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# ST. LOUIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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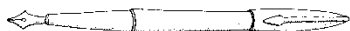
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From The Desk of Mrs. Hunsberger

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### Opening Prayer:

There is a song called, "On That Holy Mountain," that was based on a passage from the book of Isaiah from the Hebrew Scriptures, Isaiah 11:6-9. The following verses from this song are my wish for you, for peace for all people, as we begin this New Year. May God bless you abundantly in 2010 and may you be filled with the peace of Christ.

"The wolf is the guest of the lamb, on that holy mountain. ... Together they shall rest with the child, on that holy mountain, on that holy mountain of the Lord. No harm or ruin on that holy mountain. That sacred day shall be filled with knowledge. There shall be peace, led by all the children, ... on that holy mountain of the Lord."

And the children shall lead us and teach us to be peaceful people. We will continue to work at being peacemaker's here at school in the New Year.



### Announcement from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati:

In joining with our Holy Father, Benedict XVI, who asks us to pray for a new year blessed with greater peace in our families, church, communities, nation and world, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will celebrate two Masses to commemorate the 43rd annual World Day of Peace on January 1, 2010. In Cincinnati, Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains on the corner of 8th and Plum Streets, downtown at 11:00 am, celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr; in Dayton, Mass will be St. Helen Church at 5100 Burkhardt Rd., at 9:00 am, celebrated by Fr. David Brinkmoeller.

For more information, contact the Catholic Social Action Office at (513) 421-3131, ext. 2660.

**Calendar for Next School Year:** I have attached a brief questionnaire for parents and school personnel to complete regarding Christmas vacation for next school year. This school year, we have school for two extra days prior to Christmas vacation in case we have to cancel school due to weather again this school year. I am wondering if anyone has been inconvenienced due to these extra days in school. Please let me know. I will present this information to Father Jerry Hiland and Education Commission when we begin developing the calendar for next school year.

**Open House:** We will hold our Saint Louis School New Parent Open House on Sunday, January 31, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The inclement weather date will be Sunday, February 21, 2010. I would ask that representatives from all organizations try to be present in the cafeteria that day. I am very grateful to all of you for attending past open houses. I really believe your presence makes our school shine brightly in the eyes of potential parents. Mrs. Laura Shoemake, the Public Relations Committee and Parents' Club have all had great ideas on how to make this open house the best one we've ever had! I will give you more information on this open house after the holidays.

**First Lego League:** I received the email below from Mr. Phil Smith, who was one of the coaches for a First Lego League Team here at Saint Louis School. Mr. Smith said it would be all right for me to share his letter with everyone. I changed the font and some spacing to help it fit into the newsletter. I am grateful to Mr. Smith for all he does for Saint Louis School. I join Mr. Smith in congratulating all of our First Lego League participants.



**Spelling Bee Winners:** Congratulations to Brendan McGreevy, a sixth grader, who came in first place at the Saint Louis School Spelling Bee for students in grades fifth through eighth. Eli Proffitt came in second. Brendan will take an on-line test to determine if he will be able to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee.

Congratulations to the St. Louis LEGO Legend Crusaders for their successful bid to represent us (and Cincinnati) at the Ohio State Tournament. We are all proud of their accomplishment and are cheering them on to their next challenge.

I was impressed with the significant growth from members of both of our teams over the last 14 weeks. Their capacity to learn, teach, share, and deliver is beyond measuring... each individual in their own way.

I want to give a big thanks to Jolene and Jill for helping me navigate through the FLL program. They had their challenges with my inexperience. A special thanks to Jay and Cathy for working with the Technico Gear Heads Team. Their dedication to the boys working the project and missions was such a valuable contribution to us all.

Thanks to all the parents and their support. The FLL program provides an opportunity to help our youth understand potential possibilities and to turn those possibilities into future realities. Lastly, thanks to Max, Will, Joe, Nathan, Jack, and Danny from the Technico Gear Heads Team. They are going to have a bright future.

I was pleased that SAP has support programs and that I was able to secure funding for both the FLL program and the school.

Catholic Education is invaluable and I will continue to support it in any way I can.

Regards,

Phil

**Rosetta Stone Spanish:** The Rosetta Stone Spanish Program seems to be going well for the sixth, seventh and eighth graders. I wish to thank Mrs. Barno, Mrs. Federika, Mrs. Havrilla, Mr. Puthoff, and Mrs. Rutherford for their efforts in making this happen. The students seem to be quite enthusiastic about the program.

