

St. Louis School Cardinal Post

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A Message from Mrs. Niedzwiedz:

Dear Families and Friends of St. Louis,

Thank the heavens! It is finally getting cooler and we have had rain after a long dry spell. I truly love the changing of the seasons. Each season holds something unique and special to look forward to. These seasonal changes are even more important when you are a part of a school community. Preschool and kindergarten are pulling out the orange paint and pumpkins are popping up everywhere. Throughout the school, fall is reflected in the artwork. First grade is gearing up for the Saints parade and I know that we are all looking forward to the Fall Festival this upcoming Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. There will be games, food, a pumpkin patch, hay rides, and a haunted house. This is an opportunity for our children to build memories. I really want to thank Gena Wolbrecht and all of the members of the Home and School Organization for planning this wonderful event. I know everyone will have a great time.

We have been so blessed that the gardening committee of the Home and School also planted pansies in a variety of beds to beautify our campus. This planting is just in time to make our campus look great for our Open House, Sunday, Oct. 24th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This Open House is held in conjunction with the Parish Ministry Fair. We will have displays in the cafeteria that provide information on all of the many ministries here in St. Louis Parish. The school is one of the major ministries that the church provides. We will have students acting as tour guides for parishioners who may not have students attending school but would like to see all the great things that are happening. We also encourage our current families to visit us during this time. Teachers will be available in their classrooms to show off the great work that their students have accomplished.

Fall is also the time when the faculty and administration analyze test data from the September ITBS Testing. I am happy to say that throughout the school the average grade equivalent scores are above grade level and in some grades way above grade level. What a wonderful accomplishment!

This year the school will be going through our SACS/CASI five year self-study. This process is very important to the continued success of the school. The teachers examine test data and trends, any changes in population or enrollment, and look closely at curriculum. A report is written and a plan of action is created for school improvement. A review team will be coming in March to validate our analysis and make sure that we are on track with our action plan. Please keep the faculty and staff in your prayers as we work our way through this process. It is a lot of work, but well worth the effort.

Fall Blessings to All!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Teddi Niedzwiedz

Upcoming Dates:

- Oct. 23** – First Penance Meeting 10:00 a.m.; Fall Festival 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 24** – Open House 1:00-3:00
- Oct. 26** – 8th grade St. Agnes & CBHS High School Tours
- Oct. 27**- John Angotti Concert
- Nov. 1** – All Saints Day, No School
- Nov. 2** – Make Up Picture Day
- Nov. 3** – Mayor Wharton visits St. Louis
- Nov. 4** – 8th grade St. Benedict High School Tour
- Nov. 7** – Pig Day; Used Book Sale in St. Louis School Library
- Nov. 11** – Veteran's Day 8:15 Mass and Program; Home and School Meeting in the Clunan Center
- Nov. 24-26** – No School, Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 29** – School Resumes

**Refer to
stlouismemphis.org for
additional dates.*



Technology Spotlight of the Month:

The wireless laptop cart has been rolled out and laptops are being used daily by different classes. Mrs. Powers' fifth grade homeroom was the first class to use the laptops to research topics discussed in the book *Hatchet*, by Gary Paulsen.



Mrs. Carter's class has used the cart multiple times to research saints. Each student will create a PowerPoint presentation to show the class on the saint they have chosen.

Mrs. O'Reilly's eighth grade social studies classes have used the laptops to complete a webquest on United States colonies. Her seventh grade students are researching and planning a virtual trip across the United States.

Just a Reminder:

- Weekly progress reports for grades 3-8 will be sent out electronically on Friday.
- Please do not use your cell phones while driving in the school parking lot.
- Dismissal time on Tuesdays is 2:30 p.m.

Edline News

One click to a faster look at your child's homework:

Did you know that to easily look at your child's homework assignments for each night you should click on your child's "Classes and Shortcuts" and then look at the combined calendar found under "My Contents". Homework for all of your child's classes will be visible on the calendar.

Honor Roll

Highest Honors

4th Grade

Karen Benedict
Alyssa Donato
Catie Grusin
Patrick Koch
Katie McBride
Emily Wilson

5th Grade

Ethan Ferguson
Grace Gage
John Daniel
Goodspeed
Lee Griesbeck
Katy Grace Jones
Austin Martin
Finn Mullen
Anna Bryan Nieman
Madeline Novak
Kate Spencer
Kaitlyn Trainor
Fiona Toomey
Henry Ward

6th Grade

Megan Bryant
Addy Charbonnet
Christian Locastro
Natalie Tipton

7th Grade

Nicole Dunavant
Lauren James
Graham Kelly
Katie Koch
Owen Martin
Maggie Perry
Elizabeth Tavoletti
Zoe Thompson
Lanie Trotter
Justin VonStein
Catherine Weglicki
Mary Katherine Werner

8th Grade

Caroline Acchiardo
Lena Baioni
Anthony Bologna
Jack Borg
Dallas Broughton
Maria Marconi
Mary Langley Montegut
Mary Catherine Polatty
Emory Wills
Megan Wilson

Honors

4th Grade

Rachel Baioni
Samuel Barnett
Spencer Beck
Michael Buchholz
Hayden Cervetti
Kenley Dunaway
Kells Hecht
Claire John
Kara Kane
Will Kelley
Zach Lucchesi
Anna Riley Pieroni
Nash Smothers
Gerard Tavoletti
William Trotter
Robert Ward
Will Wolbrecht
Turner Wolffe
Wesley Wolffe

