

# PTG NEWS

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## **PTG Highlights**

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Please take a few minutes to read about all of the wonderful activities highlighted in this edition of the newsletter. Thank you to all of the parents, students, teachers, administration and staff members that help to make the items mentioned successful. New volunteers are always welcome!

Congratulations to the students who earned Honor Roll recognition for their work during the first marking period.

## **Upcoming PTG Meetings**

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

## **PTG Board Members**

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## **A Note from the Principal**

Two months have passed since the beginning of the new school year. We have completed the first grading period, Halloween has come and gone and Advent preparations are soon to follow.

As we approach the time of year when we turn our attention to thanking God for all of the blessings in our lives, I would like to focus on all of the wonderful things happening at St. Louise de Marillac School.

When interacting with students in the hallways, lunchroom, before and after school, I am amazed at their good manners and respect always complying with requests and instructions. Observing students showing compassion and gratitude to one another when another student drops their lunch tray in the cafeteria or books in the hallway is heartwarming. Seeing those smiling faces each morning as they enter the building makes my day.

Thanks to God for this great gift of Catholic education for our children. So many sacrifice to make sure we can continue to teach our faith each year. Thanks to our priests, parishioners, parents, faculty and staff that so generously support this important mission of the Catholic Church.

Thanks be to God for all of the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to work towards the goal of making St. Louise de Marillac the best school in every possible way for our children!

With God all things are possible,

Mr. Klase

## Iowa Assessments

The Iowa Assessments are achievement tests that assess students' Reading, Language, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies skills. The test results are in and over the next several weeks we will be analyzing this data. The data management system for the assessment has many reports which can be customized for each class, grades and the entire school.

Results from this assessment will be used to drive instruction and improve students' learning. Achievement tests help identify students' strengths and weaknesses. The teachers and administration will use this information to monitor students' growth, provide instructional grouping data and improve instruction. This data will allow us to make decisions on past and future instructional strategies.

The teachers have been in-serviced in order to understand and explain the results to the parents. I believe you will find the Student Narrative and the Student Profile reports very informative and easy to understand. A school summary report will be provided to you in the December newsletter.

## Emergency Closings and Delays



If inclement weather or some other emergency requires that St. Louise de Marillac School be delayed or closed, this information will be announced on KDKA, Channel 2; WTAE, Channel 4; WPXI, Channel 11; St.

Louise School website and Option C Parent-Alert system. Because of the number of public districts represented in our school, it is important that you listen for an announcement that identifies your public school district. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL OR RECTORY FOR THIS INFORMATION.**

The following procedures will be adhered to regarding poor weather conditions:

1. If Upper Saint Clair School District cancels school, *Saint Louise de Marillac School* is **automatically closed** for **all** students.
2. If the district that provides your transportation has canceled school, but Upper Saint Clair has not canceled school, parents are encouraged to provide transportation **to** and **from** school for that day for *Saint Louise de Marillac School* students.
3. Delays due to weather are dependent upon the school district in which the student lives – Bethel Park, Peters Township, CanonMac, etc. For example: if Bethel Park has a delay, then **only** those students who are bussed by Bethel Park have a delay.

In the event of a two-hour delay, which will be announced **only when every district** bussing children to *Saint Louise de Marillac School* has called a delay, all children should report to school by 10:20 a.m. tardy bell. Because some public districts, that have not delayed, do not provide bussing outside of the normal times, children from these districts will be picked up at the normal times and will be admitted into the building to wait for the scheduled start. Teachers will be present at the usual time. If you are driving your children to school on a two-hour delay day, **please** do not arrive before 10:00 a.m.

## Tax Exempt Form



Items bought for PTG activities are tax exempt. As you buy items on behalf of PTG and plan to seek reimbursement, please remember to use a tax exempt form. Forms are available in the school and church offices. If you have any questions, please ask Maria Lusk, PTG treasurer.

## Advent Evening for Families

You may have participated in pre-Black Friday, Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday and Giving Tuesday. Now, it is time for *Advent Evening!*

Advent Evening for Families is being held this Sunday, December 2. Join us as we begin the evening in the Lower Level of LeGras Hall after the 4:30 p.m. Mass (approximately 5:30 p.m.) with a light meal followed by a learning and crafting tour of the Saints of Advent (St. Nicholas, St. Lucy, Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. San Juan Diego). These activities end with a presentation from St. Nicholas on select Catholic Advent traditions. A live demonstration and history of the Oplatek of Poland will be included. Each family will go home with their own hand-crafted, unconsecrated, Oplatek.

The LeGras program will be followed by a short church service and group-led candlelit procession to the school Christmas tree for the Blessing of Families and official tree lighting.