#### **Closing Prayer:**

Prayer for the New Year

Heavenly Father,

We praise you, Lord God, as we view the night sky full of stars and remember the Star that led the Wise Men to the baby Jesus. No one but You could have made the universe in all its splendor. No one but You would have sent Your Son, Jesus, to save us.

And now, we stand on the brink of a New Year. We are looking back at the old year and forward to the new one.

We thank you for the fresh start of a New Year.

We ask that you give us wisdom as we examine mistakes we made in 2009. Help us to forgive ourselves and learn from our errors.

We face the New Year with hope, excitement and some trepidation.

Help us remember that You are with us in every step we take into this New Year. You are already there.

Bless us, Father, in this New Year. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us and give us your grace and peace,

We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

### **Sunday Scriptures For January**

January 1, 2010: The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21. These readings begin with the blessing that the Lord gave to Moses for the Israelites. Then describes the manner of fulfillment, "born of a woman" and finally the amazing miracle of the birth of Christ.

Sunday, January 3, 2010: The Epiphany of Our Lord: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12. Isaiah predicts the coming of a time when the glory of God would shine upon Israel to such an extent that even the Gentile peoples would come in pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Matthew tells of the Magi (Gentiles) who come to bring homage to the Christ Child. And Paul describes how that promise from God is still carried on because salvation was made possible to all nations (not only the Jews) through Christ.

Sunday, January 10, 2010: The Baptism of the Lord: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22. In the book of Isaiah a prophet is comforting the people of Israel and reminding them that God would remain with His people and intervene for them. God gave a rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit to all those who have faith in Him. He is offering us intervention signified by baptism. Baptism indicates a rejection of those things which are opposed to the truth and lives filled with virtue and goodness. It is our responsibility to live our faith.

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Sunday, January 17, 2010: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11. Paul was writing to the church in Corinth because there were members of that church, gifted by the Holy Spirit with the gift of tongues. These people were becoming arrogant thinking their ability was greater than that of others. Paul emphasized that there are many gifts, and all are given by the Holy Spirit; each one being important to the community as a whole. Do we recognize our own spiritual gifts? Are we using them in the service of others and God?

Sunday, January 24, 2010: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21. Every fifty years the Jewish people celebrated a Jubilee Year. In this year everything was set right; debts were forgiven, property was given back to its original owners, slaves were set free. When Christ stood before the congregation in the synagogue he read the passage of Isaiah which proclaimed the Spirit to be upon him, and that he was to give sight to the blind, liberty to the captives and freedom to the oppressed to set up a year acceptable to the Lord. What proclamation did Christ make to the people in the synagogue? Why was the Jubilee Year no longer needed?

Sunday, January 31, 2010: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30. As in last weeks gospel, Jesus again goes to the synagogue to proclaim to the people that He is the fulfillment of prophesy; He is the One sent from God. The people's reaction was to lead him to the edge of town with the intention of hurling him off. But Jesus passed through their midst and went away. How do people these days react to the preaching of the Good News? What comfort do those who spread the Word possess?

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

#### Hope Emergency Center

Thank you to all who contributed coats for the Hope Emergency Center. The Junior High collected over 50 coats in one week! Thank you, Junior High for your effort toward those in need. The effort was certainly a display of Christian love. The Student Council also sponsored a collection of hats, scarves, gloves and food. Over 100 items were collected. Hope Emergency Center in Fayetteville is run by two of our former teachers and nuns, Sister Lucia and Sister Sandra. Thank you to all who contributed.

#### BINGO BOARD:

It seems that we just finished November and now we have almost finished with another month of bingo. December has only three weeks this year! The number of patrons has been steady over the past 2 months; on average we have been able to service 210 patrons each week (increase of 20 patrons). We continue to have almost all our workers show up to help each week. It is a blessing to have our volunteers here, on time or have a replacement ready... thank you.



Dec 4 = 199 patrons and 16,443 instant tickets sold

Dec 11 = 243 patrons and 17,037 instant tickets sold

We operate a very successful bingo and all the proceeds go to the school to help keep your tuition as low as possible (for "in

parish" & "out of parish" students), please work your shift or find a replacement worker. To re-schedule, please call Valerie 513.735.0078.

