

# St. Louis School Cardinal Post

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## Important Dates

- Apr. 2**– Holy Thursday-  
Dismiss 11:30 am
- Apr. 3-6** - Easter Break
- Apr. 10**–K-4 Field Day
- Apr. 10**–Junior High  
Lockout
- Apr. 13**-Confirmation,  
7:00pm-the  
Cathedral
- Apr. 14**-Home and  
School Mtg. 6:30pm,  
Clunan Center
- Apr. 16**-8th Grade  
Dinner 7:00pm
- Apr. 17**-5-8 Field Day
- Apr. 20-May 1**-ITBS  
Testing
- Apr. 25** –First Commun-  
ion Parent Mtg.  
10:00 am
- Apr. 29**-Preschool Field  
Day
- Apr. 29**-Chic fil A Biscuit  
Sale
- May 9**--First Commun-  
ion 10:00am
- May 14**-8th Grade Grad-  
uation 7:00pm
- May 19**-Preschool Spring  
Program
- May 21**-Kindergarten  
Graduation 9:00am
- May 24**-Last Day of  
School; dismiss 11:30

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Dear St. Louis Friends and Families,

Here we are in Holy Week approaching the joyful promise of Easter! What a great time to be part of a Catholic School! During Lent we have All School Mass every Friday morning and Stations of the Cross every Friday afternoon. This last Friday, we were so blessed to have ten priests offering the sacrament of Reconciliation to all our sweet children. It is so nice to see our students entering into this sacrament with such openness.

We closed our annual school improvement survey and I want to thank everyone who participated! We value parent input and want to continuously improve. One question that was brought up was how do we find teachers? What are the required qualifications?

As soon as I am notified that there will be a teaching position available, I notify the Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools and Msgr. McArthur, Pastor of St. Louis. The education office at the diocese acts as a clearing house for all personnel. They receive applications and resumes from those who are interested in teaching in the Catholic Schools in Memphis. The Diocesan Human Resource Staff will post openings on the CDOM web site. Another source of possible applicants is the area colleges. We have close ties with CBU and often our teachers mentor student teachers from this University. I also keep a file of resumes that are sent to me throughout the year.

All applicants that Principals might be interested in hiring are interviewed; not only by the Principal of each individual Parish school and their administrative staff, but also by the Assistant Superintendent of the diocese. Often applicants are brought in to teach a lesson so that the administration can see the applicant interacting with an actual class.

All teachers must be licensed in their area of teaching or working on licensure. Experienced teachers are always preferred. Applicants must complete an application; provide a resume, copy of licensure or transcript, and three letters of recommendation, preferably from previous employers and supervisors. I always call the previous school where teaching applicants have taught to check on performance in the workplace.

Our teachers are required to continue their education throughout their career. All of our teachers must participate in 24 hours a year of professional development. We use our Distance Learning Center (DLC) to provide some of those hours as well as workshops and institutes that teachers select based on their interests. They are continually trying new ideas and working on improving their craft. One of my favorite jobs is going to observe in the classrooms. Our teachers are passionate about what they do and want only the best for our students. The teachers are the heart and soul of a school! We are so blessed to have so many dedicated teachers here at St. Louis.

Have a blessed Easter!

Sincerely,

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## 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.



### ***Fifth Graders Win Exchange Club Contest***

Mrs. Kirk's 5<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts class, participated in an essay contest sponsored by the Exchange Club of Memphis. The students were asked to write an essay in 100 words or less on "taking a bite out of crime". They were asked to provide the measures they would take to help eliminate crime in our city. Each student completed an entry form and the essays were sent off to the Memphis Police Department for judging. The panel read the essays and made decisions on the winners.



Madeline Tonole, Michael Ross, Alex Grusin, and Auden Brummer were all chosen as finalists! They were asked to interview for the part of police director and they all did so well! Madeline Tonole was chosen to act as Police Director for the day. Michael Ross was chosen to act as Jr. Police Chief for the day! There was a luncheon/awards ceremony over spring break where Madeline and Michael were honored. Police Director Tony Armstrong and his Chief Assistant, Anthony Berryhill hosted our group. We asked questions about their roles as leaders. It was interesting to learn about their jobs, as well as ask other questions we may have.

The students were presented with a framed award, a coin, and a cash prize! They were also interviewed by News Channel 3.

### ***Paintballs, Projectiles, and Pastels***

On Friday, March 20, 2015, eight of our teachers attended a workshop at CBU on project-based learning. The workshop, titled "Paintballs, Projectiles, and Pastels", was sponsored by STEMM Co-LaB. Teachers applied the basic principles of scientific inquiry and design thinking integral to Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine (STEMM) education in collaborative breakout sessions to build project-based and problem-based lesson plans and develop assessment strategies to employ in the classroom.



Beta Club members spent the morning of March 31 mentoring to students at three Diocesan Jubilee Schools: Resurrection, St. John, and St. Patrick.

