

St. Louis School Cardinal Post

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Important Dates

- May 7** - May Procession
8:30 AM
- May 7**-Confirmation 7:00
PM Cathedral of the
Immaculate Concep-
tion
- May 12** -Orchestra/
Choir Concert 6:30
PM
- May 13**-8th Grade Mass
and Dinner 6:00PM
- May 15-21**-8th Grade
Exams
- May 22**-8th Grade Grad-
uation 7:00PM
- May 23-29**-Exams grades
6/7
- May 28** -Last day for
preschool
- May 29** -Kindergarten
Graduation 9:30AM
- May 30**-Last Day of
School; Dismiss
11:30AM
- June 15-21**-Hole in One
- June 23-27**--Camp In-
vention
- August 11**-First Day of
School
- For more important dates
refer to*
- www.stlouismemphis.org

Dear St. Louis Families and Friends,

This year is flying by so quickly! It seems like only yesterday we were celebrating starting the school year in our beautiful, newly renovated, school building and offices. Teachers were decorating their classrooms with the promise that comes with the beginning of a brand new school year. Today we realize school year 2013-14 is drawing to a close. The month of May is filled with many events and special occasions that make a month feel like a minute.

Over Easter break I began reading a book by Rob Berger, who will be a guest speaker at The Martin Institute that many of us will be attending this summer. His book is titled An Ethic of Excellence. The focus of his book is how to build a culture of excellence. He does quite a bit of consulting in a variety of school systems both inner city and rural on how to create this culture of excellence in a school. Every teacher here at St. Louis will be getting a copy of this book and we will focus on this premise for our fall in-service. The good news for us is that unlike many of the schools that Mr. Berger talks about in his book, we already have a culture of excellence started here at St. Louis. Parents and parishioners value the mission of Catholic education so much that they are willing to sacrifice time and treasure to make our facility up-to-date, beautiful, clean, and inviting. Home and School volunteers put in endless hours planning fundraising events like the Auction, Cardinal 5K, and other events to raise money so that students can use the latest technology and study materials available. Teachers work long hours planning, assessing, and working with their students.

One of the main things that I like about Mr. Berger's book is that he gives teachers strategies to assist motivating students in doing their best and taking pride in everything they do. So often students rush through work just to get it done. Our goal is to cultivate a sense of pride that comes from hard work and not giving up. He involves peers in helping students to improve work quality. Sometimes when tasks are challenging, students get frustrated. We want to help our students to recognize that the quality of their work matters and is a reflection of them. We also want to engage students in projects that are interesting to them. Seeing the excitement of students learning is the greatest reward that a teacher can receive. Especially when students achieve a task that was difficult and they had to work through it.

Part of creating and maintaining a culture of excellence is receiving feedback from all stakeholders. I want to thank everyone who took the time out of their busy schedule to participate in our survey. We surveyed all the teachers, students, and parents to help get an idea of our strengths and weaknesses as a learning community. Msgr. McArthur, Mrs. Shaw, and I appreciate the input that parents, students, and community members offer. We will take that information to our School Leadership Committee and the School Advisory Board for future planning. Our overall goal is to always be improving the level of education and faith formation provided here at St. Louis Catholic School. As we continue to celebrate the Easter Season, I ask you to continue to pray for the ongoing success of St. Louis Catholic School. Together we will continue to cultivate the culture of excellence that will help shape future generations.

Sincerely,

Teddi Niedzwiedz

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.



Welcome to the Church

April 4 is a memorable day for us all! That morning the entire school was able to participate in the celebration as Cole, Jacob, and Kyle Frasure became members of the Catholic Church. We all looked on as Kyle, Jacob, and Cole along with their parents and godparents processed to the narthex of the church and were baptized by Monsignor McArthur. Kyle and Jacob also received the sacrament of First Holy Communion. As Monsignor commented, we are all so proud of the Frasure boys. Their desire to join our Catholic faith is a testament to the St. Louis community. Mr. and Mrs. Frasure joined the church at the Easter vigil Mass.



Fifth Grade Visits BizTown

The fifth graders have been working very hard this year to learn about the responsibilities of being a leading citizen in today's world. The students have studied economics, career opportunities, the processes of government and managing ones affairs. The BizTown experience allows students to apply and interview for a job and then go to BizTown, the simulated city and spend the day working at their careers and managing their money. They manage the Target and Chic fil A, run a radio station, work at the FedEx store, write a newspaper, and run the town's government. Students receive a paycheck at their job and are able to go to the BizTown bank, cash the check, and spend the money at the stores there at BizTown. It is a highlight of the fifth grade year.



