



# The Flame



## St. George's Episcopal School's Weekly Newsletter Thursday, February 16, 2012

### DRESS DOWN DAY/MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY

Tomorrow (Friday) will be a free dress down day. Students may wear tasteful casual clothes to school. **Everyone will be dismissed for the Mardi Gras holidays tomorrow, and classes will resume at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 27th.** If you are watching the parades on Tuesday, **Dr. Eichberger** wanted everyone to know that he will be **in Rex on the Title Float #6, fifth man, neutral ground side.**

Remember, **we will NOT have Aftercare again today and tomorrow** so that our students, faculty and staff can get home before all the streets are closed. Even though our school is on the parade route, **we are unable to open up our facilities (bathrooms/resting areas, etc.) for general use.** Please make your own arrangements for facilities if you are viewing parades in our area. **In addition, all vehicles must be off the parade route two hours before the parade is to begin.** If you park on Napoleon Avenue while you are at St. George's on a parade day, please be sure to move your car off the parade route by 3:30. Otherwise, it may be towed away by the New Orleans Police. We wish everyone a safe and happy Mardi Gras!

### CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS WITH ST. GEORGE'S ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH!

Come visit the Dads Club Mardi Gras Booth, and you can enjoy parades and family fun while supporting St. George's at the same time. Please tell your family and friends to come by and support us too. **We will be located in front of St. George's School on Napoleon Avenue and Camp Street.**



**All day on Sunday, February 19th,** the Dads Club Mardi Gras Booth offers:

- Beer, other refreshments, and snacks for sale
- \$5 all-day bathroom pass for brand new port-a-lets
- Fun with all your friends and fellow St. George's families
- Safe environment located next to the 2nd District Police Station

**All proceeds generated go to the St. George's Dads Club,** which funds beneficial school projects such as the gymnasium bleachers and new preschool play structure.

**Parents, we also need volunteers to staff the booth.** Please email Dads Club President Dale Kaliszkeski at [dkaliszeski@cox.net](mailto:dkaliszeski@cox.net) if you are available to help in any way. **Thank you and we'll see you out at the parades on Sunday, February 19th!**

### RE-ENROLLMENT CONTRACTS

**Re-enrollment contracts and deposit for the 2012-13 school year are now due to the office.** If you have any questions, **please contact Emma in the preschool, or Elaine or Bettye in the main school office at 891-5509.** St. George's School is in the process of accepting new students for the 2012-13 school year, so it is imperative that you return your child's re-enrollment contract as soon as possible.

## **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

**Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, March 8th from 3:30 - 6:00 and on Friday, March 9th from 7:45 - 3:30. Students WILL NOT attend classes on Friday in order for parents to meet with teachers.** However, Extended Care is available from 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on that day (**NOT the usual 6:00 p.m. closing time**). Please call in advance to let them know if your child will be attending. Students coming for Extended Care must bring their own lunches. **Beginning on Monday, February 27th, please call Kathleen in the MAIN OFFICE at 891-5509 to schedule a 15-minute conference with your child's teachers.** Middle School parents, please call with the following information in hand: names of teachers with whom you need to meet and several times when you can meet in the event your first choice is not available. **Please note that due to time restrictions, we allow one conference per child.**

## **LET'S "LIGHT UP THE KNIGHT!"**

**Friend & Co. has donated a gorgeous Fleur de Key necklace valued at \$995.00 that will be raffled off at the Soiree on Saturday, March 10th.** Raffle tickets are now available for **\$30.00 each**, and the winner does not need to be present to win. To see a picture of this beautiful necklace and to buy raffle tickets online, [please click on this link](#). You can also purchase tickets by sending a check to the office made payable to St. George's Parents Group.



One of our exciting auction items available is a **2-week camp session at Riverview Camp for Girls**. This is a Christian camp for girls ages 6 - 16 that is located on top of Lookout Mountain in Mentone, AL. We will also auction off **a one-week stay at the Blum family vacation home in Pass Christian, MS.**

Invitations to the Soiree were mailed on Monday. You can purchase tickets online [by clicking on this link](#) or by returning the response card included in your invitation.