Families can register at <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/moqDGwzi> for \$25 per family. Registration includes all of the activities mentioned above and closes on Thursday, November 29 at 11:45 p.m. Registration, with parental permission, available at the St. Nick Shop this year at the Advent Candle table located near the left side of the stage.

Please bring a new package or pair of socks to the event to be donated to the Homeless Ministry of St. Louise de Marillac Parish.

Contact Valerie Glyptis, [vspajak@gmail.com](mailto:vspajak@gmail.com), or Michele Sites, [msites1@verizon.net](mailto:msites1@verizon.net), with questions.



## Yearbook News!

First, if you have not yet purchased your yearbook, please go to [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com). Second, if you would like last year's yearbook at a discounted price, please email [eefemedia@gmail.com](mailto:eefemedia@gmail.com). Third, if you have photos you want in the yearbook and the ReplayIt app is not working for you, please send to Erin Boni at [eefemedia@gmail.com](mailto:eefemedia@gmail.com). We especially need SPORTS action shots of all sorts.

## PTG Lottery Calendar Fundraiser



The Lottery Calendar is back as the main fundraiser for the 2018-2019 school year. All families should have received 3 randomly assigned lottery calendars in the weekly folder on October 24, 2018.

Calendars are \$35 each and provide the lucky owner a chance to win at least \$50 each night during the 2019 calendar year. Bonus days do exist. . . . on these days the lucky owner of the winning number may win either \$100 or \$150. The calendar sale will end on December 20, 2018.

Calendars can be sold to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. They also make great birthday and Christmas gifts. If you are in need of more calendars please contact Lee Ann Cebula at [leeleecebula@gmail.com](mailto:leeleecebula@gmail.com). If you do not plan on selling your calendars, please return them to the school office as soon as possible so that others may purchase them. For every calendar sold, 100% of the money will be credited to your Family Share. Good Luck!!!

## Advent Candle Sale Benefitting St. Anthony School Programs



\$8.00 per set

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

Available in the school and parish offices  
while supplies last

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Covered Dish



The 1st Grade Covered Dinner, Fiesta themed, was a great success. The families enjoyed a themed live band performance, many wonderful dishes made by the 1st grade families, and the highlight of the night, the 1st graders' angelic, yet lively vocal performance!

The co-chairs would like to thank all the teachers, Mr. Sabol and staff at STL for their time and talent, and the 2nd grade parents that helped out; it was because of your hard work that we were able to make this event a success! ¡Muchas Bendiciones!

### Donuts for Dad

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and their dads spent a great morning together getting their sugar buzz before school on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turnout of close to a hundred kids and parents enjoying community and conversation. They enjoyed donuts especially made for them from Dunkin Donuts. It was a great morning!

## Gala Update



Remember to save the date!!  
The 2019 Run for the Roses Gala will be held on Friday, February 8th this year.

Thank you to all sponsors who have already sent in their sponsorship, your generosity is always greatly appreciated! We are still in need of many sponsors! Please remember sponsorships help offset the cost of the event. Sponsorship forms can be found on the school website under fundraising and Gala.

If you would like to attend the Wine Giving Party on December 5th, please send an email with your RSVP to [gala@stlouisedemarillac.org](mailto:gala@stlouisedemarillac.org).

Auction Donations Drop off, will be on Friday, December 14th before/after the 9:00 morning mass until 10:30 a.m. \*A committee member will be there to collect your donation\*

Lastly, we are currently collecting gift cards for the classroom baskets. Gift cards can be purchased at LeGras or sent with your child via backpack mail to the Gala Committee. These gift cards cannot be used toward the family share but can be used toward tuition reduction.

Our next gala committee meeting will be held on December 7th at 10:00 a.m. in LeGras Hall. All are welcome!

## Gratitude Around the World

Sra. Gross and some 8th grade students built a gingerbread house this year for the contest at PPG place. The title of the house was "Gratitude Around the World." The students decorated the house with the different landscapes and climates around the world and then made gingerbread men from different countries holding hands around the house.

A special thank you goes out to the Pie Place for assisting us with the gingerbread and allowing the students to come in to their store and bake the gingerbread men. If you and your families go downtown this holiday season to see the holiday decorations, please check out our gingerbread house which will be on display.



### Next Issue

The next issue of the PTG News is scheduled to be published on December 19. Articles are due to Michele Sites, msites1@verizon.net, on Friday, December 14.

