

The St. Louis Difference!

The year is winding down and summer vacation is calling out to us! I want to thank everyone for a great year. We have accomplished many goals and are now planning for 2017-18. I want to share with you what I see as the highlights of the year and inform you about a few changes.

The highlights of the year included: Global Partnership Grant and chrome books for students in grades 3, 4 and 5; St. Luke's Foundation and school wide participation to raise over \$7000 for Haiti; high academic success on lowas; Talent Show; Induction of 15 students in NJHS; Awarding of scholarships in excess of \$28,000 to Class of 2017 attending Catholic HS; Gala; Scantron Pilot School to gain additional student data; RenWeb Pilot for student data system; and recognition by Archdiocese for marketing, development, spirit and effectiveness.

We are also meeting to plan for middle school for next year. We are not making any staff changes, but will be meeting to organize, help provide support for all learners, add measures to increase executive functioning skills and provide greater consistency in discipline and classroom management.

We are planning on adding a coding class as an extra-curricular activity for next year and a chess club for all ages. We will also have a school resource officer assigned to our school next year who will stop by more often to help with overall school safety. We are always open to your suggestions/ideas.

We are going to offer a summer reading support program taught by Mrs. Barnes this summer and are sending home letters to students we feel might benefit from this. Please call me if you are interested and do not receive a letter.

Have a safe and fun summer. Thanks for instilling a love of learning and cooperation in your children. We thank God for the gift of each child and will do all that we can to help them reach their potential! Together - we can and will make a difference.

God Bless,

Mrs. Byrnes