



St. Rose School

CHELSEA, MA

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Dear Families,

I just got back from visiting another Catholic school in another part of the state for its accreditation visit. It was a great opportunity to see another school in action; I got some good ideas and learned what it's like to be on the other side of the accreditation process! Speaking of accreditation, I'm sure you remember that after our visit here at St. Rose last year, we were given a year to improve three of the fifteen standards which we didn't initially pass. I'm happy to report that I had a meeting with NEASC last week and they are moving us up to the passing range on those three standards! Now we are just waiting for a report from the Archdiocese and hopefully our accreditation will be official sometime this spring! Great things are happening here; it is exciting for me to be a part of it! Speaking of exciting things, please read on:

Uniform Reminder: For the most part, students have been doing a great job of following the dress code and wearing the proper uniform. However, there are a couple of things that we have noticed over and over again (primarily hooded sweaters, white socks, and boots), so please note the following, which come directly from the Handbook for Students and Families:

Girls – white or maroon polo shirt with St. Rose School emblem, navy pants or skort, **navy socks or tights**, and **navy or black shoes** with rubber soles



Boys – white or maroon polo shirt with St. Rose School emblem, navy pants (or shorts during hot weather), **navy socks**, and **navy or black shoes** with rubber soles

On cold days, students may wear a **plain navy cardigan or sweater** over their uniform. They may also wear the official St. Rose School sweatshirt or fleece jacket with the school emblem. **Students may wear boots to school on snowy days, but they must take them off when they get to school and put on regular school shoes.**

The following are not allowed at any time: **hoodie sweatshirts**, hats/ball caps, **boots (including Uggs)**, ostentatious jewelry (more than 2 bracelets or necklaces, large dangling or hoop earrings, etc.), excessive makeup, body piercing (other than a single piercing in each earlobe), **hair dye, hair streaks, hair highlighting**, dread locks, **fad haircuts** like mohawks, words or images shaved into hair. All hair should be styled in such a way that facial features are visible at all times. Boys' hair length should not reach below the top of the shirt collar or cover their ears. Boys may not wear earrings.

The reason we have a dress code is so that all students will come to school appropriately covered and dressed for success. We want them to feel good about themselves and be freed from distractions and materialistic concerns so they can focus on learning. The final decision as to what constitutes proper and appropriate dress rests with the principal; please direct any questions or concerns to the office.

Calendar Change Reminder: October's calendar shows that 8th grade will be sponsoring a “**Fun Day**” tomorrow. We have decided to move this to Monday the 31st in an attempt to limit the ~~chaos~~ fun of Halloween to a single day. Tomorrow, 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 recently participated in the Catholic Schools Foundation's Christmas Card Art Contest. In their art classes with Ms. Horne, students drew and colored Christmas scenes. Two of our students won honorable mentions for their work: Leah Breton and David Bui, both in Grade 6. Great job, artists! Their artwork will be on display at the Pastoral Center in Braintree during the month of December and at the CSF's Christmas Dinner.

Lice: It's that time of year again; we have had several cases of lice in the school. Please check your child's hair for nits and if you see anything, use a special shampoo to kill them. For more information, please see: http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dph/cdc/factsheets/head_lice.pdf.



FTO: I am thrilled to announce that Marisol Coreas, mother of Natalie in Grade 3 and Michelle in K2, has will be **co-coordinator of FTO** with Sharon Rodriguez-Alvarez this year. This really is a big job, and I think it will be much better for it to be shared by two people. Thank you to both of these ladies for being willing to step up and help!

All Saints Day: In honor of the Feast of All Saints, next Tuesday we will be celebrating our monthly school Mass at 9 am. Grade 6 will host this Mass. Please join us if you can!

Thanksgiving: Please note on November's calendar that we will NOT have school on Wednesday, November 23. Originally we were going to have a half day, but we have decided to cancel school on that day to allow everyone time for travel and family preparations. Please plan accordingly.

Table of Remembrance: Every year, the Church designates the month of November as a time to honor those who have died. As a school, we will have a table in the front lobby, which will be our Table of Remembrance. We invite you to send in pictures, prayer cards, and other mementos of loved ones who have died. Please put their name and your child's name on the back so that we know who to return them to at the end of the month! Thank you.

New Student Council: Congratulations to the following students who were recently elected by their peers for this year's Student Council! They took their oaths of office yesterday and had their first meeting. This group of students will work hard to represent their fellow students and plan fun activities to make this year special. We thank them in advance for being willing to serve!

President - Sarah Nguyen	Vice President - Declan Corchado	Ciara Morris - Secretary
Treasurer - Tuyen Tran	Gr. 8 Representative - Melat Behailu	Gr. 7 Rep. - Jose Martinez
Gr. 6 Rep. - Esteban Serrano	Gr. 5 Rep. - Melissa Gamez	Gr. 4 Rep. - Rebecca Jules



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!: 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 31 – November 4. 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.



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,

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