We'd like to thank the sponsors of our Soiree again:

### **Knight Grand Cross (\$5,000)**

Mr. Eli Manning  
Ochsner Health System

### **Knight Commander (\$2,500)**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Simmons, Jr. (Richard Simmons - 4th)  
Whitney Bank

### **Baron (\$1,000)**

Cardiology Center (Priscilla - 8th, Julian - 6th and Christian Rodriguez-Fierro - 1st)  
F. Christiana and Company (Daniel Christiana - 5th)  
Coldwell Banker TEC Realtors/Maria Stambaugh/Elijah Feibelman (Zoe Stambaugh - 6th / Jarred Feibelman - 6th and Jordan Feibelman - 3rd)  
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Frank (Mary Frank - 6th)  
Mr. and Mrs. John Hotard (Welsh Hotard - 4th)  
IBERIABANK  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kimble - (Marianne Kimble - 1st)  
Ms. Elizabeth Stokes and Ms. Lynne Brown (Catie Shea - 6th)  
Mr. Warner Thomas and Ms. Linda Bacon (Eastan Thomas - 7th)

### **Chivalrous Knight (\$500)**

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Cahn (Parents of 3 alumni)  
Crescent Title, LLC (Christopher Bergeron - 7th)  
Mr. & Mrs. George Denegre (Mathilde Denegre - 7th)  
Mr. and Mrs. James R. Dugan (James - 2nd and Jackson Dugan - PS)  
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Eichberger (Enzo Solitario - Pre-K)  
Family Home Care, Inc. (Christopher Bergeron - 7th)  
Dr. & Mrs. R. Clay Gould (Isabella Gould - 1st)  
New Orleans Audi/Hyundai of Metairie (Gregory - 7th and Ian Bohn - 2nd)  
Mr. Daniel Shea Jr. & Ms. Stephanie Stokes (Catie Shea - 6th)  
Mr. Richard Simmons (Richard Simmons - 4th)

### **Gallant Squire (\$350)**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blum (Lyons - 6th and Morgan Blum - 5th)  
King Company LP (Jack Geary - 6th)  
Ms. Lori Mince (Bowen Mince - 6th)  
Dr. & Mrs. Pete Walters (Sam Walters - 7th)

**We are still collecting auction items. We need volunteers to help solicit for and/or pick up donations. If you can help in any way, please call Priestley Frank at (501) 230-4949.**

## SCHOOL PICTURE ORDERS DUE TOMORROW

Students who had their pictures taken in January were given their proofs recently. If you wish to purchase your child's portraits, please indicate the package desired and enclose a check made payable to **Raymar Photography, Inc.** These proofs must be returned no later than **Friday, (tomorrow)**. You must return the proofs whether or not you purchase pictures.

## PLEASE SAVE YOUR BEADS!

Our annual Mardi Gras bead collection has begun. Grade levels are competing to bring in the most beads and trinkets per student (determined by weight). The beads will be donated to The Strive Center to benefit workers with special needs who clean, restring and sell Mardi Gras throws. **The contest begins this week and ENDS Friday, March 2nd.** The winning class will all win ice cream! **(PLEASE, PLEASE DOUBLE-BAG THE BEADS!)**

## CALLING ALL DRAGON HEARTS!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, March 9th** for our next big event. **Our girls have been invited to visit Jennifer Walters' stable located at 1125 General Ogden in New Orleans.** (Her son is Sam Walters in 7th grade.) Each Dragon Heart will have an opportunity to chat with the local vet and horse trainer. We will also meet with the ferrier and learn about the shoes, diets and grooming needs of these special animals. A tour of the grounds and a special snack time is also on the agenda. Each girl will get a turn riding the horses around the track. It will be a fun and educational time for all of us! Permission slips will be handed out prior to this event and are mandatory before anyone can attend.



**Friday, March 9th is our Parent/Teacher Conference Day.** Parents, please make sure that you schedule your conference appointment on Thursday afternoon or in the morning on Friday so you can attend this event with your daughter. **We will begin this activity promptly at 2:00.** You can meet us at the stables or carpool together with other parents leaving from school. **If you would like to carpool, please meet in the Gallery of the Early Childhood Center at 1:30.** We should be done by 4:00. We need a few parents to bring snacks to this activity. Please let me know if you are coming and if you are interested in bringing some snacks to share with the group. My email address is [dawn@stgeorgesepiscopal.com](mailto:dawn@stgeorgesepiscopal.com).  
(Dawn Steckler - Alexis' mom)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MOTHER/DAUGHTER LUNCHEON

The Middle School Mother/Daughter luncheon will be held on **Saturday, March 3rd from 11:30 - 1:00 in the theatre.** It's always a lot of fun! Hope to see you there!



