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St. Luke Catholic School Newsletter

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## Fruit of the Holy Spirit for May: Self-Control

“...To live self-controlled, upright and godly lives..” Titus 2:12

**Mr. Weber Says:** This past year we have been stressing the Fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. These are really the results of our responses to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. I make these relationships as a way of honoring our three retiring teachers, **Miss Dorothea McIntyre, Mrs. Betsy Clark and Mrs. Sally Skidmore** who have each served us for more than thirty years; the past twenty with me.



All three teachers have made an impact on over fifteen hundred students at St. Luke over these years! Miss McIntyre challenged students to understand the world of numbers and sent them off to high school with a strong foundation for the future. Mrs. Clark helped students understand the story of our nation and the relationships of history and geography to help them take their place in God's world. Mrs. Skidmore allowed young adolescent creativity to blossom and find expression in art that reflected faith in the students to see the beauty in God's world and themselves.

These teachers, each in her own way, have tried to live under the influence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. I honor them and offer them thanks for sharing their love of learning, the Lord and St. Luke School with us. It would be wonderful if you or a child who had these teachers could share a note or remembrance with them in a short note that would be a most meaningful gift.

In addition, **Miss Claudia Hernandez** must return to her native Columbia this summer. We are sad to lose the gift of her teaching and sharing the love

of Spanish language and cultures with us. She has made a powerful difference with our students. I also want thank **Mrs. Jane Spahn** for sharing her musical gifts as an accompanist and teacher of our Middle School chorus.

One of the seventh grade students wistfully said, “It won't be the same next year, will it?” The answer is “No it won't be the same.” We are sure that the Spirit who guided these teachers throughout their careers will guide them in a fulfilling retirement. We are confident that the same Spirit will guide gifted teachers to us, and, yes, it will be different.

We have been blessed by their commitment to our children and our school. May the good Lord guide them and keep them close!

**Can You Help?** We have been able to install eight “smart” type electronic white boards in our classrooms. These provide a very powerful instructional tool for all students. Thanks to the PTO and a family trust donation we were able to add three of these over the past Christmas holiday. We would like to be able to add at least two more over the summer. The cost to install a full system runs nearly \$8,000 per room. Sadly, we were not able to add these to our operating budget. Would you be able to help? We do qualify for most corporate matching and would appreciate any gift you could give. We would restrict the funds for this project. Please direct any gift to St. Luke School and mark the memo for technology fund. Thank you for any consideration.

**Lost and Found:** Once again we are having more lost than claimed in our “lost and found” area. Please ask your child to look for missing uniforms, gym clothes, jackets, etc in our lost and found. Items left after June 4 will be donated to charity or to the used uniform sale.

## PTO Notes: Arts & Enrichment



Our committee has been meeting with the staff and coming up with some great ideas for fall....yes, we are already planning next year!! We are thinking about a focus on Science for next year's programming. With that in mind, we are looking for chemists, biologists, or anyone who might have a great science connection! If you fit the bill, or know someone who might....give us a call. (Not just "traditional" scientists needed....Think outside the box.....can

you share the "science" of music or art??)

We are also excited to launch some clubs for the fall. Please keep an eye out at Back-to-School night to see if there might be a club that would interest you! If you have an idea for a club or an interest in assisting with a club, we would love to hear from you. (We are specifically looking for someone that knows chess.....No Bobby Fischers required, just a basic knowledge!) We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Looking Forward:

**EDUKITS:** EduKits are available for order on-line NOW! It is an easy way to shop for school supplies and ensure that your child will have all the items needed for the 2010-11 school year. The lists for each grade level were compiled and verified according to the teachers' specification. All orders received at [www.edukitinc.com](http://www.edukitinc.com) on or before June 4 are guaranteed to be delivered free of charge to school for pick up on Tuesday, August 17 at the Meet the Teacher event. Orders may still be placed after June 4, but they will be delivered to your home for an additional fee. The last chance for ordering EduKits will be August 6. Order your kits early, and enjoy your summer without worrying about Back-to-School shopping! Please see the flyer in this packet for details.

**Room Parents:** Forms were sent out in the last packet for parents to indicate a desire to help as a room parent. Please turn those in to Mrs. Tillery.

**Volunteer Forms:** We are getting ready to organize for next year. It takes lots of parent help to make our year successful. Please review the many volunteer opportunities and turn in your volunteer form.

**Instrumental Music:** Now is the time to sign up for instrumental music for 2010-2011. Grades 3-8

have the option of taking strings instead of general music appreciation. Grades 5-8 have the added choice of band, along with strings or general music. Grades 7-8 add chorus to that list. Band and strings do have an additional fee due to the extra material and supplies needed. The instrumental fee is \$210 if paid by June 15, 2010. Registrations after that date are \$225. You must register online or contact Julie Simpkins (259-4373 x 246) for a special payment agreement.



**ISTEP+ Results:** If you have a child in grades 3-8 you will receive a letter in today's family packet with instructions on how to check your child's results on the state website as soon as they are released. They are due to be released in about a week. Please do not lose this information, as it is the prime way for you to find out about your child's progress.

**Good Grad News:** The Brebeuf newsletter sends word that

Nathaniel Kallmyer scored third place in a National Catholic Math League geometry contest. Nathaniel also scored third at Brebeuf in the math league advanced math contest. Bryce Bennett scored second place at Brebeuf in the Algebra 1 national contest. Molly Skarbeck pitched a one hitter in the 11-0 victory over Broad Ripple in softball. Nathaniel Kallmyer placed fifth in the crew grand nationals in pairs rowing. Be sure to share any good news you may have of our graduates!

## Computer Recycling: St.

Luke will host a computer recycling event the weekend of June 5 and 6. Large bins will be available for you to recycle old computer equipment. The program helps to preserve the environment and provides employment for people transitioning from prison back to society.

**Community Notes:** Be sure to check the reception desk for information on a wide variety of summer programs.

New info:

FUN!FUN!FUN! Camp June 7-11th and June 14th-June 18th (K-5th) (10-noon)

Basketball Camp June 7th-11th (noon-2:00)

Contact Mrs. Cathy King for info on summer tennis lessons