

PTG NEWS

PTG Highlights

The Parent Teacher Guild would like to wish all the families, faculty and staff of St. Louise a Merry Christmas. Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of the children at STL. We are blessed to have so many give of their time and talents. May 2020 bring you much happiness and good health.

Upcoming PTG Meetings

Remember that you are already a member of the PTG. There are no dues. You are welcome to attend all of our general meetings:

- January 8, 6:30 p.m., School Library
- May 6, 6:30 p.m., School Library

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Dear Parents,

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year.” As the song lyrics state, children love the magical moments of Christmas. They are fascinated by the bright shining lights, the decorations of the season, and the overall joyous atmosphere. We as adults often are captivated by similar responses to the season.

The Season of Advent began Sunday, December 1. During Advent, we prepare our homes and ourselves to welcome the newborn King. It is a time to reflect on Christ’s presence in our everyday life. At St. Louise de Marillac Catholic School, the month of December is devoted to creating an atmosphere of preparation. We want our students to understand, experience and celebrate this special time.

In the spirit of the season, we attempt to capture the real reason that we celebrate Christmas season through the various December prayers and activities and St. Louise. Certainly the band/ choral concerts put us in the Christmas mood. However, our children realize the true meaning of Christmas through the prayers services we conduct throughout Advent, Service Projects and Reconciliation.

I would like to extend my best wishes to your family in the upcoming New Year. I look forward to having our students back to St. Louise de Marillac Catholic School on January 6, 2020.

God Bless,

Mr. Klase

St. Louise de Marillac Test Results 2019-2020

Academic excellence is a priority at St. Louise de Marillac School. Every year students in second through grade eight take the Iowa Assessments in core academic subjects. Our students consistently score above the national norms on standardized tests. Our dedicated teachers work closely with students to challenge, support and reinforce learning.

Iowa Assessments were administered the week of September 23, 2019. Specifically designed to address the multiple purposes of measuring growth, readiness and student achievement, the Iowa Assessments focus on the highest-priority skills and knowledge at each grade, addressing foundational as well as complex skills. This approach focuses the evaluation on the highest-priority skills and knowledge at each grade.

Listed below are Grade Equivalent scores. Grade Equivalent indicates the year and month of school for which a student's level of performance is typical. *Example, a Grade Equivalent of 6.3 is interpreted to mean that the student's achievement is at a level that is typical of students who have completed the third month of Grade 6.*

Our class averages have exceeded their grade norms in all subject areas and in all grade levels for the academic year 2019-2020, as well as previous years.

St. Louise de Marillac Iowa Test Results 2019-2020

	<i>NORM</i>	Reading	Lang	Math	Social Studies	
		Science				
2	2.0	2.7	2.5	2.3	Not tested	Not tested
3	3.0	4.3	4.6	3.9	Not tested	Not tested
4	4.0	5.4	5.8	4.9	Not tested	Not tested
5	5.0	6.6	7.0	6.2	7.3	7.4
6	6.0	8.3	8.9	7.7	9.4	9.3
7	7.0	9.4	11.4	9.3	9.9	10.2
8	8.0	13+	13+	13+	13+	13+

PTG Lottery Calendars

Thank you to everyone that has purchased 2020 lottery calendars! As a reminder, calendars are \$35.00 each and provide the lucky owner a



chance to win at least \$50.00 each night during the 2020 calendar year. BONUS days do exist . . . on these days the lucky owner of the winning number may win either \$100.00 or \$150.00. The calendar sale will end on December 20, 2019. Don't delay, get them **TODAY!** If you do not want your calendars, PLEASE return them to the school office. There is a waiting list of families that want more!

YEARBOOK NEWS!

Need a Christmas Gift Idea? Buy your yearbook on jostensyearbooks.com. Not sure if you already ordered? Contact Erin Boni at eefemedia@gmail.com to confirm. The yearbook is underway and you don't want to miss all the memories from the year!



There was an accidental omission from November's honor roll list. Patrick Weldon in 7th grade achieved Highest Honors- Straights A's for the first nine weeks grading period. Congratulations, Patrick!



6th Grade Grandparents' Day

On Friday, November 8, 2019 the 6th grade class and their grandparents celebrated a day of love, family, and kindness. To commemorate the importance of the day, boys and girls alike were dressed to the nines in suits and dresses. Everyone had their photo taken as a keepsake memory, and Father Joe and the 6th graders held a mass of celebration and remembrance for the grandparents who traveled near and far to be with their grandchildren while honoring those who have passed. Each child had a special speaking part in the day, and both classes sang a medley of contemporary and Christian songs. The Armed Forces were honored through song, and the grandparents were awarded prizes for each of their contributions to their grandchild's life. After a sit-down dinner catered by Finleyville's V&V Scratch Kitchen, contest winners were announced with the results as follows: *Most Grandchildren*- Mr. Joe Gompers with over 30 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; *Most Miles Traveled* went to Mrs. Webster; and *Most Years Married* to Mr. and Mrs. Hufnagel. As one of the biggest events of the 6th grade year, this year's celebration was a huge success thanks to many parent volunteers and the unyielding cooperation of the St. Louise faculty and staff.