## FATHER/DAUGHTER BREAKFAST

**The Father/Daughter Breakfast for girls in Pre-K - 8th grade and their fathers will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13th in the Gym.** A delicious breakfast will be served. Hope to see you there!

## RECIPE FOR FUN

Students in **Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade** can sign up for **Recipe for Fun**, an after-school hands-on course in cooking. Students will meet from **4:00 - 5:00 on six Thursdays (March 8, 15, 22 and 29 and April 12 and 19)**. If your child is interested in participating, please fill out the enrollment form that is posted on our website and return it to the office as soon as possible, along with your \$125 payment.



## MARDI GRAS SPIRITS AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

Just two blocks from the major parade route of Napoleon and St. Charles, **St. George's Episcopal Church (4600 St. Charles Avenue)** will play host to parade-goers on **Sunday, February 19th.** (This event will be held on 1 day (not 4), as in the past.) **Food and beverages are available for purchase in the Undercroft (downstairs) through the St. Charles Avenue entrance.** We've changed the menu to include healthy snacks for kids and simplified the process for ordering and paying for food and drinks. Indeed, Mardi Gras Spirits will change, but yet... don't fret! MGS 2012 will be full of all the fun and fellowship as in years past!

**Mardi Gras Spirits Sunday will begin at 10:00 a.m.** with our annual Jazz Mass featuring the John Parker Trio. **The parish hall will open for patrons at 10:30 a.m. and remain open for business until 8:00 p.m.** We invite you, your friends and family to join us on **Sunday, February 19th** for worship and for Mardi Gras Spirits 2012. **Church facilities will NOT be available during the Carnival season, except on Sunday, February 19th.**

## **CASTLETREE SUMMER CAMP**

We will start our first session of camp this summer on **Monday, June 11th and end the session Friday, June 29th.** The second session will start **Monday, July 9th and end on Friday, July 27th. REGISTRATION FOR ST. GEORGE'S FAMILIES WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH. THE APPLICATION WILL BE READY FOR DOWNLOAD FROM OUR WEBSITE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH AT 3:00 P.M. BROCHURES WILL NOT BE PRINTED OR MAILED OUT.** Families with children at St. George's are given an opportunity to enroll before those with students at other schools. Registration will be open for the general public beginning on Monday, March 5th. Camp fills up very quickly as space is limited. Once outside applications are accepted, registration is based on a first-come, first-served basis.



Castletree is pleased to bring back our **Tree House Players** program for students entering 3rd - 8th grade. Through improvisation, theater games and writing exercises, the children will create their own narrative play for performance. They will learn to work as an "ensemble" where all participants are equals. While sizes of parts may vary, we study that the focus is on fulfilling the function of the group, not of one's self. We'll also work on articulation, speaking publicly and presentation skills. This program will take place from **2:30 - 4:30** on the same days in June that Castletree Camp is in session (**June 11 - June 29**). Please see [our website](#) for more details.

We are in the process of looking for creative, energetic and responsible counselors and staff members. If you or someone you know is interested in being a counselor or staff member, please contact Castletree Director Patrick Summerour at [patsummerour@yahoo.com](mailto:patsummerour@yahoo.com) or 782-5222 as soon as possible. More information and employment applications can be found on our website, [www.castletree.net](http://www.castletree.net).

## **ATHLETICS NEWS**

Athletics News of the Week:

- Planning ahead.....mark your calendars for the **Middle School Sports Banquet** to be held on **Wednesday, May 9th at 6:00 p.m.** in the gym.
- Our first baseball game will be Wednesday, March 7th, and our first track meet will be Thursday, March 15th.
- A few middle school athletes (basketball, soccer and cheerleading) still have not returned their uniforms to Coach Dave; please do so **ASAP!**
- Any parents who have **photos** of any St. George's athletic events/games are encouraged to share with the school so we can add them to the website and/or the yearbook.