
ST. LOUIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From The Desk of Mrs. Hunsberger

Opening Prayer:

This prayer over the people may be used at the end of Mass or other liturgical services on Mother's Day. I think it is an appropriate prayer for us to pray for all of our mothers.

Loving God,

As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women and all of our mothers, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always

with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Mother's Day Prayer by Gaynell Bordes Cronin

I love you, Mom. I love your aliveness,
your joy in living, your understanding, your giving.

And what I love best of all is that you love me.

God of all Mothers, thank you for my mom!

—From the book Friend Jesus: Prayers for Children

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the last Saint Louis School Newsletter of the School Year! It feels like it was last week that I welcomed you to the 2009-10 school year last week and now it is almost May. I pray all of our students had a happy, productive, meaningful school year that was filled with learning about God and all subject areas.

On Wednesday, I will be sending home an envelope with a letter regarding personnel changes for next school year.

Please watch for this envelope and call the office if you do not receive it. Thank you very much!

As I write this, the second grade students are preparing for their First Holy Communion. It is a big event in their lives as they prepare to participate more fully in the life of the church and become more fully part of our faith community. On Palm Sunday afternoon, the Day of Reflection for second graders and their families was well attended and went very well. I know the students always enjoy making those beautiful banners. This Friday, for our Bread Mass, parish members will send in homemade bread for all the school and parish second graders who will receive their First Holy Communion this Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

Today, I interviewed the second graders while they were in art class preparing for a paper making activity with their seventh grade buddies. I asked them what they liked best about Saint Louis School. I have listed their responses below.

What I like best about Saint Louis School:

Jacob Stone, "The good education"

Adam Bockhorst – "The teachers help us a lot."

Chani Shelton – "My favorite subject is science. We do experiments. I like to know the answers to questions about science."

Claire Scheffter – "Science – because we learn things we didn't know in kindergarten or first grade."

Becca Specht – "Lot of friends"

Emma Jasper – "Families, especially when we watch movies in our family groups."

Lane Young – "I love to do gym, and art. It is great that Saint Louis recycles. I like our seventh grade buddies."

Maggie McManus – "First Communion"

Annie Welage – "You get to make your First Communion."

Megan Arnold – "Art, music, gym, and First Communion."

Elliott Carnicom – “I like building things using the magnet connects.”

Olivia Blevins – “I like art.”

Jake Lammers – “That we have lots of stuff to do.”

Will Ayers – “Art”

Emma Melcher – “Families, art, and gym. I like all the activities we get to do.”

Chandra Justice – “I like the seventh graders because they are our buddies and they help people.”

Isabel Schrunner – “Art is fun because we get to do a lot of fun things.”

Molly Stetson – “We help people. Today we are tearing up newspapers to make new paper.”

Madison Fox – “We make our First Reconciliation.”

After School Karate Club: Mr. Mike Franzen will be back to teach Karate at our school again, beginning with an all school assembly on Monday, May 3, 2010 from 2:00 until 2:30 p.m. in the gym. There will be four after school classes: May 7, 14, 21 and 28, from 3:05 until 3:50 p.m. The sessions will take place in the youth room, or the school library, or, if the weather is nice, outside in front of the pavilion. The cost is \$40 for the first student in a school family and \$20 for each additional sibling. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter. If you do not receive the flyer, please contact the school office.

Closing Prayer:

**God our Father,
in Your wisdom and love You made all things.
Bless these men,
that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

[Source: Sunday Bulletin of June 15, 2008; Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Saskatoon, SK, Canada.]

Sunday Scriptures For

Sunday, May 2, 2010: Acts 14:21-27; Revelations 21:1-5a; John 12:31-33a, 34-35. Paul states in Acts, “It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the

kingdom of God”. Sometimes it is hard to do the right thing but our good efforts will be rewarded. How will our efforts be rewarded? What hard things did Jesus have to do? How was He rewarded?

Sunday, May 9, 2010: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelations 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29. In John 14:23a, “Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Whoever loves me will keep my word.’” The proof of our love for God lies in doing what Jesus asked us to do. What does Jesus ask us to do? How do we show our love for our parents? Teachers? Siblings? Would people recognize us as Christians by the way we love?

Sunday, May 16, 2010: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53. Ephesians 1:22 states, “And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body.” The authority invested in Jesus invites awe and worship. What does it mean when the scriptures states Jesus Christ was given dominion over all things? That he is the head over all things, that he is seated at God’s right hand? What hope do we derive from this?

Sunday, May 23, 2010: Acts 21-11; 1Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23. 1Corinthians 12:4 says: “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.” What spiritual gifts do you recognize in yourself? How are you using these gifts for the glory of God?

