



**ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**October 2010**



**IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN OCTOBER:**

- October 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Commitment Mass 7:00 p.m.
- October 7 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Coalition Meeting 7:00 p.m. (Café)
- October 8 – Crazy Hat/Sock Day for \$1.00 – Money to help Fr. Thomas' School in Uganda
- October 10 – Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Café)
- October 12 – Fall Pictures;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip – Science Center  
High School Informational Night for Parents of Grades 6-8 7:00 p.m. (café)
- October 15 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – Touhill Center “Oliver”  
Family Event with Fr. Dominic 7:00 p.m. (café)
- October 16 – DuBourg Honor Band 7:00 p.m. at DuBourg (selected band members participating)
- October 19 – Parish Council Mtng 7:00 p.m. (School Mtng Room)
- October 20 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmandi/Sponsor Mtng 7:00 p.m.
- October 21 – Baptismal Celebration 8:00 a.m.  
School Board Mtng 7:00 p.m. (School Mtng Room)
- October 22 – Report Cards sent home  
Living Rosary 2:00 p.m.
- October 24 – Book Fair 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Meeting Room)
- October 26 - \$1.00 donation for Book Fair Dress Down Day
- October 28 – Friday Class Schedule; no All School Mass  
Halloween Treats 2:05 p.m.
- October 29 – NO SCHOOL  
Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**New Discipline Program**

Now that we are well into the first quarter of the school year, I want to share some thoughts on the new discipline program, “The Choice Card”. With this system, I am able to track in the area of homework, supplies, uniform and behavior. In the system that we had prior, I was only able to track behavior.

What I am observing is that there are more infractions in the area of homework not being turned in. One may say that this is not a major concern, but for a teacher it is. Teachers will look over the homework at the beginning of class as a way to assess what the students understand from the previous day's lesson. When a child does not have the homework in on time, it is difficult for a teacher to assess the student's understanding of the material.

The other area receiving significant marks is supplies. I know some have said that a mark is given if a pencil is forgotten. Students are not bringing notebooks and textbooks to class. However, if a teacher tells the students the day before that they will need a highlighter, markers or something specific and they don't bring it, then the student is not prepared for class. When students don't have the necessary materials for class, they cannot be engaged in the activity, thus leading to one not paying attention. The only class that a pencil is necessary is art.

I am happy to see that the students are focusing on the uniform. When I am at Mass and see the students from the back of church, it is nice to see that shirts are tucked in. When the girls go up the steps to the sanctuary to proclaim the word or read the petitions, skirts and jumpers are of an appropriate length so no one is embarrassed.

Behavior has not been a significant area. The behavior that I am observing is talking out in class, interrupting a teacher or student when they are speaking. There has not been any severe misbehavior.

The teachers have commented that the students see consistency in the program. They know what each teacher expects. The other opportunity that I have with this system is being able to talk to the students individually. When a student has 5 marks, he/she needs to see me for the "Detention Notice" card and for a new "Choice Card". Since I am tracking each e-mail that I am CC'd on, I can pull up a report for each student. For example, if a child has 4 marks for homework and 1 for supplies, I share my concern about the homework and express how happy I am that there have not been behavioral issues. I talk with the student about a plan to get the homework turned in, organizing the assignment book, packing books at the end of the day and more. This has certainly given me the opportunity to spend some time with an individual rather than just focusing on behavior as I did with the previous discipline program.

As with any program, change is difficult. Everyone will grow accustomed to this new program as the year goes on. I would encourage you to share your concerns, questions, clarifications, positive comments with me. The committee of teachers and I will meet periodically to review the program. We met last week and discussed some things that needed to be clarified with the whole faculty.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Program

Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents received a letter in the mail with details regarding the mandatory meeting that the St. Louis Archdiocese – Catholic Education Office is sponsoring. The meetings are scheduled during October and November. It will be held at **St. Gabriel School on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. If you are unable to attend this meeting, other locations were included in the mailing.

### School Pictures

School pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. An informational envelope/flier was sent home in the Wednesday folder on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Each student must bring the envelope back to school with the check made payable to **LIFETOUCH**, if you choose to purchase any picture packet. If you are not satisfied with the pictures, a picture retake day will be scheduled for mid or late November.

