



St. Rose School

CHELSEA, MA

September 22, 2011

Dear Families,

Can you believe we've been in school for three full weeks? Your children are doing an excellent job of getting to school on time, listening, and working hard. They are such a joy to see every day! There are many great things going on here at St. Rose in the coming week. Please read on:

FTO: It was wonderful to see some new faces at our FTO meeting on Monday. We had a productive meeting, where we discussed our two primary goals for this organization this year. First and foremost, we hope that this organization can **increase parental involvement** in your child's education and **build community**. One way we hope to do this is by having at least one parent representative from each grade at each meeting. Another way is by hosting events for parents, as well as children, so that everyone can get to know one another and feel a part of this community. Secondly, we hope to continue the good work that was begun by this group last year as far as **fundraising** goes. Through the events and activities offered (which help to build community), the FTO was able to raise money, most of which is being saved for the ultimate goal of re-paving the back parking lot. A small amount was used to purchase new St. Rose School **water bottles** for every child in the school. These water bottles went home yesterday. FTO hopes that the students can fill them up with our new water fountains and use them to stay hydrated throughout the year! Each child's name and grade is already on the bottle so it can be easily found if misplaced. Thank you, FTO! Additional water bottles may be purchased in the office for \$2.00 each.



KidStuff Coupon Books: Many thanks to everyone who participated in this fundraiser. I know \$25.00 is a lot of money, but hopefully just by using a few coupons, you will get your money's worth! We still have a few students who have not returned their money or their unsold book. I ask for your cooperation in this. Because the school will be charged for every unsold, unreturned book, we will be charging \$25.00 to your tuition account if you do not return the book or the money by tomorrow. As of the latest count, here is the data of how each class did:

Grade	% Participation	# of books sold
K1	50%	17
K2	35%	18
1	58%	16
2	69%	24
3	58%	17
4	35%	8
5	57%	23
6	48%	10
7	43%	9
8	43%	6
School-wide	50%	148

Congratulations to Grade 2 for having the highest percentage of participation, and also for selling the most books! They will get a special treat next week. Let's try to do even better as a school for our next fundraiser at the end of this month! Remember, fundraising is important because it is what allows us to keep our tuition so low. If we don't raise as much money as we need to, we will need to increase tuition substantially. Please do your part!



St. Rose on Facebook: St. Rose School is officially on **Facebook!** Check out our page at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Rose-School/174719982596857>. Our plan is to use this page as a tool to keep you (parents) informed and share pictures and good news throughout the year. Thanks to those of you who have already found the page and started interacting with it!

Communication via Email: If you would like to receive the newsletter and other information via **email**, please go to www.strosechelsea.com/contact/emailsingup.html and enter your information. We will gladly begin keeping you informed electronically! If you know alumni of St. Rose School, please encourage them to sign up as well, because we plan to start a newsletter which will be primarily for our alumni. Please ask Ms. Keeton if you have any questions.



Mark Your Calendar!: The Annual St. Rose School **Christmas Festival** will be held on December 2-3, 2011. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we really need everyone's help! If you are interested in playing an active role in the planning of this event, please mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 5 at 6pm. This will be our first planning meeting. We are hoping to have enough people to chair each committee (punch board, baked goods, food, etc.)

Lunches: Please see attached letter to order the **school lunch** for your child for the week of September 26-30. You should also receive notification of qualification for free/reduced lunch today, if you have not already.



Chelsea Youth Theatre: A flyer is going home today regarding this opportunity for acting, dance, art, singing, and guitar **classes**. The cost is only \$4.00 per class – a great deal! Please take advantage. Registration is this Saturday or next Tuesday.

New Community Partnership: We are proud to announce that we have recently partnered with the **Big Sisters** program. We will be inviting middle school girls to participate in weekly classes that a licensed social worker will be offering during lunch time here at school. Classes will relate to important issues like self-esteem, decision making, healthy habits, and relationships. Please see Mr. MacNeil if you have questions.



Name in Clothing: We have already begun to receive complaints about disappearing sweaters, etc. Please put your child's name in **each article of clothing** with permanent marker. Thank you!



BrainPOP: We have a great new program at St. Rose! Check out www.brainpop.com. Our username is: strosechelsea and our password is: 580broadway. You have unlimited, 24-hour access to these **educational videos** at home, and we will be using them here at school as well!

Box Tops: Don't forget to save your **Box Tops!** Please tear them off of products you buy and use at home. They help our school to raise money! Thank you!



Blessings,

Caitlin Keeton, Principal