



St. Rose School

CHELSEA, MA

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Dear Families,

It seems like this time of year is always so busy. There is a lot going on: Hispanic Heritage Month is wrapping up, we're in the middle of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the month of the Rosary. Fall is officially here, as evidenced by the leaves missing on the trees. We're wrapping up our second fundraiser of the year. We're almost halfway through the first trimester. The list goes on! I hope you were able to enjoy some of the beautiful *summer-like* weather we had last weekend. Amazing! There are many great things going on here at St. Rose in the coming week. Please read on:



FTO Update: We had a great meeting on Tuesday night, and were happy to see several new faces! Many thanks to everyone who made it a priority to come and share your ideas! We are working on creating a mass email list so that we can send out FTO news to everyone at once, as well as reminders of upcoming meetings and events. We know it is often easier for those of you who have access to email at work or on your phones to communicate electronically rather than with paper. Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to get to know other St. Rose families and help St. Rose School!

Welcome: Yesterday we welcomed a new teacher in K1. Mrs. Pastore unfortunately is no longer with us, but we are very excited to have Ms. Chiappetta! She is an experienced and highly qualified preschool teacher, and we know she is going to be a great addition to the St. Rose Staff.



PICTURE DAY TOMORROW: Last Friday we sent home pre-labeled envelopes in case you would like to purchase professional photographs of your child. They will be done by O'Connor Studios tomorrow. Students may wear whatever you'd like for them to wear in the picture; they do not have to wear their uniform.

Free Museum Passes: The Chelsea Public Library offers free and discounted passes to many local museums. Please see the attached paper for more details and take advantage of an affordable cultural experience for your family!



Meadow Farms Fundraiser: Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser, which ended today! Every sale helps our school. I am sending in the orders tomorrow. If you did not send in your order today, I will accept it first thing tomorrow morning, but any late orders cannot be guaranteed a Pre-Thanksgiving delivery. Thank you for your cooperation!



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/emailsignup.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 THIS 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 week! 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 17-21. 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.

School Mass on Monday: Grade 7 will hold our October Mass on Monday at 9 am. Please feel free to join us as we celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch!

Great Website for Dads: Calling all dads! I recently came across this website and thought you might be interested: www.allprodad.com . It has great information and suggestions related to the joys and challenges of fatherhood. It is connected to the NFL. Enjoy!



Great Website for Moms: You didn't think I'd leave you out, did you? Check out: www.5minutesformom.com . I guarantee you'll be glad you did! Created by moms, for moms!



Parking in Front: Apparently there were not enough people in attendance at the last meeting for them to vote on the signs we requested, so it has been postponed until their next meeting. I will keep you posted!

Brochure from Sheriff's Dept.: Please see the enclosed paper for important information from the sheriff!



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!



Community Event: This Saturday is Fire Prevention Day at Home Depot in Chelsea; check it out!

Blessings,

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