

# St. Louis School Cardinal Post

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## Upcoming Dates:

- Sept. 22–4K Picture Day
- Sept. 23–3K, Kindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picture Day
- Sept. 27–Professional Day, No School
- Oct. 7 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter; Dismiss at 11:30 a.m. for Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 8 – Fall Break, No School, Professional Day for Teachers
- Oct. 11 – Fall Break, No School
- Oct. 12 – School Resumes
- Oct. 14 – Cookie Dough Pick-Up, Home and School Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Clunan Center
- Oct. 15 – Grandparents' Day 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade begins with 8:15 a.m. Mass
- Oct. 17 – Men's Club Golf Tournament
- Oct. 23 – First Penance Meeting 10:00 a.m.; Fall Festival 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 24 – Open House

\*Refer to [stlouismemphis.org](http://stlouismemphis.org) for additional dates.

## *A Message from Mrs. Niedzwiedz:*

We are more than halfway through our first nine weeks, and good things are happening at St. Louis School. As I walk through the halls and observe in the classrooms, I see a vibrant school where children are praying, learning, sharing, and caring for each other. I see teachers who work hard daily to prepare lessons for students along with learning themselves about how they can incorporate more technology into the lessons to make the learning more interesting. In the early childhood grades I've seen teachers checking the weather as a class on the Internet, not only in Memphis, but tracking hurricanes as they roll across the Atlantic Ocean. Students have taken virtual field trips to the Peabody after reading a book about the ducks. Our school wide subscription to BrainPop, an Internet website, is being utilized in most all grades. Third grade watched a video clip in science that discussed fossils and 4<sup>th</sup> grade used the eBeam to use their problem solving skills to solve an online puzzle. Fifth and Sixth graders have been writing and typing in the computer lab and Junior High students have visited web sites for enrichment in their religion classes. Teachers are posting grades weekly on GradeQuick and communicating assignment and test information daily on Edline. This is just the beginning!

On September 27<sup>th</sup> the faculty and staff will spend the day at St. Agnes to share ideas regarding using technology. Teachers will have opportunities to observe classes, work with their respective classroom teacher, and learn more about integrating technology across the curriculum. Although technology is important for our students, one thing remains strong and continues to grow at St. Louis, the daily faith formation of St. Louis students. Nothing can replace the daily faith formation experienced in a parish school. The students participate in Mass, read scripture daily at Morning Prayer, pray the Angelus at noon, and are taught about the importance of serving others. One of the most moving experiences I have had since I came to St. Louis was Mass last Thursday. Seventh and eighth graders were fully participating in the Mass. They were joyfully singing and praying! Anyone who has ever worked with Junior High students knows how often children in this age group view participating and singing as "uncool". But on Thursday, students were helping to lead the singing, they read the readings, and participated in the offertory. This is the heart of Catholic education. Sharing our faith with the next generation is so important to the future of our children, our Church and our world.

On Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be having an Open House for all parents, parishioners, and any families outside the parish who may be considering Catholic Education for their children. I hope that everyone will come to this wonderful event to see firsthand the fruits of our labor in the educational process of our St. Louis students.

I am truly blessed to daily witness the gift and blessing of Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Teddi Niedzwiedz



## *Technology Spotlight of the Month:*



Mrs. Moore's fourth grade class integrates technology by using an eBeam to solve a puzzle.

Faculty has received training on the integration of eBeam technology into the classrooms. We are excited about the opportunity for different learning activities within the curriculum.



## *Delta Festival Art Contest*

Several students from St. Louis School were ribbon and cash winners at the Delta Fair and Music Festival Art Competition. Students participated in the mid-south contest and were selected winners in various grade categories. Student participants and ribbon winners are pictured:



Back row left- Mrs. Durden, Carter Lane 10<sup>th</sup> place, Adam Connor, Julianne Cordera 6<sup>th</sup> place, David Cotton, Maria Marconi 4<sup>th</sup> place, Bailey Cochran, Violet Durden;  
2<sup>nd</sup> row- Ethan Cary, Gracie Gage 5<sup>th</sup> place, Allison Bryant, Cullen Goscienski,  
3<sup>rd</sup> row- Ginny Tavoleti, Caroline Baker, Drake Dunaway, Sarah Moran 7<sup>th</sup> place.

## *Fall Fundraiser*



This year's Sally Foster Fundraiser Kick-Off was celebrated with the Griz, from the Memphis Grizzlies. Students enjoyed mini-basketball games to win prizes and help start the fundraiser for our school.

Thank you to all who participated in the school fundraiser. The results should be in soon to see how much we earned!