Bingo is in dire need of more callers. We currently have 3 callers and one will be retiring at the end of December (children have graduated from St. Louis). We need at least 2 new volunteers for the caller schedule; your family would be removed from the floor schedule if you opt to be a caller instead. It is easy and training is provided. As a reminder, the two remaining callers have daughters graduating in approximately 2 years, and bingo cannot function with out callers. Please call Jim Herron if interested in stepping up to this vital position 513.724.7089

**DECEMBER WORKERS: PLEASE call a replacement if you cannot work your shift –**

Dec 25 – No Bingo – Merry Christmas

Jan 1 – January Crew – YES WE HAVE BINGO ON JAN. 1,

C&A Ayers (chair), A&C Blevins, M David, R&M Davis, J&J Gauch, S Howard, A Justice, D&J Lammers, S&M Melcher, J&C Scheffter, B&C Simmons

**Thanks to all who worked their shift or found a replacement for our bingo!**

## CLASSROOM NEWS



#### Pre-Kindergarten



Preschoolers ended the month with a Polar Express Day. They came to school dressed in their pajamas and listened to The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg. They

enjoyed hot chocolate, mini-marshmallows and cookies on their journey. Thanks to great parent support they had many treats and goodies at their Christmas party too.

Looking ahead to January, we will do various activities with snow, snowmen, mittens, and penguins. We will work on writing numbers 1-5 and learning the letter sounds. Our letters for the month will be K, L, M, and N.

Have a restful break and Happy New Year.

**Mrs. Jen Arnold**

**Mrs. Barbara Doss**

**Kindergarten**

Kindergarten has prepared a bed for Jesus by doing good deeds during this Advent Season. Now we anxiously await His coming!

We have been working on word families and using our phonetic skills in sounding out words. It is such a joy to listen and watch as the children progress in their reading! The Bob Books will begin to come home in January.

In math, we will continue with chapter 5 on recognizing, writing and comparing numbers through 31. Please practice writing numbers at home too!

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

**Mrs. Cathy Jaehnen**

**Grade 1**

Next month we will begin memorizing addition and subtraction facts. Timed tests will begin at the end of January. In science and health we will study senses. Long vowels will be our focus in reading.

I am looking forward to returning to the classroom on January 11. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers during my time at home with Olivia. Have a blessed Christmas and happy and safe New Year.

**Mrs. Stephanie Smith**

**Grade 2**

I would like to thank Mrs. Stetson, Mrs. Melcher, and all the parents who are helping with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Christmas party.

When the children return to school in January we will focus on receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation.

In math we will work on geometry concepts.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will also finish up Theme 3 in their reading books. Stories in the next theme are about amazing animals.

I hope that everyone enjoys a blessed, peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Leu**

**Grade 3**

We return to St. Louis refreshed and invigorated! Soon we will begin our unit on multiplication. Expect to see a lot of practice at home. We will finish talking about matter and have some experiments to show physical and chemical changes. We will also tackle Mr. Popper's Penguins and learn about Antarctica as well. We will continue working on improving our writing by adding phrases, descriptive words, and precise verbs.

**Grade 4**

I hope you have had a wonderful holiday. We have had a wonderful rest, so now it is time to learn long division. It has five repetitive steps that can be confusing. If by the end of the second week, your child is still having trouble, then we can worry. Have a great January.

**Mrs. Jody Knolle**

**Grade 5**

Many thanks to the parents who chaperoned our trip to the Cincinnati Museum Center. A fine time was had by all.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.

**Mr. Chris Brown**

**JUNIOR HIGH**

**Math & Social Studies**

During the winter Mr. Craver is adding a day and is now coming in three days a week; Tuesdays and Wednesdays with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and Thursdays for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders. It is a blessing that we are able to use Mr. Craver as a resource and a second set of eyes to monitor the students work in math.

Along those lines January brings Operations with fractions for 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The seventh grade will be working with rational and irrational numbers.

The sixth grade will finish fractions and mixed numbers and move forward with ratio's, rates, and proportions.

The amount of time we spent in Social studies was affected by the amount of time that we spent preparing for the Advent Liturgy. So expect there to be an increase in the amount of homework given in social studies. Also, to speed up class time, I may print the class notes but leave some blanks in the notes which the students will be able to look up in the text. I promise not to assign homework more than three nights a week.