The preschool and kindergarten enjoyed the annual Easter egg hunt during Holy Week. Sterling Canale takes a break from the hunt to pose for a picture.



Seventh Graders Excel in Duke TIP Search

St. Louis Catholic School had several seventh graders participate in the Duke TIP Program. These students qualified to take the ACT as seventh graders based on their ITBS test scores. The students who took the ACT are:

Samuel Barnett	Wesley Kraker
Hayden Cervetti	Gerard Tavoletti
Alyssa Donato	William Trotter
Kara Kane	Robert Ward
Gracie Kitchens	Emily Wilson
Patrick Koch	Turner Wolffe

The following students will receive state recognition for their scores on the ACT. They may travel to Vanderbilt University in May to be recognized.

Samuel Barnett	William Trotter
Alyssa Donato	Robert Ward
Patrick Koch	Turner Wolffe
Gerard Tavoletti	

Congratulations to all of these students. St. Louis Catholic School is very proud of you!



William Trotter, Patrick Koch, Robert Ward, Turner Wolffe, Samuel Barnett, Gerard Tavoletti, and Alyssa Donato (not pictured) will be recognized in Nashville.

Field Day, a Rite of Spring

One can tell it is almost time for the summer break when the tug of war and balloon toss competitions are held. We had fun with field days for pre-school, grades K-4 and 5-8. Pictured the first grade participated in the annual tug of war.



Eighth Grade Extravanzas

This April the eighth grade students went on one of two new adventures! Thirty-five of the students went on a trip to Washington D.C. while twenty of the students participated in a week of exploring Memphis. This week marked the beginning of the eighth grade's season of graduation events.

Highlights of the Washington trip included the honor of four of our students Mary Madden, Claire Heimbach, Chip Davis, and Cameron Boyer placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery marks the epitome of tradition and reverence toward our military heroes.



From viewing many of the national monuments, such as the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials to exploring three of the Smithsonian Museums the trip was an action packed four days of fun. We were also able to attend Mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and witness history in the making as Albert Pujols hit his 499 and 500 homeruns. Just



ask any of the students who went on the trip, it is a trip to look forward to during your eighth grade year.

Those who did not go to Washington spent the time exploring Graceland, the Civil Rights Museum, and several of our jubilee schools during the Memphis field trips. The week began with a trip to Elvis Presley's home, Graceland. There was no need for a tour guide as our own Mr. Walker is an expert on Graceland! Following an exciting trip to Graceland the students spent the afternoon at one of four jubilee schools mentoring to the students. The visits at St. John, Resurrection, Little Flower, and De LaSalle were a highlight of the week. The students shared quality time with each of their new friends. Wednesday marked an engineering project as the students built ferris wheels out of pasta. The Civil Rights Museum and lunch at a Mexican restaurant rounded out the week of field trips. It was a week of fun for all.

Sixth Graders Win at the Science Fair

Winners of the St. Louis Science Fair were asked to compete in the Memphis and Shelby County Science and Engineering Fair hosted by Christian Brothers University in late March. All of our participants were ribbon winners at the competition. In addition, Ellie Navarre placed in the top ten percent of projects for all middle school students and has been named a 2014 Broadcom MASTERS nominee! Ellie's project "Does the Design of a Golf Ball Affect Its Performance?" also earned a Gold Ribbon; she will compete through an online application to progress in the national competition.

We are proud of all of our SLS winners:

Sarah Grace Price- Does Stress affect the Performance of Students on Tests? Green ribbon

Marc Anthony Marconi- Do Younger People have a Better Short-Term Memory than older People? Green ribbon

Hughes Raiford- Does Music Affect Memory? Red ribbon

Sam Goodman- Do All Liquids Evaporate at the Same Rate? Red ribbon

Maggie Montegut- Do Dogs Prefer a Distinct Color Bowl to Eat their Food? Green ribbon

Stock the Pantry

The Beta Club will finish out the year with the Ronald McDonald House Stock the Pantry Drive April 28-May 2. The Ronald McDonald House provides housing to St. Jude patients and their families, free of charge. Many of the patients must spend up to three months for treatment and this becomes their home away from home.

The flyer below and on Wednesday Wire outlines the most needed items. Please help the Beta Club in this endeavor. Upon completion of the drive members of the Beta Club will deliver the goods and help stock the shelves at the house. Boxes will be collected on May 5.



