



# St. Rose School

## CHELSEA, MA

October 7, 2010

Dear Families,

Happy Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary! The rosary is a religious practice that has been used for many years. Sometimes we forget what a treasure we have in the rosary; it is a way for us to grow closer to Jesus through Mary, his mother. I encourage you to pray a rosary together as a family this week if you have the opportunity. Your children should be familiar with the Our Father and the Hail Mary from praying here at school. As always, a lot is going on. Please read on:

Fundraising: Thank you SO much to everyone who participated in our Meadow Farms fundraising! Our participation was significantly up from last year, which will be very helpful to our school. More details to follow in next week's letter.

Lunches: Please see attached letter to order the school lunch for your child for the week of October 18-22.

Update from Wear Pink for the Cure: We collected \$207.50! All money went to the American Cancer Society to help people affected by breast cancer. Many thanks to Steph and Jenn Robinson for walking last Sunday and raising money for a great cause. We are proud of our alumni!

"In the Know" from Mr. MacNeil: Attached you will find a newsletter from Mr. MacNeil with all kinds of great opportunities available to you and your family. Please take advantage!

FTO: This stands for Family/Teacher Organization. The first meeting was last Thursday. Thank you to everyone who attended. The next meeting will be tonight 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.

Thank you: A BIG thank you to all families, teachers, and students for your hard work this past week during our NEASC accreditation visit. A special thanks to parents who volunteered to provide breakfast and lunch for our visitors each day, as well as those who were able to come in and be interviewed by the team. The visitors were very impressed with all of the people who help to make this school such a great place, and I want you to know how much I appreciate each and every one of you. I will be sure to let you know when I hear more details in the coming months- it's a long process!

Fall Pictures: O'Connor Studios will be here next Friday to take students' fall pictures. Please see the enclosed envelope for package options and return it no later than next Friday to your child's teacher.

Fencing Club: Thanks to everyone for sending back fencing interest papers. I am working with the instructor to determine which day lessons will be, when they will start, and how long they will last. I will keep you posted when I know details.

Running Club: Miss O'Rourke (K2 teacher) will be starting a running club for interested students in Grades 6-8. The group will meet weekly on Mondays, starting October 18. They will run around the

school and the immediate neighborhood when the weather is nice; otherwise they will run and do other exercise activities inside, with the goal of working up to run a 5K (3.1 miles) race in the spring. Please see attached permission slip and return as soon as possible if you are interested.

Million Voice Project: During the weeks of October 18-29, middle school students will have an opportunity to take a survey online during their computer class. This is part of something called the Million Voice Project, and will provide us with valuable information about how our middle school students feel about themselves, their peers, and their school, so then we will have an idea of how to improve our middle school program. If you are interested in learning more about it, please see: <http://www.millionvoice.org> . There is no personal or confidential information involved – all responses are anonymous.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting: Part of 7<sup>th</sup> grade's religion curriculum includes a program called "See, I Make All Things New." It is from the Respect Life Education Office and mandated by Cardinal Sean and the Archdiocese of Boston for all 7<sup>th</sup> graders in Catholic schools. Mr. Schell and I recently went to the training and will be teaching this curriculum to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students beginning in November. We hope everyone can come on Wednesday, October 20 to an informational meeting, where we will explain more about the curriculum and answer any questions you may have. Feel free to check out <http://www.respectlifeeducation.com/middle-school-curriculum/schools.html> for more information.

Chelsea Youth Theatre: Please see attached flyer about classes being offered this fall at very reasonable rates!

NO SCHOOL Tomorrow or Monday: Tomorrow is a professional day for all teachers. Monday is a federal holiday. We hope you are able to enjoy the long weekend with your family- it looks like the weather will be beautiful!

Mark your calendar:

Tuesday, October 12 - 9 am - 2 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (see flyer attached)

7 pm - Christmas Festival Planning Meeting (All are welcome!)

Friday, October 15 - O'Connor Studios - Fall Pictures

Monday, October 18 - 9 am - School Mass (hosted by Gr. 8)

Friday, October 22 - Halloween parties (more information to follow!)

Saturday, October 23 - Bone Marrow Drive for Mrs. Morris

Sunday, October 24 - Open House for prospective parents (tell a friend!)

Blessings,

Caitlin Keeton, Principal