5th Grade

Ryan Anderson
Bryce Bush
Max Carroll
Chip Davis
Nicholas DiMeglio
William Dorian
Kyle Frasure
Gracie Griesbeck
Samantha Grisham
Jack Herring
Isabel Hoppal
Garrett Hughes
Campbell Johnson
Julia Mason
John Keyser Moore
William Newsom
Savannah Stovall
William Thiel
Ross Wills

6th Grade

Eleanor Atkinson
Kate Baker
Catherine Broughton
Ashton Bunch
Adam Connor
Caroline Conrad
Courtney Cremerius
Jack Delgado
Nate Delgado
Anna Jane DiMeglio
Katherine Grisham
Drew Hendricks
Liz Holliday

Nate Huettal
Will Kutas
Reid Lanigan
Sam Nieman
Katie Perry
Katie Posey
Kevin Shea
Chandler Stroud
Keagan Voss
Nicole Wallis
Sam Werner

7th Grade

Annie Armstrong
Bailey Cochran
John Crone
Jillian Cunningham
Sara Griesbeck
Ben Hill
Vincent Lukaszewski
Justin McClusky
Rives Moore
David Moran
Andrew Mosteller
Mia Mullen
Gwen Parry
John Reisedge
Chris Saxon
Alex Tooley
Lila Wahlquist

8th Grade

Hayes Anderson
Mary Ellen Benedict
Baylor Bush
Jack Charbonnet
Charlie Delisi
Matthew Evangelisti
Mary Fortney
Warner Hill
Maggie Kaiser
Elyzabeth Kelso
Thomas O'Malley
Sarah Orians
Krissy Patrick
Nicholas Pharr
Brooks Phelan
Amy Reaves
Philip Sater
Riley Short
Trey Urban
Laura Vanelli
Christopher Varnado
John Anthony Ward
Lillie Weirich

Kindergarten News

It has been a busy fall in Kindergarten! We studied Fire Safety at the beginning of this month and had the fire truck come and visit us. We also learned about community helpers and we celebrated career day this past Friday. We had some wonderful visitors come and talk to us including a firefighter, a chef, an eye doctor, a videographer, and a nurse. This week we are studying the farm and we will visit Kidz Kountry Farm for our first field trip. We are also looking forward to our Halloween Party next week. We have been learning so much and having lots of fun!



Grandparents' Day

On October 15, the fifth through eighth grade students welcomed their grandparents and special friends to St.



Louis School with a Mass and reception. The students performed a song dedicated to their guests following the Mass. All grandparents and special friends were invited to visit the students' classroom and view the projects and artwork which focused on these amazing role models.



Spotlight on Community

Recently Sarah and Shea Haskell celebrated their birthdays. Their birthday party had a special twist; however, instead of bringing presents to the girls each guest brought canned



goods to be donated to St. Vincent DePaul ministries. Sarah, Shea and their friends have helped many families in need by their

generosity. Thank you, girls, for thinking of others at this special time in your year.

Festival Weekend

The weekend of October 23-24 will be a fun filled weekend for the school and parish.

Saturday, October 23, the Home and School will host the Fall Festival from 1-4 on the school grounds. There will be activities for all. Bring the family and enjoy the pumpkin patch, games, pie toss, haunted house and of course delicious food.

Sunday, October 24 the parish will host an open house from 1:00-3:00 PM which will highlight the school as well as all parish ministries. Please join us to see what fabulous things your students are doing in the classroom as well as the many activities you may become involved with in the parish.



***** Come one, come all, the St. Louis Spirit Shoppe will be open on Saturday, October 23, during the Fall Festival! *****

October is Bully Prevention Month

On October 13, the Advisor/Advisee program hosted a speaker for the seventh and eighth grade students. Lt. Wilton Cleveland, from the Memphis Police Department spoke to us about how to prevent and stop cyberbullying. Here are some of his tips for parents:

- Place your computer in an easily supervised area (not a bedroom)
- Check what sites your children are visiting online and what information they are posting
- Have access to all of your child's accounts, including their passwords
- Ensure that Internet use must follow the rules of kindness and respect for all
- Know who your child is talking to online and through text
- Do not give your child access to the internet on their cell phones

More information will be distributed weekly in the October Wednesday Wires.

Sports Update

Congratulations to all of our fall sports participants. A special congratulation to the following teams for their outstanding performance:

- 5th-8th grade girls cross country team placed 2nd in the PAA Meet Championship
- 6th-8th grade girls cross country team placed 3rd in the Shelby 78 Championship
- 6th-8th grade girls cross country team placed 3rd in the West TN Middle School Cross Country Regional Championship
- 7th-8th grade girls cross country team placed 1st in the PAA Meet Championship and 2nd in the league
- 6th grade girls volleyball team is undefeated in league play and has won the league
- 8th grade girls volleyball team is second in the league
- Junior boys football team is undefeated and has won the league

St. Louis School Mission Statement

St. Louis Catholic School is committed to quality education in the spirit of Christ in accordance with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Working in partnership with parents and the community, we are dedicated to preparing our students for the future through faith formation and academic excellence utilizing progressive technology while enhancing students' emotional, physical and spiritual well-being.

Basketball Tryout Information

New Gym

- Mon., Oct. 25 – 8th grade girls 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
8th grade boys 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
6th grade boys 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Tues., Oct. 26 – 8th grade girls 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
8th grade boys 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
6th grade boys 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Wed., Oct. 27 – 7th grade girls 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 28 – 5th grade boys 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
6th grade girls 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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5th grade girls 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Wed., Oct. 27 – No Tryouts
- Thurs., Oct. 28 – 7th grade girls 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
5th grade girls 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
6th grade boys 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