## *Sacraments*

Monsignor McArthur visited the kindergarten class to teach the sacrament of Baptism. The kindergartners participated in an enactment of the sacrament of Baptism where the students acted as parents and godparents as Monsignor showed how a baby would be baptized.



## *Just a Reminder:*

- Please do not use your cell phones while driving in the school parking lot.
- Dismissal time on Tuesdays is 2:30 p.m.

## ***St. Louis Beta Club Elects Officers***

Wednesday, September 8, 2010 the Junior Beta Club at St. Louis School had their first meeting of the year. The main order of business at the meeting was electing officers for the club. After receiving nominations for candidates and voting, the officers are as follows: Dallas Broughton, President; Mary Catherine Polatty, Vice President; Baylor Bush, Treasurer; Megan Wilson, Secretary; Maria Marconi, Chaplain; and Thomas O'Malley and Lillie Weirich, Reporters. The Junior Beta Club will meet once a month. Goals of the Junior Beta Club include charitable contributions, volunteering in the community, and modeling leadership among their peers.



Pictured left to right: Baylor Bush, Thomas O'Malley, Lillie Weirich, Mary Catherine Polatty, Megan Wilson, Dallas Broughton, Maria Marconi and Teddi Niedzwiedz, school principal.

## ***SLS Preschool in September***

The preschoolers are enjoying school so much! August was filled with new friends, new routines, and new teachers. We have been in the "swing of things" this September and are ready for our October activities. We have been busy in all three classes with different crafts, activities, and lots of learning. We have also begun our special classes which include all or some of the following... MusicTime, Little Amigos, GiggleBytes, and YogaKids. In September, we also welcomed the Memphis Zoo who brought to us their Wildlife on Wheels presentation. We learned all about animal coverings and saw different examples of each type. The Preschool has taken off and is riding smooth seas!

## ***Online Grade Reports***

St. Louis unveiled our online grade reports earlier this month. Reports for students in grades 3-8 will be posted every Friday afternoon. Midterm and final progress reports will be posted for students in grades 1-8. We will print paper copies of the nine week report cards and ask that the parents sign and return them to the homeroom teacher.

It is very important that you activate your Edline account so that you may access your student's grade reports. Please also update your email address with Edline so that we may email you when the reports have been posted.

## ***JrNYLC***

The Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) helps students become scholars by developing and sharpening their leadership skills. Students examine the leaders of the past, which empowers them to make a positive social impact in their community and the world.

The JrNYLC is geared toward looking at leadership traits and focuses on social advocacy. Students travel to different sites for hands-on experience and workshops to bring these concepts to life.

Congratulations to Hayes Anderson and Anthony Bologna who are among our Junior National Young Leaders. Both students will attend a conference in Washington D.C. to learn and cultivate leadership skills.

## ***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 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. Please watch next month's newsletter for more details.

## *Sports Update*

Fall sports are in full swing.

- The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls soccer team began another winning streak.
- The cross country teams continue to be the talk of the PAA as our runners are placing well in each weekly meet.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball team remains undefeated.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball team placed second in the St. Ann Bartlett tournament.
- The PeeWee and Junior football teams are undefeated.

All of our soccer, golf, cross country, cheerleading, football and volleyball teams are in the midst of a wonderful season. Thank you to all of our volunteer coaches for making such an impact on our students.



On September 17, 2010, we had a pep rally to recognize all of our student-athletes. St. Louis will have another pep rally on October 13, 2010 to recognize the seventh and eighth grade student-athletes. The St. Dominic football game will follow that evening.

### **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.

## *In Remembrance*

We, as a faculty and staff, would like to take a moment to remember Dr. Margaret Pittman. Dr. Pittman taught science to our seventh and eighth grade students for two years. We will always remember her words of wisdom:



*"Please never forget the things I emphasized: Look for the beauty in the simple things, revel in the joy of nature. There is a WOW! in everything around you. Just be open to it. It is magical. Remember to find your passion and go for it. Keep a sense of humor, LAUGH often, choose your battles, and never ever give up, as most of you know, I call that 'keeping on keeping on.' I loved you all for being a part of my wonderful life. It has been a heck of a ride."*

~Dr. Margaret Pittman (1944-2010)

## *The Angelus*

Each day at noon students, faculty, and staff pray the Angelus. The prayer follows below:

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

**And she conceived of the Holy Spirit**

Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

**Be it done unto me according to your word.**

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh:

**And dwelt among us**

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy mother of God:

**That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may be brought by his passion and cross to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May the divine assistance remain always with us and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

