



St. Rose School

CHELSEA, MA

October 14, 2010

Dear Families,

In the Gospel on Sunday, Luke's story of the ten lepers reminds us how important it is to thank God for the wonderful things he puts in his life. Sometimes we get so caught up in everything that we forget to stop and give thanks. Please know how thankful I am for all of you, for the gifts you send us each day in your wonderful children, and for your commitment to their education. We have a lot coming up between now and Christmas, and we are going to need your help. Please think about how you might be able to help St. Rose be the best it can be for your child. Please read on:

Fundraising: Thank you SO much to everyone who participated in our Meadow Farms fundraising! The grand total coming in was \$8,433.50 (50% of which is profit for the school). A special thanks to K2, Grade 2, Grade 5, Grade 7, and Grade 8, who all had more than 50% participation and will be in a pig race in the near future to compete for a class pizza party! Grade 5 had the most participation, with 61% of their class selling items, and Grade 2 raised the most money. Many thanks to all of you for your hard work!

Lunches: Please see attached letter to order the school lunch for your child for the week of October 25-29. There has been some confusion about these lunch slips. Because we send them home on Thursday, we don't think it's fair to ask for them back by Friday for the coming week, so these are done a week in advance. You have already sent forms and paid for next week's lunches. This slip is for the following week.

Christmas Festival: This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. This year's festival will be December 3-4. Mark your calendars! We will need everyone's help to make this a success. Please see the enclosed flyer and send it back by Monday so that we know what we'll be able to count on you for! Thank you to everyone who came to the first planning meeting. Our next one will be Thursday, October 21 at 6pm. Everyone is welcome!

FTO: Many thanks to all who were able to attend our last Family/Teacher Organization meeting. The group set the goal of raising funds to eventually re-pave the back lot, in order to make it a safer and more enjoyable place for the children to play. Several great ideas were mentioned; look for an announcement for a parent coffee social in the near future! The next meeting will be Thursday, October 28 at 6:30pm.

Service Opportunity: Please see enclosed paper regarding an opportunity to live our mission through a work of mercy. We will be collecting deodorant, shampoo, and soap as Christmas gifts for the men living at Bridgewater State Hospital. Please help if you can.

Fall Pictures: O'Connor Studios will be here TOMORROW to take students' fall pictures. You received an envelope/order form last week. Please send that back in with your child's teacher and EXACT CHANGE for any order you'd like to place. Students may wear whatever you choose for these pictures.

Need a dentist?: Many thanks to Dr. Masse and the folks at Affordable Family Dental (new in Chelsea) for visiting some of our younger students this past week, showing them how to brush their teeth properly,

and giving them new toothbrushes! Please call 617-889-2668 or visit www.affordabledentalchelsea.com for more information about this new local business!

Fencing Club: Thanks to everyone for sending back fencing interest papers. Lessons will be on Mondays and Fridays. Please fill out the enclosed permission slip so that we know how many students to expect each day.

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 return the permission slip sent home last week if interested, as soon as possible.

Girl Scouts: There is a Girl Scout troop that is starting up in Chelsea. If your daughter is in Gr. 1-3 and interested, please attend a meeting on October 25 at 6:30pm in the basement of the Chelsea Public Library. See Mr. MacNeil for more information.

7th Grade Parent Meeting: Part of 7th 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 7th graders in Catholic schools. Mr. Schell and I recently went to the training and will be teaching this curriculum to the 7th grade students beginning in November. We hope everyone can come on Wednesday, October 20 at 7pm 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.

Open House: Next Sunday, October 24 at 1pm, we will be having a Fall Open House for families interested in learning more about St. Rose. Enclosed is a flyer in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Please pass it on to a friend who might be interested. The best way for people to hear about our school is word of mouth from parents who are happy with the education their children are receiving here!

Mark your calendar:

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

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

Wednesday, October 20 - Gr. 6 & 7 field trip to the Commonwealth Museum in Dorchester

Friday, October 22 - Halloween Celebration (see flyer)

Saturday, October 23 - Bone Marrow Drive for Mrs. Morris (see flyer)

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

Blessings,

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