

PTG NEWS

Welcome Back

We held our first meeting of the school year on October 16. Mr. Klase provided a school update. Attendees heard reports on numerous PTG activities. Teacher representatives provided information from each grade level. Mrs. Liebscher gave a tour of the school website pointing out changes. Minutes from the meeting will soon be posted in the PTG section of the school website. Previous versions of the newsletter are posted there also.

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:

- January 8, 6:30 p.m., School Library
- May 7, 6:30 p.m., School Library

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A Note from the Principal

October: Month of the Holy Rosary--The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. During this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means to draw us closer to Jesus and Mary.

Practice Good Study Habits--Although your children spend hours in school every week, the time they spend at home doing school-related work is just as important. By helping your children learn and practice good study habits, you'll do a lot to help them succeed in school.

Have a set time to settle down. By having the same start-time for homework every day, you avoid daily battles about when it's time to hit the books. Many families have their kids start their studies as soon as they get home from school. Others wait until after dinnertime. The key is to have a routine and stick to it.

Parent Teacher Conferences--Our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 5 from 8:00 am-3:00 pm. Please make every effort to schedule a conference with your child's teacher. Your attendance at our conferences in the fall (and in the spring) is vital to the overall academic success of your child here at St. Louise de Marillac School.

Iowa Testing--The students have finished their Iowa testing. The results should be available for Parent Teacher Conferences in November. The data from the Iowa test will be used to drive the curriculum and provide reinforcement and enrichment skills to students.

Recess--It is important to dress your child appropriately for the weather. We go outside when at all possible. A light coat or sweat shirt is strongly suggested during October and November.

With Gratitude,

Mr. Klase

Trunk or Treat



Thriller is back on the radio - it's time for Trunk or Treat!

Saturday, October 27
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Rear school parking lot

We are expecting 125 kids this year! Have fun in choosing a theme for your trunk. Need a little help? Check out Pinterest! Please remember the witches and warlocks with food allergies when selecting your treats. If you have a teal pumpkin, bring it!

To help keep our little goblins safe, as well as ease congestion with those leaving the 6:00 mass, please enter the parking lot only via the long driveway on the far side of the school beginning at 6:45 pm. You will be met by parking attendants - just look for the glowsticks!

There will NOT be a rain date, so prayers for fair skies are welcomed and encouraged! Questions? Please contact Jen Reitz at jenvonarx@msn.com.

See you soon for a ghoulishly good time!

Mother's Prayer and Share

We welcome all mothers of St. Louise to join us every Tuesday morning from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in lower LeGras Hall for weekly prayer and fellowship focusing on the Rosary. We will learn how to pray the Rosary, the meaning behind each mystery and why it is considered the greatest Marian prayer.

Everyone is welcome including young children. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Note that the location will be moved on November 6 because of Election Day.

If you have any questions and to RSVP email Julia Gallagher and Laura Bianco at stlprayerandshare@gmail.com.

Advent Candle Sale

Benefitting St. Anthony School Programs



\$8.00 per set

Includes 3 purple candles, 1 pink candle, and an Advent prayer card

On Sale beginning November 5, 2018, until supply runs out at:

- St. Louise school office
- Le Gras Hall front desk

Also at:

- de Marillac Guild Craft Show, (11/17/18)
- St. Nick Shop, (11/29/18)
- After select Masses in November, dates TBD



1st Grade Covered Dish Dinner

Wednesday
 November 14
 6:30pm
 Legras Hall

Join us for a colorful evening of songs and festivity!
 Look for the signup genius to let us know
 which of your favorite dishes you'll bring to share!

Invitation to come. No siblings please.
 Any questions or suggestions to:
jillbullister@icloud.com

St. Nick Shop



It's that time of year again!!
 Christmas is right around the
 corner and you know what
 that means...ST. NICK
 SHOP!! In addition to all of
 our usual favorites returning,
 we have 3 new vendors this

year that will be offering exciting new options!

The merry event will be on Thursday, November 29th, 2018. More information will be coming out in weekly folders and Option C emails, so be on the lookout!!! As always, there will be plenty of opportunities to help out so lookout for the SignUp Genius as well! We look forward to this being another fun and successful event for the kids!

Next Issue

The next issue of the PTG News will be published on November 28. Articles are due to Michele Sites, msites1@verizon.net, on Wednesday, November 21.



Gala Update



The Run for the Roses Gala will be held on Friday February 8th. This is the second fundraiser of the school year!

We would like to thank everyone who has already agreed to help, we could not do this without you!! But to make this a successful Gala we need to fill a few more positions.

Open Committee Positions:

High School Student Volunteers: Coordinate and oversee the students to help sell various items that evening. If you have a high school student or know of some this position is for you!

Refreshments/Bar: Purchase the type and amount of non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks for the evening and additional bar supplies.

Check In / Check Out: Coordinate and oversee the check in and check out that evening.