Sunday, May 30, 2010: Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15. Proverbs 8:27a states: “When the Lord established the heavens I was there.” Father, Word and Spirit existed in unity from the beginning. Contemplate John 16: 12-15. What is Christ telling us?

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Box Tops for Education

St. Louis School just received a check for \$750.46 from Box Tops for Education. Every box top helps to provide funds for our school. So, keep clipping! A special thank you goes to Mrs. Melcher for trimming, sorting and sending off our collected box tops.

2009-2010 Yearbooks

Be sure to get your orders for this years’ yearbooks. Last date to order is May 7th. Ask at the school office if

you need another form. *Every student is pictured in the yearbook at least 2-3 times!* How can you pass up these memories? **8th Graders don't want to miss out on a copy for their graduation year!**

WE NEED PICTURES!

Speaking of the yearbook...we need your pictures! We currently need photos of the Valentine parties, 7th grade field trip, and the 6th grade field trip, but we'll accept any that you have taken throughout the year. Load them onto a CD and send them to the school office marked *Yearbook*. Don't forget to take your pictures for May Crowning, First Communion, Field Day and Carnival!

Theme Basket Raffle

Information for our school's traditional Theme Basket Raffle will be going home on May 5th. Each class will be assigned a theme to create a basket that will be raffled off at the school carnival. Tickets sold will benefit the classes!

BINGO BOARD:

Even with the early start to spring, bingo continues to do well and maintain a steady crowd of patrons. We are on target to do well for the FY year and we want to thank all who work their bingo shift and give up their Friday evening for this important fundraiser for the school.

Mar 26 = 204 patrons and 18,004 instant tickets sold
Apr 09 = 238 patrons and 19,679 instant tickets sold
Apr 16 = 195 patrons and 17,685 instant tickets sold
Apr 23 = 188 patrons and 17,912 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.

As a reminder, the current committee has their only or last child in the upper grades of Junior High. We need several parents to step up to be on the committee and "learn the ropes" so that Bingo will continue to exist and support the school-operating budget. Please call Valerie 513.735.0078 if you would like additional information.

PLEASE call a replacement if you cannot work your shift

May 7 – D Bussell, T&M Gentry, S&D Watson, F&T Parker, C&D Leonard, G&K VanZant, D&C Barno, S or T Humbert, C&M Marlara, G&D Mullins, D&J Wagner, L Gibson

May 14 – J&L Blair, J&T Broussard, N&G David, D&B Freeman, C&J Furnish, D&M Gardner, K&D Heller, B&S Kelly, R Strayer, D&K Caudill, E Gillenwater, T&L Shoemaker

May 21 – R&K Raab, S&D Schrichten, M&N Moore, D Hill, J&M Rutherford, J Roberts, D&B Specht, S&K Stetson, S&K Shelton, T Fellingner, R&M Schrinner, J&J Boland

May 28 – N&C Smith, G&A Howell, Z&S Tueimeh, R Coors-Nichols, D&T Steinmetz, M Arbuckle, S&E Battaglia, D&A Esz, G&M Beebe, B or K wolf, S&M Smith, J&M McManus

June 4 – P&L Baker, D&J Egred, D&L Smith, P Breving, O&S Rivera, P&S Carstens, C&A Cox, T&E Espelage, T&M Gentry, F&T Parker, C&D Leonard

June 11 - J&L Blair, J&T Broussard, N&G David, D&B Freeman, C&J Furnish, D&M Gardner, K&D Heller, B&S Kelly, R Strayer, D&K Caudill, E Gillenwater, T&L Shoemaker

June 18 - R&K Raab, S&D Schrichten, M&N Moore, D Hill, J&M Rutherford, J Roberts, D&B Specht, S&K Stetson, S&K Shelton, T Fellingner, R&M Schrinner, J&J Boland

June 25 - N&C Smith, G&A Howell, Z&S Tueimeh, R Coors-Nichols, D&T Steinmetz, M Arbuckle, S&E Battaglia, D&A Esz, G&M Beebe, B or K wolf, S&M Smith, J&M McManus

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for June 14-18 and have the kids join us for a week long FREE safari trip this summer! Vacation Bible School (this year's theme is *Baobab Blast – God's Great Get-Together!*) is every day that week, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Registrations will be coming home soon. As always, we are in need of volunteers. Adult help please call Claire Bockhorst 625-1584 and youth (7th grade and up), please call Laura McCafferty 732-1166.

CALLING ALL 7TH and 8TH GRADERS !!

Need service hours for confirmation next year? Vacation Bible School would *love* your help! You can

earn as many as 20 hours of service! You can choose to do skits and songs, help in a learning station, or lead the little kid groups around. Fill out a flyer or call Laura McCafferty 732-1166.