Lifetouch has informed us that the Job Lot # that was on the picture order form was incorrect. If you would like to place your order on-line the **correct Job # is JO240046Y0**. Sorry for any inconvenience this has caused you.

**Students may come dressed out of uniform this day. Attention should be focused on the length of shorts and skirts as well as the shirt style to make sure it is not low cut or that it is not sleeveless.** If a student is dressed inappropriately, parents will be called and will need to bring the school uniform for the student to wear.

### High School Informational Night

At St. Gabriel School for the past few years, we have offered the opportunity for our parents in Grades 6-8 to attend an informal meeting regarding the high school application process. The purpose of this meeting is to let you know what we do to work with the students as they go through this process. We also give you information on the various high schools as to what their criteria is for acceptance. This meeting is different than the High School Night in September and the High School Open House scheduled the first Sunday of November. We have found that this application process can be very stressful, especially if this is your first child going on to high school. The meeting is Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

### **Buzz Books**

For those that pre-ordered, buzz books will be sent home on October 6<sup>th</sup>. If you ordered after the deadline, your order will be sent home the week of October 11<sup>th</sup>. We apologize for any misprints. If you find an error, please contact the office. We will communicate the corrections in the November newsletter.

### **Federal Forms**

Each year, we are asked to complete a number of forms regarding the demographics of our students. One form that all parents are asked to complete, if they qualify for the program or not, is the Economic Deprivation Form.

The data gathered from this determines the amount of services received from the federal government. One program from which we do get student services is Title I. Another program that benefits our teachers is Title II which provides professional development funding. So it is imperative that we get this form completed and returned by all families. The Economic Deprivation form will be sent home on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Forms must be returned by **Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Due to the fact that parents were responsive to completing the forms, we have 1 ½ Title I teachers for the 2010-2011 school year. Please help us by returning your forms as soon as possible. All information that is completed on the forms is confidential. The only information that is reported to the government is a summary of the forms returned.

### **Winter Uniform**

I am very pleased to say that the teachers and I have seen a great improvement in the neatness of the students. Please encourage your children to continue to keep this up. Please review the uniform code with your child. The summer uniform ends October 30. **NO shorts may be worn after October 31<sup>st</sup>**. With the cooler weather, please remind your child that the only sweatshirts that may be worn during the school day are the St. Gabriel blue or red, the St. Gabriel athletic royal blue, any solid navy blue or red with no logos, and for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, their class sweatshirt. Students may wear boots, Uggs to and from school, but not during the day. If wearing boots, students will need to change into tennis shoes or dress shoes. Thank you for your cooperation.

Students must follow the winter uniform beginning November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The uniform code is in the parent handbook which is on the school website under 'Parent/Student'.

### **St. Gabriel Sweatshirts**

The order form for the St. Gabriel SGAA sweatshirt is available on the school website [www.stgabshool.org](http://www.stgabshool.org) under the 'Parent/Student' section.

### **Cafeteria Lunch Program**

If you are purchasing lunch for your children please do the following

- Orders are to be turned in on Thursday, Friday or Monday by 12:00 (noon) only following the Wednesday it was sent home. If an order is turned in after the deadline, your child will not be included in the counts for the next week.
- The due date is on the lunch menu that we send.
- You are to keep track of any time that your child is absent. If you have a credit from an absence, you can use that on the next order if you indicate it accordingly.
- If your child did not bring a lunch, they will get a package or two of cheese crackers and a glass of water
- We will try to communicate the field trips the students will be attending by putting that on the menu before it goes out. Sometimes the field trips are planned after the menu goes out. If that is the case, you can apply a credit to the next month only if we have not notified you of a field trip.

If your child brings their lunch, please make sure they have a spoon or fork for their pudding, yogurt, etc. The food

service cannot provide these items for those that bring. Two Mike's is trying to keep their cost down. This becomes an additional expense that they have to cover.

### **Mid-Quarter Reports**

You will need to view your child's grade by going to the school website and clicking the link 'Log-In'. Everyone received a letter in early September with their login information. If you have lost your ID and Password, you can access it by submitting your e-mail address on the log-in page. Click the link under the ID and Password boxes. If you are still unable to get your ID/Password, e-mail Miss Davis and the information will be e-mailed to you. If you are unable to access the Internet, please send a note to your child's teacher and we will send a copy of the mid-quarter home to you. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher. It is much easier to remedy a problem now than to wait until the end of the quarter.