If you or anyone you know that may be interested in sharing their time and talents please send an email to Jill Siple and Amanda Smith at gala@stlouisedemarillac.org.

PLEASE NOTE

The time of the first **committee meeting** has changed. The meeting will still be held on November 1st, now at 1:00 pm in LeGras Hall.

Prodigy Math Game



What are our students excited about with Prodigy? Prodigy is a free, online, adaptive style video game that our students at St. Louise are loving! Our students in grades 1-6 are registered to “play” this math game. Prodigy provides our students with differentiated instruction appropriate for each individual student.

How does it work? Prodigy assigns a placement test to determine the appropriate starting level for each student and then uses an algorithm in order to automatically deliver appropriate material for each student. As students work, the program constantly examines progress to determine the next skill they should receive. If they're doing well on a topic, students move forward. If a student is struggling with something, a prerequisite skill will be assigned to get some practice before moving forward.

How can we play? Student in grades 1-6 have been given usernames and passwords at school. They can log in at home or at school. Students can play from PCs, Chromebooks, iPads, Android devices and iPhones. There is an app available as well. Children become engaged and focused when learning is fun! We are excited to see this “play” focused on powerful learning in Math!

Game Night

On October 5th, close to 100 5th and 6th graders filled LeGras hall. They enjoyed games such as Twister, Jenga with Mrs. Whisker, math card games with Mr. Wagner, and they pulled out all the dance moves! A big “Thank You” to all of our parent chaperones!

Please mark your calendar for the next 5th/6th grade Game Night on Friday, February 15th. Note this is a change in date from the original school calendar.

STREAMing with Johnny Appleseed

The third-grade classes participated in a cross-curricular STREAM unit for Johnny Appleseed. Students focused on this America legend's love of nature, kindness to humans and animals, and focus on religion. They wrote about what life was like during the late 1700's and mapped out the states where he planted seeds for social studies. Students also studied planting in science and completed apple computation in math to practice facts. Finally, our third-grade students integrated technology into their STREAM unit and used computers and iPads to research information about Johnny Appleseed's life.

Mrs. Smith & Mrs. McLean

Garden Committee Information



The Garden Committee will be planting spring bulbs with Mrs Whisker's 5th grade class.



Successful Start



We are off to a great start in preschool!

Mrs. Malencia, Mrs. Magulick and Miss Mino have done a wonderful job welcoming students to preschool. Students have enjoyed opportunities to join with K-8 students for some school events this year such as the R4CE for Education, assemblies and will participate in our Halloween Parade. Preschool students are visiting the Art Room, Library and Gym for fine, gross motor and literacy development. New this year, students participate in "Color Days" and Show and Tell.

Our new transition class has been a success as well and students and parents love this small group instruction time for their Pre-K students. We have kicked of a "Lunch Bunch" program for our four-year-old preschool students. Students are welcome to spend lunchtime with their classmates and teachers and play board games.

We are excited to announce that we will be holding our Family Literacy events again this year for our 4-year-old parents and students. Our first Family Literacy Event will be on Thursday, November 1 at 1:00 p.m. in LeGras Hall. Finally, preschool teachers are using the Remind app to share all of these special moments each day with parents.



*St. Louise de Marillac
Pray for Us*

Upcoming Events

- Teen Center, Friday, October. 26, 7:00-9:30 p.m., Le Gras
- Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 27, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Back School Parking Lot
- Halloween Classroom Parties, Wednesday, October 31, 1:00 p.m.
- All Saints Day School Liturgy, Thursday, November 1, 9:00 a.m.
- End of First Marking Period, Thursday, November 1
- Winter Uniforms Begin, Thursday, November 1
- Clerical Day, No School, Friday, November 2
- Feed Your Marriage Date Night, Saturday, November 3, 6:00 p.m. LeGras
- Parent/Teacher Conferences, No School, Monday, November 5, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Report Cards Distributed, Tuesday, November 6
- 6th Grade Grandparents Day, Friday, November 9, 11:30 a.m.
- Mooncrest Service Project Begins, Monday, November 12
- Veteran's Day Ceremony, Monday, November 12, 1:00 p.m.
- CVOL Parent Meeting, Monday, November 12, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria
- 5nd Grade VIP/Student Lunch, Tuesday, November 13, 12:15 p.m., Cafeteria
- 1st Grade Covered Dish, Wednesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., LeGras
- Fall Play, Friday, November 16 and Saturday, November 17, 7:00 p.m., Gym
- Turkey Bowl, Grades 7 and 8, Sunday, November 18, 1:30 p.m.

- Thanksgiving Break, No School, November 22-26
- St. Nick Shop, Thursday, November 29, Gym
- Family Fun Service Day, Saturday, December 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m., LeGras
- Advent Evening for Families, Sunday, December 2, 5:30-7:30 p.m.



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