



St. Rose School

CHELSEA, MA

October 6, 2011

Dear Families,

Happy October! It's hard to believe that we have now been in school over a month! I hope this finds you all well. Since October is the month of Mary and the month of the rosary, we have been praying one decade of the rosary every morning at Community Gathering. This is a special way for us to grow closer to Jesus through his mother, Mary. Consider using this special prayer with your family at home as well! There are many great things going on here at St. Rose in the coming week. Please read on:



HALF DAY TOMORROW: Just a reminder that tomorrow will be a half day. Students WILL receive lunch, and will be dismissed at 11:30 am.

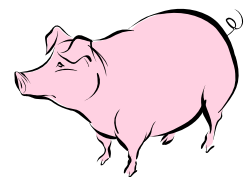


Tag Day: Tomorrow will be our first Tag Day. For \$1.00, students may choose to wear pink instead of their uniform on this day. All money collected will go to support those who are battling breast cancer. Missions for the month of October will also go toward this important cause, as October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We have teachers, mothers, and grandmothers here at St. Rose who have been affected by this disease. In addition, students have the opportunity to write names on pink ribbons that say "In Memory Of..." and "In Honor Of..." If there are names you would like your child to include on these ribbons, please send them in tomorrow.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY: In honor of Columbus Day, there will be no school on Monday, October 10. See you Tuesday!

Fall Clubs: There have been a few changes to the Fall Clubs. Student Council will be meeting at lunch time on Wednesdays, so members of Student Council can also choose a club in which to participate. Quiz Bowl will be meeting on Monday afternoons, so 7th and 8th graders who want to do Quiz Bowl may also choose another club in which to participate on Wednesday afternoons. Clubs will meet from 2:15-3:15 every Wednesday for ten weeks. There will be no clubs on Wednesday, November 23 because of Thanksgiving vacation. The last day of fall clubs will be Wednesday, December 14.

Meadow Farms Fundraiser: Please be trying hard to sell pies and goodies from the catalog over the upcoming long weekend! We are hoping to have greater participation than with the coupon books. Invite friends, neighbors, family members, and co-workers to do their Christmas shopping early and support St. Rose School!



This fundraiser will go until next Thursday, October 13. This deadline is very strict so that we can get the orders back before Thanksgiving. The classes with more than 50% participation will get to be a part of a pig race in the gym, and the winning class will get a pizza party. Last year, 7th grade won. Who will it be this year???



St. Rose on Facebook: St. Rose School is officially on **Facebook!** Check it out at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Rose-School/174719982596857>. Our plan is to use this page as a tool to keep you 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/emailsSignup.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!: Do you have friends or family members who are interested in sending their children to a Catholic school? Please tell them that on Sunday, October 16 we are going to have students speaking at all of the Masses at St. Rose Church and greeting people as they leave. After the Spanish Mass, at 1pm, we will have an Open House in the school for prospective families. Please help to spread the word! We have found in the past that happy parents are the greatest salespeople!

Mark Your Calendar Again!: 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! Thank you to everyone who came to our first planning meeting last night! Future meetings will be at 6pm on 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, and 11/28.



Lunches: Please see attached letter to order the **school lunch** for your child for the week of October 11-14. On Thursday, October 13, there has been a change from the menu. It will be **potluck**. You need to send this form back in each week, even if you receive free lunch, or if you are choosing not to get lunch this week for our records. Thank you.

Character Awards: Congratulations to: Xavier (K1), Alyssa (K2), Sofia (Gr. 1), Trinity (Gr. 2), Tsega (Gr. 3), Vanessa P. (Gr. 4), Vanessa C. (Gr. 5), Antonio (Gr. 6), Jose (Gr. 7), and Hang (Gr. 8) for being chosen as the person in their respective classes who shows **respect**. October's character trait is **citizenship**.

Parking in Front: Some of you have been asking about the situation out front. You have probably seen our friends from the Chelsea Police Department on certain mornings helping out. We have not heard back yet about whether or not our request for new signs was approved, but I will let you know as soon as I hear.



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