Please note that some weeks, especially with the specialty teachers (art, music, PE) and in the primary grades, some subjects do not have weekly grades.

### **Report Cards**

The report cards will be computer generated. The format of the report card will be similar to the layout that we had in years past. The main difference is that they will be printed and not handwritten. Our administrative software program is making things more efficient for our teachers. The amount of time they save averaging grades and writing out the report cards will give them more time to attend to the planning of their curriculum.

Report cards will be sent home with the students on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please check your child's backpack for the report cards. The ITBS reports will be included with the report cards if we receive them by the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Report cards are **not** held for the first quarter; if you have a balance due, however, we ask that you stay current on all your fees.

Kindergarteners do not receive a report card for the first quarter. First graders will receive a report card for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Conferences will be held in the gym on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Conference times are from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. The teachers will have a dinner break from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Conferences will resume at 5:30 p.m. and conclude at 7:30 p.m. We ask that you be aware of the time that you come for conferences. This is a long day for the teachers and they are planning to be completed by the times indicated. Thank you for your cooperation.

More information regarding conferences will be sent home on October 6.

### **Book Fair**

St. Gabriel School will once again have the Scholastic Book Fair. The Book Fair is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. Parents and students will have the opportunity to purchase books on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The students will attend the Book Fair with their classes Monday – Thursday. The Book Fair will also be open on Parent/Teacher Conference day – Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The Book Fair will be held in the meeting room near the church alley.

The profits from the Book Fair are used to purchase books for the library, novel sets for the classrooms and more. Your support of the Book Fair is greatly appreciated.

For more information visit the following website:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/st.gabsstlouis>

We are also participating in the "One for Books" program. Students can purchase a book slip by donating loose change and/or dollars. The funds collected are used to buy more books from the Book Fair to help students, teachers and/or schools in need. Scholastic will match monetary donations with a donation of up to one million books. The books go to national non-profit organizations dedicated to helping families in need: the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Kids in Distressed Situations, and the National Center for Family Literacy. Students who donate will have a dress down on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Cafeteria Duty Calendar**

The calendar on the website for cafeteria duty is completed for the school year. You can view each month and print it out at home. There is an easy way to search for your duty day without trying to find it with all the other names on the calendar. If you go to the bottom of the calendar, there is the word 'search' underlined on the right-hand side. Click that word and a pop-up window will appear. Simply type in your name in the text box and keep all the other items as the default. Click the 'search' button. The months will be shown with only your name on your duty day. You will then need to search through each month. For most, the duty rotates about every two to three months.

If you see that you are not able to work your assigned day, please try to switch with someone. If you cannot, contact the office so we can get you a list of subs. We hope that having the information for the whole year is helpful to you.

### **Website Information**

We are trying to make the website user friendly and provide as much information to you. For those who have students in Band, please check the band link frequently. The band schedule, practice charts and other information from Sr. Gail are updated on a regular basis. If there is a band event, i.e., a concert, band field trip, etc. Sr. Gail will have the information available.

All teachers are encouraged to use the "Teacher's Corner" to keep you updated with information for his/her specific class. For Grades 4-8 homework is updated daily. Please check this daily. Miss Davis will also use "Principal Message" to send information that you need before the newsletter.

To protect the students, the website newsletter will not have the first and last name of the students in the "thank you" or "congratulation" section of the newsletter. We will have the first initial and their last name listed. This is a guideline from the Archdiocesan School Office.

### **Missions**

The mission efforts of the students from St. Gabriel School will include a number of organizations. Each quarter of the school year, we will focus on a particular charity. The first quarter of the school year was devoted to two organizations: Fr. Thomas' school, a seminary for boys, in Uganda and Elba's Orphans in Central America who we have helped two years ago. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter focus will be for Whole Kids Outreach. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter will be devoted to Nurses for Newborns. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the school year will help an organization called "Smile Train".

Our school families have been very generous throughout the years in assisting with our mission efforts. We ask that you help in anyway possible. Every little bit helps.