Forensics Strikes Again!

These are the results from the latest forensics tournament on December 7th.. We competed at Mellon Middle School. The students did a great job representing our school!

8th Grader:

Alexander Smaroff: Round 1 - 1st, Round 2 - 2nd

7th Grader:

Thomas Rodriguez: Round 1 - 1st, Round 2 - 1st

6th Graders:

Emma Gompers: Round 1 - 1st, Round 2 - 2nd

Julie Lukasewicz: Round 1 - 1st, Round 2 - 1st

Allison Oshnock: Round 1 1st, Round 2 - 2nd

Eve Friday: Round 1 - 2nd, Round 2 - 2nd

Elizabeth Sokos: Round 1 - 2nd, Round 2 - 2nd

Sidney Greene: Round 1 - 3rd, Round 2 - 1st

Mason Smaroff: Round 1 - 1st, Round 2 - 3rd

5th Graders:

Lois Piner: Round 1 - 2nd, Round 2 - 2nd

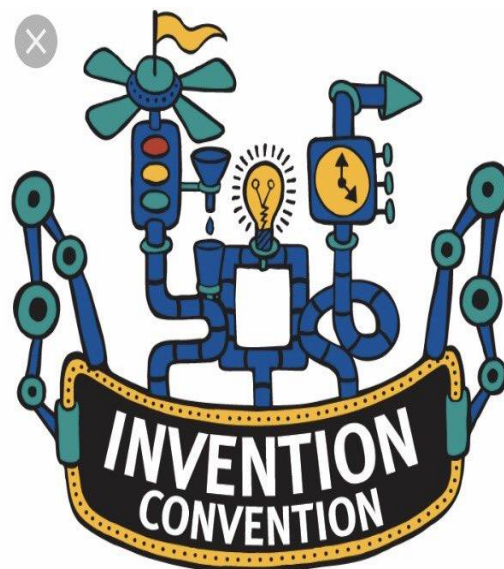
Luisa Hoffrage: Round 1 - 3rd, Round 2 - 2nd

Great job to all of the participants!



Calling All Inventors!

After Christmas break, we will kick off Invention Convention 2020. Invention Convention will be held in **February** this year. All students in grades 2-6 are invited to participate. This year, students in grades 4-6 are invited to participate at Seton LaSalle high school on March 5, 2020. We look forward to many creative ideas! Feel free to begin "inventing" over the long break.



7th grade Fall STREAM project – Spaghetti and Marshmallow Towers

The Fall STREAM project challenged the 7th grade class to research, design and construct the tallest tower possible. Sounds easy, doesn't it? The material supplied for constructing the tower was spaghetti noodles and mini marshmallows at \$10.00 and \$5.00 apiece, respectively. Each team was given a budget and "money" totaling \$510.00 making designing the tower extremely important now.

The teams building the tallest towers were:

1st period – Ben Dummer, Brooke Hector, Austin Hruby, and Joe Sawyer with a tower height of 89.5 cm

2nd period – Ava Yoder, , Sami Perich, Michaela Hruby – tower height 138 cm

3rd period – Bradley Gompers, Mickey Vaccarello, Sean Thelk, Raymond Piacquadio-tower height 148 cm

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

1st period- Brendan Staley, Wyatt Bomberger, Anthony Amorose, Aiden Mineo – tower height 88 cm

2nd period – Ana Stephenson, Hope O'Neill, Hope Cantrell, Ana Brumbaugh, Lena Ruffalo – height 137cm

3rd period – Thomas Rodriguez, John Paul Rainone, Patrick Weldon, Clancy Orie- tower height 146 cm



Roaring into 2020!! Gala Update

Greetings All!! It's the Bee's Knees! The Gala is less than 2 months away and you will find so much important information in this newsletter!

Gala Registration!

Gala ticket sales have already begun! 14 couples have already bought tickets - thank you!!! We expect the event to sell out! The Registration page can be found on the school's website's landing page! (And, yes, there will be GF food options!)

Become a Sponsor!

It's never too late to become a sponsor. The more sponsors we have, the better it is for St. Louise School! Please consider becoming a sponsor at any level. Sponsor forms are included in your family folder every week on Wednesday, and they can be found on the school website under fundraising and Gala. Thank you to everyone who has already committed to our fundraising efforts to date. Friends of St. Louise can be in any denomination starting with \$100. These sponsorships, whether from a business or a family, can be applied to your family share.

Auction Donation Drop Off:

There will only be one date for auction donation drop off, and it will be on Friday, January 10, 2020, before/after the 9 a.m. Mass until around 12:00PM. Committee members will be there to collect and process your donation. Thank you to all who have donated items so far! If this date/time does not work for you, send an email to gala@stlouisedemarillac.org, and we can arrange for a time to pick up your donation.

Grand Raffle & Tuition Raffle Tickets:

Tickets for the Grand Raffle and Tuition Raffle were included in your weekly family folder last

week. Be on the lookout for those!! There are great prizes to win!