Summer Reading Skills Programs

Miami University will be offering classes in Blue Ash and Cincinnati for 4 year olds through 11th Grade. The classes offered will be in phonics, comprehension, vocabulary, study skills, speed reading and love of reading. All programs will meet once a week. For more information or to register, call 1-800-470-3728 or visit www.muohio.readingprograms.org on the web. Inquire early! Classes are limited.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Pre-Kindergarten

Hooray, May is here!! Some of our flower seeds have sprouted. Others are patiently waiting for something to happen. We learned the 4 seasons and talked about types of weather. This month we will have themes about baby animals, water/ocean, and nursery rhymes.

We have been learning to recognize and write our last name. After we finish letter Z, we will go back and review all letters and sounds. We will be finished writing numbers 1-10 and work on patterning. Remember to practice your phone number and address at home.

Have a great month,

Mrs. Jen Arnold

Kindergarten

This month students will meet their pen pals from St. Bernadette at Sycamore Park on May 28th. They will be paired with their pal as they go on a nature hike and learn about plants and animals.

We will also be going to Cherry Ridge Farms with the First Grade Class on Monday, May 17th.

The Kindergarteners have worked hard this year. I'm very proud of them all, especially their effort in reading and writing!

Have a happy and safe summer. Keep reading!

Mrs. Cathy Jaehnen

Grade 1

First graders are very busy! We are starting our bird unit in science! Students will be researching their favorite bird. In class we will learn about the life cycles of birds and their different aspects. This will carry over to our reading, where we will be reading non-fiction stories and writing about animals.

In math we will begin our geometry unit. Our class will be going on a field trip with the kindergarten class in the middle of May. We will be going to an outdoor education place in Georgetown. This should be a fun trip!

Mrs. Stephanie Smith

Grade 2

I can't believe that summer is right around the corner. I would like to thank all of you for a great year. I have really enjoyed teaching the students in this class. I especially enjoy helping the Second Graders prepare for their First Holy Communion. Having each child participate in the Mass makes it special and memorable.

The last reading theme has three stories that focus on different talents. We will end our year with students reading and performing plays.

In Math we are working on measurement concepts and will introduce multiplication.

This last quarter we will focus on Health. Students will learn about the different systems in the human body.

Have a great summer?

Mrs. Elizabeth Leu

Grade 3

This last month is one of the best ones. In language arts we will complete our last theme and use the time that is left to read another novel together. Our writing skills continue to improve. Look for our research papers on reptiles. I was really impressed at how their writing has improved this year. We will also write short paragraphs on current events and do some letter writing.

In math we'll finish fractions and measurement. We continue to work on problem solving as well. In science we are learning about our ever changing solar system and in social studies we study Australia.

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Nichols for having an assembly for Grades 3, 5, and 8 on the work of surveyors and how that applies to what we are learning

in school. While we were studying reptiles, Mrs. Schmid and her son, Billy, brought in two red eared sliders. Grace Weber (Grade 6) shared her leopard gecko and Laura from Clermont County Parks did a presentation on reptiles native to Ohio.

Mrs. Barbara Doss

Grade 4

Where has the year gone? The students are so independent now and I have to pass them up to Mr. Brown. Life is so unfair!

We just returned from Grassy Run and it is amazing how they make history come alive. You should check it out next year. I want to thank all the chaperones for offering their time. It was a very soggy trip!

Mrs. Jody Knolle

Grade 5

Coming into the home stretch for 5th Grade, there is still much to do. We are getting ready to finish our latest novel *The City of Ember*. Stay tuned for details about our annual trial related to the book. It is always a fun event.

We are also nearly finished with the dreaded fractions, which weren't nearly so bad as they were supposed to be. We will finish the year with some work with data analysis and probability, which will likely include rolling some dice and playing some cards.

In Social Studies, we are finishing up Greece and will study about the Roman Empire before the end of the year. Remember Greece Projects are due on May 4.

In Science, we are learning about the weather and why it is so hard to predict correctly. Our last unit will be on amphibians.

Mr. Chris Brown

JUNIOR HIGH

Math & Social Studies

Sixth Grade year is coming to a close. Just wanted to give a quick thanks to all the parents who helped this year, between the parties and fieldtrip I have never had a year run so smooth.

8th grade Math class will be covering each of the following units: measurement strand, Geometry and spatial strands, and Data Analysis. 7th Grade will be

finishing up geometry and spatial strands, measurement, and Data analysis. 6th grade will finish up geometry and Spatial Strand, measurement strand, and end with patterns and functions.

8th grade Social Studies will finish up WWII and the cold war and end modern American History. 7th grade will be finishing up Manifest Destiny (Westward movement), causes of the civil war, the civil war, and reconstruction. 6th Grade will finish up the cold war, fall of the Berlin Wall, and the Apartheid in South Africa.