Also each month we are asking our students to donate canned goods to the Food & Fuel collection. A certain grade will be asked to help once a month. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders donated in September and the 7<sup>th</sup> graders in October. Please watch for the flyer that is sent at the end of the month for a reminder. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade will donate in November with the food helping St. Agatha's Center in the Soulard Neighborhood.

### Homework

Many of our teachers allow the students time in class to get started on their homework. This way the teachers can see if the students understand the assignments. One thing to keep in mind is that some students have good organizational skills and time management skills and can get their homework completed in a reasonable amount of time. Some students can find ways to get distracted, procrastinate, etc., which turns a 10-minute assignment into an hour.

Watch what your children are doing before you jump to conclusions that too much homework is given. I also encourage you to remind children that homework can be studying their notes or rereading what was covered in class. Homework does not always have to be written work. When students know that there is a test on Thursday, they can begin studying on Monday and continue throughout the week by studying a little at a time rather than waiting until Wednesday evening and studying all the material.

We need to teach our children to become responsible, we also need to teach them time management and organizational skills. These are all life skills that we need, as we get older. It is never too early to learn these life skills.

### Lunches Brought from Home

As I walk around the cafeteria, I notice that many of our younger students are throwing out a lot of their lunch. Most kids have a sandwich, chips, cookies, yogurt, and a drink. For many kids the amount of food that they see when they open their lunch is too much. Smaller portions of food would be better – a half sandwich, a handful of chips, two cookies, ½ an apple would be better for the kids. What I am seeing is that only half a sandwich is eaten and the other is thrown out, sometimes it is a whole sandwich. Encourage your child to bring home the food that they don't eat. I see a lot of fruit and items that have not even been open. Remind your child that these are still good and can be brought home.

The students have on average 15 to 20 minutes to eat lunch. I have strongly encouraged the students to eat and do less talking with their friends. As I walk around the cafeteria they are constantly being reminded to eat. Even if the table is dismissed, the students can stay to finish.

### Pedestrian Safety

Our children are very precious to us. I do not want anything to happen to them while walking to and from school. As drivers, it is most important that you pay attention to our crossing guards at the corner of Nottingham and Tamm. There have been many close calls at that intersection. If you are turning from Nottingham onto Tamm, you must wait until the crossing guards are completely out of the crosswalk and on the corner. Please remind your neighbors and your teenage children to slow down and drive cautiously around schools.

Please watch the children on Murdoch in the morning. As children are exiting the cars, please wait until they are on the sidewalk before moving forward. Sometimes kids run back to their car because they forgot something and you do not expect them to do that. Also, for those using the church driveway, please **do not** park in the handicap spaces or in the open area. If you need to get out of your car and walk your child, please park on Nottingham, Tamm or Murdoch.

I am hearing from some of the neighbors that people are running stop signs at Childress and Murdoch, Murdoch and Prague, Devonshire and Childress and Devonshire and Prague. We have students that are crossing at these corners as well. Please, please slow down. I have contacted the police about my concerns with people running stops and parking in the crosswalks on Nottingham. They will issue tickets.

### After School Child Care

If you are need of childcare for a short time after school, please contact Ruth Farel at 353-2901. For those interested in providing childcare, please contact Ruth as well.

### Auction Information

Thanks to all who attended last year's "Black & White Ball" Auction. It was a fun and successful night. With the profits from this auction, we were able to contribute a good portion to help complete the technology upgrade of 65 computers and 7 Interactive boards.

This year's auction will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2011 and its theme is "Denim & Diamonds". The auction will be held at the fabulous Coronado Ballroom (across from the College Church).

If you missed the sign-up sheets on Back to School Night or you don't have kids in school and wish to volunteer, please contact Joan Burnes at 481-0309 or [bburnes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bburnes@sbcglobal.net). You can also check us out on the school website [www.stgabschool.org](http://www.stgabschool.org) under Auction Update.