Eighth Graders Selected to High School Teams

- Congratulations to Anna Nieman for being selected to the SAA Cheer Squad for 2014-2015.
- Congratulations to Katy Grace Jones, Savannah Stovall, and Mary Madden for being selected to the SAA Pom Squad for 2014-2015.
- Congratulations to Mary Mitchell for being selected to the SBA Cheer Squad for 2014-2015.
- Congratulations to Anna Tonole for being selected to the Pride Cheer Squad for 2014-2015.

Made by Milk

The fourth grade participated in the Made by Milk art contest. This contest promotes the healthy aspects of milk as a builder of healthy teeth and bones and the repurposing of the milk cartons. Over 70 % of the milk carton is made from trees and is recyclable as well. Students in all grades recycled their milk cartons from lunch and break for the project and the fourth



grade made the creations. This year's theme was "storybooks". The students picked two storybook characters Elmer the elephant and Glory the dragon. The students in 4A designed, built, and decorated Glory out of milk cartons, cardboard and paint. The same type of materials were used by 4B to build Elmer. You may vote for these creations online at

<http://madebymilkcontest.com/search->

entries through May 9. Winners will also be selected by a national panel of judges.

Please drop by the library to see the entries.

The Glass Slipper

This year's spring drama performance was "The Glass Slipper", a take off on the classic story "Cinderella. The cast of characters performed two wonderful programs! Congratulations to all involved!



Highest Honors

4th Grade

Caroline Baker
Fontana Cary
Justin Ross
Madeline Tonole
Jacob Ward

5th Grade

Matthew Durden
Joshua Jones
Brendan Phelan
Nicholas Quarles
Jack Scherson
Caroline Senter
Rachel Ward
Celia Watson
Chloe Webster

6th Grade

Phillip Benedict
Taylor Brenner
Jackson Deneka
Jackson Lyons
Marc Anthony Marconi
Andrew Martin
Elizabeth Navarre
Sarah Price
Sarah Reno
Brittain Ross

7th Grade

Karen Benedict
Bridgette Groben
Patrick Koch
Gerard Tavoleti

8th Grade

Ethan Ferguson
Lee Griesbeck
Jack Herring
Austin Martin
Anna Nieman
Nick Scherson
Fiona Toomey

Honors

4th Grade

Auden Brummer
Hudson Carr
Anna Grace Cervetti
Grace Cestaro
Anthony Cestaro
Ben Evangelisti
Jane Fracchia
William Gossett
Alex Grusin
Michael Novarese
Jefferson Schmitt
Ethan Soefker
Sophie Spencer
Gabby Spiotta
Ginny Tavoleti
Andrew Wade
Sam Wallace
Kaylie White
Connor Whittington
Jacob Wildman
Thomas Wilson
Maggie Wood

5th Grade

Ella Almand
Emily Arangino
Embry Bird
Nora Burton
Cecilia Carney
Mia Cervetti
Maria Cremerius
Mikala Decker
Drake Dunaway
Cade Fick
Grace Goughnour
Mary Hatley
Richard Hauser
Grant Herring
Ben Jones
Oliver Jones
Clay Kirkland
Lydia Koch
Amelia Madden
Hayden Meadows
Kaitlin Moore
Sean Mullen
Knox Perry
Michael Price
Collin Roberts
Dylan Smarra
Jaden Stanley

6th Grade

Kaitlyn Broughton
Ethan Cary
Alexis Connor
Zoie Couch
Katie Cunningham
Cecilia DiMeglio
Sam Goodman
Aidan Johnson
Kevin Kane
Maddie McGee
Charlie Moore
Sarah Moran
Hughes Raiford
Aly Sloka
Emma Soefker

James Strickland
Hunter Stroud
Mary Helen Weirich
Zachary White

7th Grade

Allison Bryant
Michael Buchholz
Anna Kate Cremerius
Alyssa Donato
Catie Grusin
Mason Hall
Kara Kane
Gracie Kitchens
Zach Lucchesi
Anna Riley Pieroni
Connor Saig
Jeff Walker
Christian Ward
Robert Ward
Tee White
Emily Wilson

8th Grade

Max Carroll
Grace Gage
John Daniel Goodspeed
Campbell Johnson
Katey Grace Jones
Finn Mullen
Sam Sampietro
Tim Sauser
Kate Spencer
William Thiel
Henry Ward
Sarah Ward
Ross Wills
Dylan Wilson

