



**ST. LOUIS ACADEMY – BESANCON**  
**THE POWER OF T.E.A.M.**  
**TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE!!!**

Dear School Families, Parishioners, and Community:

As I look back to this time last year, we were just getting ready to have our new computers built for the lab and preparing for a SmartBoard presentation, in the hope of purchasing one for the library. What a difference a year makes! Not only do we have one in the library for first-floor classrooms, we have three more upstairs, along with projectors and laptop computers, which were provided as a result of my request to East Allen through federal stimulus money. The teachers have received training and the students have really enjoyed the interactive learning SmartBoards provide. We will be having a SmartBoard presentation for parents at the February HASA meeting and a representative will demonstrate the many uses.

Congratulations to Samantha Voors and her family for being chosen as a host family for Governor Mitch Daniels. Gov. Daniels had to be in the area for the ribbon cutting ceremony for highway 24 and likes to stay with families across Indiana when he travels in order to better know those he represents. Gov. Daniels spent the evening talking with the family and even stayed the night! Samantha said she was surprised by how quiet he was, “just like a regular guy.” She was very excited to share the news with us the next day at school!

Congratulations also to Sam Stein for being one of 100 scholarship winners from The Catholic Order of Foresters (COF), headquartered in Naperville, IL. They awarded \$25,000 in tuition reimbursements to COF youth members attending Catholic schools. Sam is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Louis and received \$250 towards his Catholic school tuition!

Third and fourth grade students won the BoxTops contest and will be getting Pizza Hut for lunch soon. Well over \$300 was raised from this contest!! Thank you for sending in your BoxTops and supporting us. The fifth and sixth grade students won a jeans day for raising the most change for the Red Cross, over \$180! That’s a lot of coins!

Our Spring ISTEP results were excellent! We still have an average passing percentage of 90% for all tested grades in English/Language Arts and Math. That’s an awesome percentage considering the students were taking a new ISTEP test with many glitches that needed improved. It is a real testament to our families and the importance that is placed on your child’s education. Thank you for choosing St. Louis Academy to fulfill that role as partners with you.

In closing, I hope you have enjoyed the colors and the dynamic beauty that God has seen fit to bless us with. Fall is truly a time of thankfulness for all the abundant blessings our Creator gives us.

Christ’s Love,  
Ms. Layton

