



St. Rose School

CHELSEA, MA

October 21, 2010

Dear Families,

“Pray always, without growing weary.” That advice from last Sunday’s Gospel is easier said than done! In this day of instant communication and technology, sometimes we forget that we can’t do everything ourselves; we must rely on God. One of the great gifts of our faith is the opportunity to celebrate and worship together as a community. We do this here at school every morning and every afternoon when we pray together over the intercom. On Monday mornings, we gather together in the hall for community gatherings. Once a month we celebrate Mass together as a school. These traditions are important because they help children to know that they aren’t alone. Jesus tells us that where two or more are gathered in his name, he is there as well. I encourage you to pray together as a family at home, and to take your child to church on a regular basis. You may not see what a difference it makes now, but I promise you that the benefits will become apparent in the future, when these children have tough choices to make and choose to turn to God for help, rather than losing hope or seeking relief in unhealthy behaviors. Let us know how we can support your family in your faith lives. Please read on about all that is happening this week:

Lunches: Please see attached letter to order the school lunch for your child for the week of November 1-5. November’s menu is also attached.

Halloween Celebrations TOMORROW: Thank you to everyone who has pre-paid for their ticket to the Halloween celebrations. Just a reminder that Grades K-4 can come from 5:00-7:00 and Grades 5-8 will have their dance from 7:00-9:00. For the first celebration, siblings that are children younger than 10 may come, but all children must be accompanied by a parent, must be in costume, and must pay the admission fee. For the dance for the older students, current students only may attend and everyone must come in costume. Costumes may NOT include weapons of any kind. As always, the rules are for the children’s safety. We look forward to a fun night for all!

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. There will be a planning meeting tonight at 6pm for anyone who can come. Thank you to all who have returned flyers volunteering for this event. More information to come next week!

2010-2011 Academic Calendar: Enclosed you will find a calendar with important dates for the year. This was requested by parents at the FTO meeting and we hope it will be helpful to you for planning vacations, childcare, etc. Please know that these dates are subject to change, but we will do our best to follow this.

Chelsea Community Schools: You all received a little booklet from this organization earlier this year in your Thursday folder. Mr. MacNeil recently met with them and learned that St. Rose students can participate in any of the events or classes listed there; you do not have to be a resident of Chelsea. Please take advantage of the great opportunities available for students of all ages!

FTO: The next meeting will be Thursday, October 28 at 6:30pm.

Toiletries Collection: We are still collecting deodorant, shampoo, and soap as Christmas gifts for the men living at Bridgewater State Hospital. Please help if you can.

3 Minute Retreat: If you're looking for a great way to start your day, visit www.loyolapress.com/retreat for inspiring images, soothing music, Scripture verses, and reflective questions to prepare your heart and mind for the day ahead. This is from our religion text publisher and is FREE. It's also available in English and Spanish!

Fencing Club: Thanks to everyone for sending back fencing interest papers. Lessons will be on Mondays and Fridays, starting next Monday, October 25.

Running Club: Thanks to all middle school students who are participating in Miss O'Rourke's running club. This is a great opportunity to learn the ins and outs of running with the support of a coach and peers. There is still room if anyone else would like to join.

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 Monday, October 25 at 6:30pm in the basement of the Chelsea Public Library. See Mr. MacNeil for more information.

Open House: This 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 22 - Halloween Celebrations

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

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

Friday, October 29 - Halloween Party for all students hosted by Grade 8 (flyer to come)

Monday, November 1 - School Mass hosted by Grade 2 for the Solemnity of All Saints; "Cookies for Santa" fundraiser begins

Tuesday, November 2 - NO SCHOOL - Election Day

Friday, November 5 - 11:30 Dismissal for Professional Development

Wednesday, November 10 - 7pm 1st Communion meeting for all 2nd Grade parents

Blessings,

Caitlin Keeton, Principal