### ***Fourth Grade States Fair***

On Wednesday, March 18, after 2 snow day delays, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders presented their State Projects. This project included writing a 3 page research paper, creating a display board, and dressing up as a person influential to their state. The students chose their states at random. They gathered information on each state and some even contacted representatives from their state and received items directly from their location. The class learned about taking notes, creating outlines and organizing information. The students were introduced to citing resources and creating bibliographies.



We learned so much about our amazing country during this project! Students learned where the first Starbucks was located and where Nike was created. We tasted cheese curds all the way from Wisconsin and sampled muffins baked by Martha Stewart herself! We met Margaret Mitchell, Bethany Hamilton, and George Washington.

Overall, the students were super excited about this project and learned so much. Not only did they learn about their state and others, they accomplished their first research paper.



### ***Dorothy Day House and St. Louis Preschool***

After hearing about the Dorothy Day House at the Home and School meeting, the preschool saw a perfect opportunity to teach the children a lesson about love for the month of February. They collected donations for the house and ended up with a huge amount of household supplies, gift cards, etc. for the families and children who are staying there. Each class also volunteered to spend an evening either providing dinner or dessert to the families. This has been a wonderful way for the children to experience the joy of giving and their reactions have been priceless. The Preschool will continue to adopt them each February, but if you are ever interested in helping out in any way, you can go to [dorothydaymemphis.org](http://dorothydaymemphis.org) to find out more about helping.



## Junior High Students Pen Essays

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were studying how to write a business letter and decided to enter a contest sponsored by the Library of Congress. The competition was a writing contest for students in grades 4-12 entitled Letters about Literature. The competition was divided into 3 different age groups (grades 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12). Students were asked to reflect on a book they read and write a business letter to that author (living or dead) about how the book affected them personally. Letters were judged on both the state and national levels. The book could be a children's book or a book they recently read. It was the student's decision which book they chose.

Every student in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade wrote the business letter and entered the contest. The letters were reviewed and evaluated by the Humanities Department for the State of Tennessee. At the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade level, 662 entries were received for Tennessee. One of our own students, Marc Anthony Marconi, won honorable mention for his letter to Audrey Penn author of the book The Kissing Hand. Only 32 honorable mentions were awarded. Marc Anthony's letter will now advance to the state round of judging, where his letter will be competing with other winners across the nation. Congratulations Marc Anthony!

## The Frog Prince

The spring performance of the drama club was *The Frog Prince*. This year's portrayal of the fairy tale delighted students and parents alike! In a St. Louis first, the SLS orchestra added instrumental accompaniment to the afternoon performance of the play. Eighth grade drama stars Rachel Baioni and Alyssa Donato led the production in their final appearance for SLS drama and eighth grader Allison Bryant was the co-director of the show. Narrator and lead vocalist Fontana Cary captivated the audience as did our frog prince, Mr. Mullins! Bravo to the entire cast, Lily McCrary, Mary Hunter Adair, Haley Lutts, Jacob Goughnour, Hadley Donaldson, and Lily Lee. Thank you to all of our actors and the stage crew (Mia Cervetti, Nora Burton, Emily Arangino, Trey Price, and Embry Bird) for a wonderful job!



## Science Fair-A Tradition of Excellence

The annual sixth grade science fair again received rave reviews from the outside judges regarding the quality of the projects and caliber of scientific research performed by our sixth graders. Students selected their project based on a scientific question. They then researched the topic and completed the scientific method to determine the results. The projects answered many intriguing questions including "Which Ground Cover Best Prevents Erosion?", "How Does Height, Weight, and Gender Affect Balance?", "Do Video Games Affect Blood Pressure?" and this year's overall winner winning question "How Do Foods Trigger a Diabetic's Blood Sugar?".



Science Fair Winners

Overall Winners: Mia Cervetti-1st place  
Rachel Ward-2nd place  
Chloe Webster-3rd place

6A Winners: Mia Cervetti-1st place  
Rachel Ward-2nd place  
Celia Watson-3rd place

6B Winners: Mickey Hossenlopp/Chloe Webster-1st place  
Mary Hunter Adair-2nd place  
Trey Price-3rd place

## Grandparents Visit Preschool

The preschool students welcomed their grandparents to campus on March 27. Both the PK and JK classes performed special songs for our guests. After a reception in the gym grandparents were invited to the classrooms to see the wonderful work the students are doing.

Evie Neves and Julia Brownlee were even lucky enough to celebrate the day with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and their great grandfather Mr. Charlie Ford.



## SLS Spotlight

- Congratulations to Anna Grace Barnett for being selected to the CBHS Pom team.
- Congratulations to Jack Scherson for tying for eleventh place in the state Geography Bee



*Pick up your SLS yard sign in the school office. Thank you to Karen Almand for creating the design!*

## Camp Invention 2015

Camp Invention is where BIG ideas become the next BIG thing! Join us as we celebrate our 25th year of reinventing summer fun!

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Saint Louis School is pleased to offer the nationally-acclaimed Camp Invention program to children entering grades one through six. It's an exciting, weeklong summer adventure with lessons that explore connections between science, technology, engineering and innovation. Children will work together to seek solutions to real-world problems, turn ordinary into extraordinary and sharpen critical 21st century learning skills while rotating through several fascinating modules.