Mr. Rob Carlier

Language Arts

The sixth graders focused on writing comparison/contrast papers during April as well as reading about past civilizations. In grammar, they had a great time learning the preposition song (Well, *most* of them had fun!) During the last month of school, they will continue to study the parts of speech. In literature, the students will read various selections from their literature series. For their book reports this quarter, they will be writing book reviews which are due on May 13.

The seventh graders just finished writing their research papers. They did an excellent job! The students are now reading *Across Five Aprils*, which is historical fiction about the Civil War. This ties into their social studies unit.

The eighth graders are now reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. They are studying mood, stereotypes, themes, symbolism, and plot structure. In grammar, they will spend time reviewing what they have learned throughout the year. For their final book report, the students will create a test incorporating the literary elements we have discussed throughout the year. Their book reports are due on May 13. A.R. points are due on May 20.

Mrs. Ann Hunsader

Science

6th Grade – We have finished our study of plants and will now move on to the Kingdom Animalia. The 6th grade has a project on invertebrates due May 17th. Thanks in advance to Dr. Raab, a veterinarian, who will visit the class May 24th.

7th Grade – We are now studying Energy Resources. We currently are looking at the different forms of alternative resources such as wind, solar, and nuclear.

8th Grade – This month we will discuss the differences between potential energy and kinetic energy. We will also study energy sources. Hopefully, we will get the chance to build a battery and an electric circuit.

Mrs. Beth Weber

Religion

I cannot believe the year has gone by so fast! I feel as if we just started a few weeks ago! Sr. Cathy Bauer met with each class on Tuesday, April 20th to discuss vocations with the students. They all asked great questions and were opened to the possibility of the Religious Life. Sr. Cathy had so much to offer the students, including volunteer opportunities and service opportunities this summer. I will share more information with the students as I get it.

6th Grade: Old Testament

We have begun to study the Historical Books in the Old Testament. We began with Joshua and we will continue through the period of the Judges and the Kings. 6th grade will also have one more project for me, most likely a Proverb Book.

7th Grade: New Testament

While the students had the In-Control Program, they worked on Chapters 14, 15, and 16. They each completed a study guide for a grade. We moved forward to look into “Jesus Christ the Life”. We will explore Jesus the prophet, the suffering servant and Jesus the bread of life. 7th grade will have one more big project for me called a Tryptyc. Each student will be assigned a saint to research.

8th Grade: Church History

Reminder...ABC AUTOBIOGRAPHIES are due soon! 8th graders have known about this and been given instructions on what to do back in March!

The 8th grade did a wonderful job presenting The Stations of the Cross to the school community. Thank each of you for stepping up and taking on a role.

Next we will be presenting May Crowning. Students nominated one another for the roles and I am pleased to announce the following:

Crowning Mary: Jeaness Hargis

Crown Presenter: Emily Carlier

Mary: Lidia Wolf

Candle Presenter: Sam Humbert

Bible Presenter: Trevor Koch

I wish you could read the words written about the above students. They embody and present positive Christian values and live their faith out on a daily basis.

Finally, graduation is just around the corner! Please know that through all of these special events, the students continue to learn about Church History! The year is not over yet and we will continue to move through the required text!

Mrs. Jamie Melish

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Pre-Kindergarten – Mrs. Jen Arnold



Ethan Pfankuch and Jack McGreevy: are students of the month. I am proud of Ethan’s extra effort to learn his numbers. Jack is great with numbers and has worked hard to write his name neatly.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Cathy Jaehnen



Grace Craver and Logan Carlier: They are always willing to share and help others.

Grade 1 – Mrs. Stephanie Smith



Camella Rutherford: for always adding expression in her reading!

Grade 2 – Mrs. Elizabeth Leu



Adam Bockhorst: Adam listens to directions and puts effort into his work.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Barbara Doss



Ethan Howell: He is always curious about the world around him.

Grade 4 – Mrs. Jody Knolle



Mikaya Esz: for adding so many live eggs to our science class

Joe Welage: for being a friend to all

Grade 5 – Mr. Chris Brown



Jon Esz: for great efforts with his AR reading

Grade 6 – Mr. Rob Carlier



Sarah Huber: Sarah has all the qualities that you would want in a middle school student. She is inquisitive, carrying, and diligent. The attribute that stands out the most is her ability to always stay positive. Sarah's glass is always half full. We will sorely miss her next year. WE wish you the best of luck in Chicago next year.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Ann Hunsader



Connor Peed: Connor's enthusiasm is contagious! Also, he always gets his work in on time and is willing to help others who need a hand.

Grade 8 – Mrs. Beth Weber & Mrs. Jamie Melish



Hunter Heinlein: Hunter continues to work hark hard and complete his homework.