karrenbauer, Nicole Lusk, Molly Maher, Matt Schearer, Taylor Sluss, Melina Stewart, Lia Violago, and Drew West. The second-place award winners were: Anthony Frank, Cullen Gillespie, Briella Lucadamo, Lily Marchand and Andrew Porco.

The Awards Committee Technicians received high praise from the PJAS State Officers for their work ethic and accuracy. The following eleven students placed stickers on over three thousand certificates without making a mistake, in addition to completing this task before the Awards Ceremony began. The students were Mark Banbury, Ava Baumcratz, Luke Cortes, Kaylee Knobel, Phillip Majkic, Sara Osterhaus, Cassidy Vaccarello, Donovan Whitfield and Mason Woolensack.

A special thank you to two St. Louise alumni, Clare Brdar, a junior at South Park High School, and Rachel Romano, a junior at Oakland Catholic High School, who completed their fifth year representing St. Louise, serving as Awards Technicians both on the Regional and State levels.

Congratulations to all for a job well done!

Go Science!

Invention Convention

On May 3, students in grades 2-6 from St. Louise participated in our 3rd annual Invention Convention. This event gave students an opportunity to develop and demonstrate creativity, problem solving and important science skills as they invented a new product or process. The 36 students from St. Louise who participated in Invention Convention did an outstanding job! Congratulations to our winners:

2nd Grade

1st Place - TIE: Lighting Up Diabetes and 2 in 1 Pocket Hat
(Riley Hoffman and Mary Clare Zach) (Sarah Sites)

2nd Place - Recycled Sports
(Caius Belldina, John Oravec and Ewan McNally)

3rd Place - Allergen Busters
(Gerard Lucarelli and Wyatt Holekamp)

3rd Grade

1st Place - Kidz Swap
(Nina Logero, Brynlee Robinson and Lois Piner)

2nd Place - The Beaver Seeder
(Liam Wilson)

3rd Place - Allergy Band
(Rhys Maentz)

4th Grade

1st Place - The Bumbalizer
(Avery Rice)

2nd Place - TIE: The Sleeping Buddy and Techy Closet
(Julie Lukasewicz and Eve Friday) (Anna Lucarelli and Estella Wroblicky)

3rd Place - Convenient Postal Connector
(Mason Smaroff)

5th Grade

1st Place - Hole in a Bowl
(Mickey Vaccarello, Bradley Gompers and Hugh O'Neill)

2nd Place - NailBrush N'1
(Evelyn West and Sophia Nickola)

3rd Place - Finger Warmers
(Izzie Gallo & Mallory Kuntz)

6th Grade

1st Place - The Booster Desk
(Katie Peterson and Nicole Pierce)

2nd Place - The Recyclinator
(Emily Lukasewicz and Ellie Maentz)

3rd Place - TIE: Automatic Pet Feeder and Lens Light
(Mailea Hufanegel, Dani Mack and Sydney Gisoni)
(Hunter Maher)

SchoolKidz School Supply Kits



Remember to check out the Option C message regarding the School Kidz school supply kits. Kits must be ordered by June 15. Your supply box will be available during Packet Pick Up in August.

Congratulations 8th Graders

Congratulations to all of the 8th grade students graduating from St. Louise this year. We send our prayers with you as you begin new adventures in high school and beyond. Please keep us informed of your future successes.

"How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

A.A. Milne

Thank You For Your Help

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles, proofread, photocopied and distributed the PTG newsletter each month. The publication of the newsletter would not have been possible without your help. Hopefully, families enjoyed learning more about all of the good work that occurs at STL every day.

Please contact Michele Sites at msites1@verizon.net if you have any comments or suggestions for next year.

Looking Ahead

There is a brief issue of the PTG News included in the Back to School Packet. If you (or the new chair of your committee) have any information that should be shared at that time, please email it to Michele Sites, msites1@verizon.net, no later than August 1.

End of Year Activities

- Teen Center, Friday, June 1, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
- 8th Grade Last Day, Monday, June 4
- Kindergarten Graduation, Tuesday, June 5
- 8th Grade Class Day, Tuesday, June 5
- End of 4th Marking Period, Wednesday, June 6
- 8th Grade Graduation, Wednesday, June 6, 6:00 p.m.
- Last Day of School/Early Dismissal, Thursday, June 7, 11:00 a.m.
- Report Cards Issued, Thursday, June 7
- Clerical Day, No School, Friday, June 8
- Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 17, 4:30 p.m. Mass
- Kennywood Day, All Students, Monday, June 18

Back to School Activities

- Packet Pickup, Monday, August 20-Friday, August 24, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., School Lobby
- Kindergarten Orientation, Wednesday, August 22, 9:00 a.m.
- Grades 1-8 New Family Orientation, Wednesday, August 23, 10:30 a.m.
- Schoolapalooza, Saturday, August 25, after 6:00 p.m. Family Mass
- First Day of School, Monday, August 27
- First Day of Kindergarten, Tuesday, August 28
- Curriculum Night, Tuesday, September 4, 6:30 p.m.
- First Day of Preschool, Monday, September 10
- PTG Committee Chairperson's Meeting, Tuesday, September 11, 8:30 a.m., Bishop Leonard Room
- PTG Homeroom Captain's Meeting, Wednesday, September 19, 8:30 a.m., Bishop Leonard Room



St. Louise de Marillac--Pray for Us