

St. Rose School

CHELSEA, MA

October 20, 2011

Dear Families,



As we continue to focus our Mission efforts this month on breast cancer awareness, I ask you to keep two St. Rose moms in your prayers who have had recent scares with this disease and are currently recovering from surgery. Please also pray for their families, as the emotional toll is difficult for all involved. There are many great things going on here at St. Rose in the coming week. Please read on:

Slush Tomorrow: Students may order **slush** for \$1.00. The order form is attached. They will receive it at lunch time tomorrow. Because K2 and Grade 1 will be on their field trip to Connors Farm, they will not receive slush this time.



Emergency Preparedness: Mr. MacNeil and Ms. Keeton have been attending monthly Chelsea Emergency Preparedness Roundtable meetings for the past year. We are in the process of updating our emergency plan here at St. Rose School and have created a committee of teachers to work on the initial draft, which we will then flesh out with the Emergency Manager from the city. It is great for you as a family to also be prepared for an **emergency**. Please review the enclosed papers and make sure your child(ren) know what to do in case of an emergency. Even our K1 students should be able to call 911 and say their name, address, etc. A great website is FEMA's kids' website: <http://www.ready.gov/kids/home.html>.

Calendar Change: October's calendar shows that 8th grade will be sponsoring a "Fun Day" next Friday. We have decided to move this to Monday the 31st in an attempt to limit the chaos fun of Halloween to a single day. A paper will be going home very soon about this. Students who participate will be allowed to wear their Halloween costumes that day at school. On Friday the 28th we will have a standard **Tag Day**. Students are encouraged to wear fall or Halloween colors if they so choose, rather than their uniform.



Congratulations!: Our school, and others around the Archdiocese, were asked to select a student who works hard and sets a good example for his/her peers as our designated **Peter Lynch Scholar**. Last year our Peter Lynch Scholar was Diana Silva. This year, the staff has selected Chloe Renik in Grade 3 for this honor. Congratulations, Chloe and Diana! You are great representatives of our school.

Foundation Day: This Saturday the Sisters of Providence will celebrate their **Foundation Day**. They take this day each year to honor their foundress, St. Mother Theodore Guerin. She was a very special woman who gave her life to help those in need. The Sisters of Providence have been teaching here at St. Rose for over 100 years. We will have a special prayer service tomorrow morning for Community Gathering to honor our Sisters of Providence, and we will also host them for a special luncheon tomorrow. For more information about the Sisters of Providence, please see: www.spsmw.org.



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.



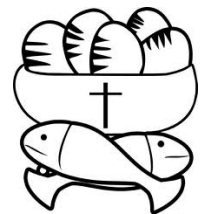
Thank You: Thank you to everyone who helped out with our **Open House** last weekend. Our students spoke in Vietnamese, English, and Spanish at the respective Masses on Sunday, and many of our 8th graders volunteered their time to be tour guides for prospective families. Most of our staff gave up their Sunday afternoon to be present as well; your time is greatly appreciated!

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 has come to our meetings so far! We are in the process of soliciting donations and sponsors among local businesses. If you or someone you know is interested in helping with this, please let Ms. Keeton know soon. Additionally, we have already begun collecting adult and child prizes for the punch board. If you have something you'd like to contribute to that, or a bigger item for a raffle, please speak with Ms. Keeton. Future meetings will be at 6pm on 11/2, 11/16, and 11/28. This is one of those events where we need EVERYONE'S help. We cannot pull off something like this alone. Please think about what you can do to help!



Lunches: Please see attached letter to order the **school lunch** for your child for the week of October 24-28. 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: Many thanks to Grade 7 for hosting a great Mass on Monday, to our altar servers, to Ms. Horne for teaching every class the songs, and to Father Succes for being our celebrant! We know that we are fortunate to be in a Catholic school where we can celebrate faith together through the **liturgy**. Father Succes had some great wisdom to share with us from the Gospel as well, about not being greedy and giving God the time he deserves.



Parking in Front: Our request was on the agenda for the **parking meeting** this week, so we should hear something soon. I will let you know!



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! Also, if you do much online shopping, please look into e-boxtops. The enclosed flyer has more information. Thank you!



Blessings,

Caitlin Keeton, Principal