*gratitude,  
changes everything*



### *Facetime!*

Junior High is an exciting time for girls, but also comes with a lot of anxiety. In this age of technology, girls tend to bond through their phones and rarely take quality facetime to discuss issues in their lives and to do so with a trusted female adult. *Facetime* is a program based off of Catholic author, Kari Kampakis' book, *10 Ultimate Truths Girls Should Know*. Kari has been highlighted on EWTN Catholic network for her work in helping young girls to deal with acceptance and security without compromising her integrity or her faith. Our secular world exposes our daughters to many lies. *Facetime* is a way to explore God's truths which affirm one's dignity and self-worth as a child of God.

*Facetime!* is a unique program that was offered this past fall to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and was facilitated by Mrs. Hamilton and Sharon Sipe. Over the 5 week sessions, 18 girls met after school in the Youth Ministry room in LeGras and, engaged in insightful discussions and received guidance in a safe, faith based environment. We discussed topics such as popularity, friendships, reputation, making good choices, interacting with boys, image, self-talk, inner beauty, identity and confidence. Each week started with a scripture verse to highlight the topic for the day. At the last session, each girl received a special journal outlining the 10 truths and were encouraged to journal about each one in silent reflection. The girls were also offered the opportunity to take the Strength Explorers talent survey to discover their top 3 God-given talents and receive individual coaching from Mrs. Sipe, who is a trained coach in this area.

We look forward to offering this program again in the future!

## Upcoming Events

- St. Nick Shop, Thursday, November 29, Gym
- Family Fun Service Day, Saturday, December 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m., LeGras
- Advent Begins, Sunday, December 2
- Advent Events for Families, Sunday, December 2, 5:30 p.m., LeGras
- SAC Meeting, Monday, December 3, 6:30 p.m., LeGras
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade VIP/Student Lunch, Friday, December 7, 12:15 p.m., Cafeteria
- Progress Reports Distributed, Tuesday, December 11
- Band Concert, Tuesday, December 11, 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Gym
- First Reconciliation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Wednesday, December 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Church
- Teen Center, Friday, December 14, 7:00-9:30 p.m., LeGras
- First Reconciliation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Saturday, December 15, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Church
- Choral Concert, Wednesday, December 19, 1:00 p.m., Gym
- Classroom Christmas Parties, Friday, December 21, 1:30 p.m.
- No School, Monday, December 24-Tuesday, January 1
- School Resumes, Wednesday, January 2



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 first nine-week grading period.

### *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Highest Honors Straight A's*

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

### *7<sup>th</sup> Grade Highest Honors Straight A's*

*Sydney Gisoni  
Tate Helms  
Emily Lukasewicz  
Hunter Maher  
Madeleine Stone*

### *8<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors Grade Point Average of 3.6 -3.99*

<i>Beckam Alger</i>	<i>Abrielle De Angelo</i>	<i>Alex Milliken</i>
<i>Mark Banbury</i>	<i>Peyton Gillespie</i>	<i>Rylie Saxe</i>
<i>Mary Connolly</i>	<i>Jack Guzowski</i>	<i>Quinn Stanek</i>
<i>Ella Coury</i>	<i>Kaylee Knobel</i>	<i>Ella Rodriguez</i>
<i>Loch Davis</i>	<i>Briella Lucadamo</i>	

7<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors  
Grade Point Average of 3.6 - 3.99

<i>Julia Bannister</i>	<i>Mailea Hufnagel</i>	<i>Ivy Pettigrew</i>
<i>George Carnes</i>	<i>Ty Iwanonkiw</i>	<i>Ethan Richardson</i>
<i>Eddie Cebula</i>	<i>Ellie Maentz</i>	<i>Alexander Smaroff</i>
<i>Quinn Chalovich</i>	<i>Meagan McKenna</i>	<i>Natalie Zukowski</i>
<i>Grace Elford</i>	<i>Emelia Metcalf</i>	
<i>Katie Erfort</i>	<i>Julia Murdy</i>	

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors  
Grade Point Average 3.20-3.59

<i>Kirk Brdar</i>	<i>Shea Gallagher</i>	<i>Ethan Pievach</i>
<i>Carsyn Cortes</i>	<i>Nathan Klein</i>	<i>Gianna Rainone</i>
<i>Ben Fincham</i>	<i>Riley Mazur</i>	<i>Lizzie Syverson</i>
<i>Anthony Frank</i>	<i>Thomas Mc Mahon</i>	<i>Mario Williams</i>

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors  
Grade Point Average 3.20-3.59

<i>Gabriel Butler</i>	<i>Betsy Drecnik</i>	<i>Jonathan Peters</i>
<i>Maya Chlystek</i>	<i>Sofia Ellison</i>	<i>Carmen Petraglia</i>
<i>Paul Cobleigh</i>	<i>Sienna Fell</i>	<i>Nicole Pierce</i>
<i>Alex Cortes</i>	<i>Zach Kelley</i>	