Auction Basket Making Party:

A basket making party will be held on January 22, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the home of Heather & Dan Schwarz. If you are available for an hour or all day, your time is greatly appreciated. This is a fun time and will go smoothly and quickly with lots of help. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all volunteers. We will also be taking donations for basket making supplies such as paper filler, clear cellophane wrap, and ribbon. Feel free to drop off supplies at LeGras Hall in a bag marked "basket making party".

Gala Planning Meetings:

Except for Friday, December 27, 2019, there will be Gala Planning Committee Meetings every Friday at 10:00am in Le Gras Hall, until Friday, February 1, 2020. All are welcome; come join us! We thank all of the committee members who have been working very hard to make this Gala a success! If you have any questions you may contact us by sending an email to gala@stlouisedemarillac.org.

Miscellany

We are still collecting gift cards for our classroom baskets. A form was sent home in the weekly family folder awhile back. The gift cards can be purchased at LeGras or sent with your child via backpack mail to the Gala Committee. These gift cards cannot be used towards the family share but can be used towards tuition reduction. Many thanks to all who have already donated.

Merry Christmas to all and Happy "Roaring 2020" New Year! ~ Val Glyptis & Nicole Fox, Roaring 2020's Gala Co-Chairs

The Giving Party!

What great fun the Giving Party was! Thank you Lindsay and Jason Kollar for hosting, and thank you to everyone who attended. Chef Anthony from Don's Appliance truly created a memorable eating experience, and the Kollar's home is an elegant setting like few others. Your generosity amounted to 51 donated bottles, yet we need 97 for the gala!



If you were not able to attend the Giving Party and have some bottles of spirits or champagne valued \$25 or greater to donate, please send an

email to gala@stlouisedemarillac.org, and we will arrange for pick up. We will also accept monetary donations, and do the shopping for you. Donations from the Giving Party will be used to provide prizes for the "Prohibition & Pearls" fun-raising feature at the Gala. You may also opt to sponsor Prohibition & Pearls for \$1,500, please contact gala@stlouisedemarillac.org for more information!

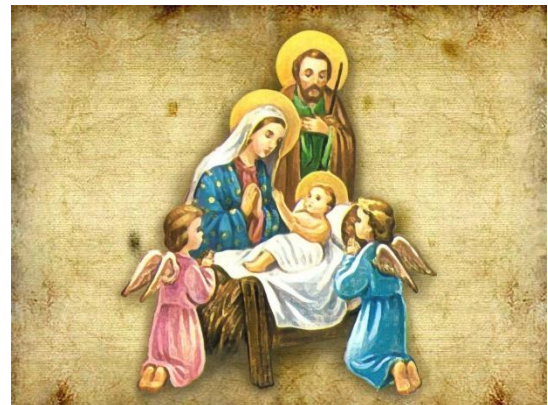
Special VIP Experiences at the Gala this year!

New this year to the gala will be featured VIP travel experiences to bid on! The locations and details will be revealed in the coming weeks! The Committee partnered with a concierge travel service for "bucket list" travel experiences. Hmmm ... I think I remember seeing that the Final Rounds of the US Golf Open in Mamaroneck was one of the trips on the list! Perhaps a VIP Rome/Vatican Experience, maybe even a Sonoma Wine Train experience! Stay tuned!



Next Issue

The next issue of the PTG News is scheduled to be published on January 29. Articles are due to Nicole Zukowski, nicolezukowski@verizon.net, on Friday, January 24. Thank you!



Upcoming Events

- Choral Concert, Wednesday, December 18, 1:00 p.m. Gym
- Classroom Christmas Parties, Friday, December 20, 1:30 p.m.
- No School, Monday, December 24- Monday, January 3
- School Resumes, Monday, January 6
- PTG Meeting, Wednesday, January 8th, 6:30 p.m. Library
- Kindergarten VIP/Student Lunch, Thursday, January 9, 12:15 p.m.
- Snowball Dance 7th & 8th Grade, Friday, January 10, 6:30-9:30 p.m. LeGras
- Preschool Open House & Registration, Tuesday, January 14, 6:30- 8:30 p.m.
- Geography Bee, Grades 4-8, Wednesday, January 15th 1 p.m. Gym
- Second Grading Period Ends, Thursday, January 16
- Winter Pep Rally, Thursday, January 16, 1:30 p.m. , Gym
- Clerical Day, No School Friday, January 17
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School Monday, January 20
- Report Cards Issued, Tuesday, January 21
- Transition Night for 4th and 6th Grades, Wednesday, January 22
- March for Life, Friday, January 24
- 5th and 6th Grade Game Night, Friday, January 24
- Catholic Schools Week, Sunday, January 26- Friday, January 31
- Donuts after 10 a.m. Mass, Sunday, January, 26
- Open House/ Book Fair/ Ice Cream Social, Tuesday, January 28, 6 p.m.
- Heritage Luncheon, 5th Grade, January 31, 11:15 a.m.
- Talent Show, Friday, January 31, 12:40 p.m., Gym
- Kindergarten/ New Student Registration, Saturday, February 1, 9-11 a.m.



**St. Louise de Marillac,
Pray for Us!**