### Thank you to...

- ...the families that support Target 'Take Charge of Education', we received \$2,600.00.
- ...to Craig Ortwerth, Karen (Jacobsmeier) McAtee, John Blas, and Andy White for presenting to the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grader as part of our Career Speakers Series.
- ... Lynne Kirner, Leslie Maus, Kelly Eldridge, for proofreading the Buzz Book.
- ...Angela Kittner for donating the printing of the buzz book.
- ...the Kitson Family for donating various classroom supplies.
- ...to E. Burnes and her friends from the Youth Group for babysitting at the PFA Meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to Mrs. Burnes and Mrs. Simokaitis for being the adult supervisor.
- ...the Karsch Family for donating books to the library.
- ...the C. Uxa Family for donating paper.
- ...the Mark Wiley Family for donating magazines for the library.
- ...the Eldridge Family for donating books to the Kindergarten classes.
- ...the Rose Family (parishioner) for donating books to the library.
- ...the C. Uxa Family for donating magazines to the library
- ...all those who purchased Entertainment Books from the Band students. We will let you know next month what the profit was. Entertainment Books are still available; just call Sr. Gail 353-1229 x 248. The price is \$30.00.

### Congratulations to...

- ...M. Wiley for winning the 'design the buzz book cover' contest.
  
- ...A. Fernandez, E. Koenig, H. Lauer, M. Randazzo, , K. Rooney, H. Stelzer-Mohahan, E. Waelterman, H. Zanaboni, and M. Zanaboni for having a bake sale after school at Francis Park to raise money for our Uganda mission project. They raised \$203.00 which will cover the student tuition assistance for two terms.
  
- ...K. Kimble who was presented an award from the Friends of Bob (Stanze) Foundation. This student wrote an essay describing the life and sacrifice of any St. Louis area police officer that was killed in the line of duty. The student received a plaque and a scholarship. The essay is at the end of the newsletter.
  
- ...the following students who are members of our **2010-2011 Euclid's Math Club**. This club meets twice a month after school for one hour. During club, the students work on math strategies, problem solving skills, and logic games and activities. We had 50 students tryout but the group is limited to 27 in order to have the students be fully engaged in small group math skills.
  - Grade 8:** J. Cullen, N. Cummings, M. Knapp, T. Martin, C. Myrick, H. Randolph, J. Schroder, N. Smith, J. Sperkowski, L. Swaney
  - Grade 7:** E. Cataldo, P. Genovese, K. Kimble, J. Lepak, L. Pfitzinger, D. Salamon, H. Stelzer-Monahan, S. Tettamble, H. Zanaboni, J. Zetzman
  - Grade 6:** M. Belrose, R. Davis, D. Gheradini, L. Le, P. Myrick, M. Rohatgi, D. Wagner

...the following students from Grades 6-8 who are members of the **2010-2011 Bellmarine Speech League:**  
**Grade 8:** J. Barbey, S. Duda, T. Martin, J. Pecaut, J. Pottinger, H. Randolph, M. Stinehart, L. Vitelli  
**Grade 7:** M. Arteaga, E. Cataldo, K. Kimble, M. Madden, L. McCarthy, E. Mulkey, L. Pfitzinger,  
M. Phegley, E. Rohatgi, H. Stelzer-Monahan, C. Wingbermuehle, H. Zanaboni, M. Zanaboni  
**Grade 6:** M. Belrose, C. Boul, E. Crews, R. Davis, H. Hunter, J. Levitt, M. Rohatgi, E. Sayers, G. Sperkowski

...the following students from Grades 6-8 who are members of the **2010-2011 Honor Choir:**  
**Grade 8:** N. Cummings, S. Duda, B. Heffernan, K. Kirner, M. Knapp, T. Martin, R. Moeller, J. Pottinger,  
H. Randolph, E. Roberts, L. Vitelli, V. Wienhoff  
**Grade 7:** A. Bresnahan, A. Kasten, E. Koenig, M. Mense, E. Roeder, E. Rohatgi, M. Ronshausen, L. Stock,  
C. Wingbermuehle  
**Grade 6:** A. Faust, H. Hunter, J. Wiley

...to Mrs. Voelpel and the students for placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the State of Missouri for raising money for Jump Rope & Hoops for Hearts. Mrs. Voelpel will attend the MOAHPERD Convention on October 12 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons to be presented a plaque for our school. There were only three Catholic schools from the St. Louis Archdiocese recognized in the Top 10. We raised \$6,403.81 for the American Heart Association.

