



St. Rose School

CHELSEA, MA

September 30, 2010

Dear Families,

Thank you all for your continued support, and for the great work you do each day with your children. Your efforts make our jobs much easier, and it is always best for the kids when we can work as a team! As always, there are many great things going on here at St. Rose. Read on:

Fundraising: Thank you very much to those of you who have already turned in your fundraising! Time is ticking – **we need all packets back by next Wednesday, October 6.** We know it isn't easy, but please try to get at least one friend or family member to order at least one thing. Your participation shows how much you care about this school and want it to be successful; tuition alone does not sustain the school financially. We depend on fundraising and need your help! Thank you.

Lunches: Please see attached letter to order the school lunch for your child for the week of October 11-15.

Teacher email: We are in the process of updating our website. In the meantime, please find attached a list of teachers' email addresses in case you need to contact them. You can also leave a message for them at school anytime. Thank you.

Informational Opportunity: The Boston Children's Museum invites you to a "Lunch and Learn" on Tuesday, October 5 at 11:30 am. The topic will be "Mind in the Making: How Children Learn", and will address the seven essential life skills every child needs. Cost is \$40 and includes a book. Please see <http://community.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/netcommunity/mindinthemaking> to register.

Request for Materials: Ms. Horne, our art teacher, kindly requests that you save your recycled materials (coffee cans, egg crates, yogurt containers, paper towel rolls, etc.) and send them to school to be used in art class! Thank you for your help.

FTO: This stands for Family/Teacher Organization. The first meeting was last Thursday. Thank you to everyone who attended. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 7 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! Please come with ideas you have about how this organization can help make the school a better place.

Reminder about Accreditation: Next week, we will have visitors in the building from Monday to Wednesday. They are from NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) and will be observing everything and interviewing students, teachers, and parents. This is a very normal process that private schools go through in order to show that they can meet high standards of education. Many thanks to the volunteers from our new FTO

(Family/Teacher Organization) who have agreed to provide breakfast and lunch to our visitors during their stay.

Celebrate the Chelsea Public Library: All are invited to our neighbor's 100th year celebration. It will take place tomorrow (Friday) night from 6-8 pm.

Bone Marrow Drive: Those of you who were here for Back-to-School Night heard Mrs. Morris talk about her recent diagnosis and need for a bone marrow transplant. We will be having a drive here at school on Saturday, October 23. Please see attached flyer for details, and please continue to keep Mrs. Morris in your prayers.

Clubs and After School Activities: Thank you to those of you who completed the survey online. We have had great interest in choir. Attached you will find a permission slip for fencing. One of our parents, Mr. Morales, came last Friday to do a demonstration for the students. I think there will definitely be enough interest to have a class; if your child is interested, please complete the permission slip and return it as soon as possible. Thank you.

Early Dismissal Tomorrow: Tomorrow we will be dismissing at 11:30 so that the teachers can spend the afternoon doing professional development. Students WILL receive lunch before dismissal.

Upcoming Events: Tomorrow is *Wear Pink for the Cure* tag day. All students and teachers are encouraged to wear something pink in support of all who have been affected by breast cancer.

Blessings,

Caitlin Keeton, Principal

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