8<sup>th</sup> grade will be finishing up the courts in civics and moving on two local government issues.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be finishing up the American Revolution and moving on to the Articles of Confederation and US Constitution.

6<sup>th</sup> grade will finish up a unit on world religions and move into nationalism and the French Revolution.

**Mr. Rob Carlier**

## Language Arts

### Camp Campbell Gard

The seventh grade field trip to Camp Campbell Gard is scheduled for March 24-26. Please mark the date on your calendar. The cost is approximately \$93.00 per student. If any parent is interested in organizing a fundraiser, please contact Ms. Hunsader at a\_hunsader@catholicweb.com

Sixth Grade: The sixth graders will continue working on parts of speech, in particular adjectives and adverbs. Writing a persuasive paper will also be a focus in January and February. In reading, they will continue to study different comprehension strategies to use when they read nonfiction.

Seventh Grade: During December, the seventh graders studied different types of poetry including cinquains, narratives, ballads, sonnets and limericks. In January, they will finish studying poetry and will start reading *The Miracle Worker* which is a play about Helen Keller. An expository essay is also planned for the beginning of the year.

Eighth Grade: The eighth grade students' main focus will be writing a biography.

All junior high students: A.R. is due on January 7<sup>th</sup>!

**Mrs. Ann Hunsader**

## Science

Happy New Year to All!!!

Junior High Science

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade has done a wonderful job studying some very different material. We will be finishing up Chapter 5 at the beginning of the year. Hopefully we will complete Chapter 6 before the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade has finished their study of astronomy and will be starting the unit on Earth's Resources.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade finished a chapter on Chemical Bonding and will begin Chemical Reactions before the Christmas break.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders: They should now be working on their science project. It should be completed by January 11<sup>th</sup>. This includes the actual experiment, the data, and the conclusion.

**Mrs. Beth Weber**

## Religion

I hope and pray that you all have a wonderful holiday season! Enjoy your break!

I will continue to try and provide the students with a calendar at the beginning of each month to give them and you a sense of what we're setting out to accomplish. Things will change and shift from time to time (as it did a bunch this month!).

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders will return to Moses and the Israelites journey to the Promised Land

The 7<sup>th</sup> graders will Begin Unit 2: Jesus Christ the Truth. We will be studying the Parables and Miracles of Jesus.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will begin Unit 3: The History of the Church: Part I. We will be exploring the very early Catholic Church and how it will begin to grow and spread.

If you or your student needs to contact me, please email me at [melish\\_j@stlouisschool.org](mailto:melish_j@stlouisschool.org) I will do my best to respond to your emails and quickly as possible!

Also, I am aware of the upcoming Science Fair projects for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will try not to have quizzes around that time!

**Mrs. Jamie Melish**

## STUDENT'S OF THE MONTH

### Pre-K - Mrs. Jen Arnold



Ben Lammers is student of the month because he is always friendly to others. You can count on Ben to have a smile on his face and a kind word to share.



### Kindergarten - Mrs. Cathy Jaehnen

Carolyn Bockhorst: for working hard and completing her work on time

Aiden Caudill: for being polite and kind to others and using his manners.

Beth Howard: for working hard and bringing smiles and hugs to the classroom.



**Grade 1 – Mrs. Stephanie Smith**

Isabella Moore is a hard worker.



**Grade 2 –  
Mrs. Elizabeth Leu**

Megan Arnold is very helpful.



**Grade 3 - Mrs. Barbara Doss**

Isabel Steinmetz is new to our school. Since the year began she has made great strides in math, even getting 100% on her last test.



**Grade 4 - Mrs. Jody Knolle**

Gigi Beebe is a great student model



**Grade 5 - Mr. Chris Brown**

Ben Huber is a reading machine in class.



**Grade 6 – Mr. Rob Carlier**

Domain Mitchell’s effort has really improved this month. Damian enjoys having fun but has realized that he needs to get his work done first. Keep up the great work



**Grade 7 - Mrs. Ann Hunsader**

Keane Reed always puts forth effort and participates in class. In addition, he helps around the classroom when needed.

**Grade 8 - Mrs. Beth Weber &  
Mrs. Jamie Melish**

Grace Jaehnen has done a really good job representing the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. She has served at mass (1<sup>st</sup> time ever!), was interviewed for the “Cool School” program, and she comes to school prepared to learn.