**Remember to...**

- ...purchase your grocery certificates Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. in the school meeting room or after masses on Sundays.
- ...purchase your Scrips on-line at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com)
- ...send your Scrip order to school and we will send it home with your child in the afternoon.

On a personal note, I want to thank Fr. Bob for nominating me for the Cardinal Rigali Service Award. I am so grateful to minister to a wonderful school/parish community. St. Gabriel is like family to me. We have a great faculty, wonderful students, and supportive parents. Thank you for your kind words of congratulations and recognition to me on receiving this award.

Prayerfully,

*Ann M. Davis*  
Principal

**Go to the website to check the  
school calendar**

**[http://plus.calendars.net/stgabschool\\_2](http://plus.calendars.net/stgabschool_2)**

**and the cafeteria duty calendar**

**[http://plus.calendars.net/stgabschool\\_1](http://plus.calendars.net/stgabschool_1)**

Nicholas K. Sloan made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty on January 30, 2004. He had only been with the St. Louis Police Department for two years.

Officers Nicholas Sloan and his partner, Gabe Keithley, had previously been conducting a Narcotics operation on North Taylor Avenue. On January 30, 2004 Officers Sloan and Keithley were at the corner of Marcus and St. Louis when they approached one of the suspects and the three began to struggle. As this continued he received quite a few injuries, including a deep gash above his right eye. During the struggle, the suspect was able to gain control of Sloan's gun. The suspect shot Nicholas in the chest. Although he was wearing his bulletproof vest, when the suspect fired, the bullet entered above his vest. Gabe was shot at three times, but only two out of three hit Officer Keithley. Although injured Keithley was able to return fire, which resulted in the suspect's death.

Nicholas Sloan's death affected many people, including his community, co-workers, and loved ones.

Sloan's community was affected greatly when he was killed. Nicholas worked for the Federal Weed and Seed Program. In this program the police officers removed drug dealers from the area. The death of Nicholas affected this community by making the people feel unsafe in their home. Imagine if a Police Officer was shot and killed on the corner of your street. It would make you feel in danger in your own home. Secondly, Gabe and Nicholas were working to get the drug dealers out that were destroying the neighborhood. Therefore the community lost to good Policeman working to keep that community safe from harm. Thirdly, it could cause tension between the community and the police officers.

Nicholas had been with Department for two years and had developed relationships with his co-workers. His father was a Police Sergeant and vice of the Narcotics Division. He had been with St. Louis Police Department for many years and soon after his son's death he retired. I don't think he retired just because his son had died, but it most definitely influenced his decision. On the other hand Gabe Keithley is no longer with the department. After the shooting he took a break and came back, but unfortunately he couldn't stay. He lives with the guilt of his partner getting killed. If we were in his shoes we would feel that there could have been something else we could have done. However, Gabe went above and beyond all he could do to try and save Nicholas and himself. As far as all of his co-workers, they are shocked when another is killed, because it could have been them just as easily or it could happen the next day in the blink of an eye.

Last but certainly not least, Nicholas' loved ones. About a year before Sloan's death he became a Father along with his girlfriend becoming a Mother. When he died his son was 13 months old, too young to remember his father. His son, who is now 7, had to grow up without his father. Not only did his son miss out on having his father around, Nicholas missed out on a lot of things in his son's life. These include simple things like... his son getting potty-trained, first words and steps, and the first day of school. He will also continue to miss out things in his son's life. His girlfriend was left to raise their son by herself. She also had the job of keeping Nicholas alive in memories to her son. Not only this, but she lost someone she loved very much and was close to. His mother and father lost one of the most important things in their life on January 30, 2004, their son Nicholas K. Sloan. They raised him and loved him more than he could know. They cared for him when he was sick, held him when he was sad, gave him a roof to live under, food and water, and most of all love. His death left his two sisters without the brother they loved. Even though siblings fight and aggravate each other in the end they love each other. Nicholas may have aggravated his sisters, they might have annoyed him, or at times both aggravated each other, but now they are left with only memories, pictures, and stories of him.

Nicholas K. Sloan was killed on January 30, 2004 and is remembered by the St. Louis Police Department, His son, girlfriend, two sisters, parents, co-workers, and community. He made the ultimate sacrifice.