This unforgettable week begins on June 15, 2015, when Lauren Hayden will direct the Camp Invention Illuminate™ program at Saint Louis School.

In the KartWheel™ module, children let their engineering skills glide them across the finish line as they build, enhance and upgrade their very own freestyle racing cart. Boys and girls will explore what it means to prototype a product from scratch as they become an entrepreneur during the Design Studio: Illuminate™ module. In the I Can Invent: Next Level Gamers™ module, participants will take apart broken or unused appliances using real tools to create a physical video game model in the 3rd dimension! Finally, in the Inducted™ module, personalized video challenges from National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductees are introduced along with hands-on activities like constructing super-structure mega-towers, assembling out-of-this-world space rockets and so much more!

Local educators will facilitate program modules and enthusiastic high school and college students will serve as Leadership Interns ensuring that one staff member is in place for every eight children.

Register on or before March 20, 2015 to receive \$25 OFF the base price of \$220. Every registration includes a complimentary Camp Invention t-shirt. Availability is limited, so visit [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org) or call 800.968.4332 to secure your child's spot today!

## Third Quarter Honor Roll

### Highest Honors

#### 4th Grade

Will Brownlee  
Kaitlin Smith  
Ava Wendt  
Audrey Zweig

#### 5th Grade

Auden Brummer  
Fontana Cary  
Anthony Cestaro  
Jane Fracchia  
William Gossett  
Alex Grusin  
Michael Ross  
Branic Swain  
Ginny Tavoletti  
Kaylie White  
Jacob Wildman  
Thomas Wilson  
Maggie Wood

#### 6th Grade

Hayden Meadows  
Jack Scherson  
Celia Watson  
Chloe Webster

#### 7th Grade

Ethan Cary  
Marc Marconi  
Charlie Moore  
Ellie Navarre  
Sarah Grace Price  
Sarah Reno  
Brittain Ross  
Zachary White

#### 8th Grade

McKenzie Barnett  
Karen Benedict  
Allison Bryant  
Anna Kate  
Cremerius  
Alyssa Donato  
Bridgette Groben  
Claire John  
Gracie Kitchens  
Patrick Koch  
Zach Lucchesi  
Gerard Tavoletti  
Robert Ward  
Emily Wilson

### Honors

#### 4th Grade

Lindsey Crossnine  
Huey Ferguson  
Asher Garrott  
Jacob Goughnour  
Anne Grimes  
Mary Grimes  
Lindi Hathaway  
Baylor Hill  
Alex Johnston  
Lilly Lee  
Gracie Leo  
Trenton Lyons  
William Moore  
Melissa O'Neill  
McKenzie Patterson  
Emma Pratt  
Hana Roberts  
Katie Skinner  
Mia Soefker  
Walker Steinriede  
Ava Trainor  
Anna Kate Wade  
Luke Wendt  
Ben Wills

#### 5th Grade

Carrio Anthony  
Caroline Baker  
Grace Barksdale  
Tyler Brimm  
Hudson Carr  
Anna Grace Cervetti  
Grace Cestaro  
Hadley Donaldson  
Caroline Dorian  
Johnny Drouillard  
Madeleine Gaia  
Katie Lamm  
Kendyl Lockhart  
Haley Lutts  
Michael Novarese  
Hunter Pratt  
Ethan Soefker  
Sophie Spencer  
Andrew Wade

#### 6th Grade

Mary Hunter Adair  
Ella Almand  
Embry Bird  
Nora Burton  
Maria Cremerius  
Matthew Durden  
Cade Fick  
Benjamin Floyd  
Grace Goughnour  
Kirk Hecht  
Grant Herring  
Ben Jones  
Josh Jones  
Lydia Koch  
Sean Mullen  
Brendan Phelan  
Trey Price  
Nicholas Quarles  
Olivia Rouse  
Dylan Smarra  
Rachel Ward

#### 7th Grade

Phillip Benedict  
Kaitlyn Broughton  
Alexis Grace Connor  
Zoie Couch  
Katie Cunningham  
Jackson Deneka  
Cecilia DiMeglio  
Katie Emery  
Caroline Evangelisti  
Sam Goodman  
Harvey Gower  
Amelia Hinton  
Aidan Johnson  
Carson Kane  
Tom Lamm  
Autumn Lee  
Jackson Lyons  
Andrew Martin  
Maddie McGee  
Maggie Montegut  
Sarah Moran  
Hughes Raiford  
Emma Soefker  
Spencer Stalnaker  
James Strickland  
Shelbie Wilkinson

#### 8th Grade

Madison Anton  
Rachel Baioni  
Anna Grace Barnett  
Samuel Barnett  
Michael Buchholz  
Sophie Cervetti  
Perry Gates  
Catie Grusin  
Mason Hall  
Kara Kane  
Garrett Knott  
Max Marconi  
Madelyn McCrary  
Connor Saig  
Reid Voss  
Christian Ward

