



St. Rose School

CHELSEA, MA

December 15, 2011

Dear Families,

Happy Third Week of Advent! This will be my final newsletter for 2011, so please read carefully! This week we take a break from the serious waiting that we have been doing and rejoice because Christmas is near. We light a pink candle in addition to the purple ones, and we think about what it means to be joyful. On Monday at our prayer service, we talked about the difference between happiness and joy. Nobody is happy all the time; happiness depends on what is happening around us and to us. Sometimes things happen that make us very unhappy, but none of those things should be able to steal our joy. Joy is lasting and we should always be filled with joy because we are always loved by God. During this holy season, and especially during the Christmas holidays, my wish for you and for all of the students and teachers at St. Rose is for peace, joy, and love in your hearts and in your homes. May God bless you all for the love you give to our children, for the sacrifices you make, and for taking on the hardest job in the world: parenthood! Please read on:

No Gym: There will be NO GYM CLASSES next week. Please wear the regular uniform on gym days.

Report Cards: Many thanks to everyone who has returned your child's report card. If you have not already done so, please return it signed as soon as possible (it must be in before Christmas vacation).

Traffic Signs: I finally heard that the City of Chelsea has granted our request for new signs out front. We should have them within the next month or so! Stay tuned.

Toys: It has come to my attention that many students have been bringing toys to school. School (and after school) is not the place for toys; they should stay at home. We have plenty of games, puzzles, and other activities to keep students entertained during indoor recess and after school. The rest of the day, students are focused on learning. Please help us by checking your child's backpack and leaving toys at home!

Donation: A friend of St. Rose is moving to Connecticut and would like to offer some of her furniture, household items, and family's clothing to an interested St. Rose family. Please notify Ms. Keeton as soon as possible if you are interested in these items.

Honor Roll: Congratulations to the following students in Grades 4-8 who achieved honor roll for the first grading period!


High Honors (no more than 1 B; no "1"s or "N"s): Ciara Morris, Hang Nguyen, Matthew Monsalve, Leah Breton, Peter Do, Cherry Le, Anthony Reyes, Beza Wondwossen

Honors (all A's and B's; no "1"s or "N"s): Melat Behailu, Hadassah Cormier, Sarah Nguyen, Michelle Balcarcel, Jose Martinez, Malcolm Norman, Alys Bosque, Jarelle Chuy, Veronica Medina, Antonio DeSimone, Dina Figueroa, Hannalyn Nguyen, Andrew Acluche, Melissa Gamez, Alessandro Grutti, Kayla Interbartolo, Jessica Morales, Shobhadevi Singh, Hannah Cormier, Alyssa Hiduchick, Michelle Nguyen, Thao-Mi Nguyen, Vinny Nguyen, Diana Silva, Josiah Thompson, Timothy Tran

Winter Weather: A few reminders: unless it is pouring rain, we will not open the front doors until 7:30, so please do not come (or drop off your children) earlier than that. All children need to dress for the weather, with a coat, a hat, gloves, and a scarf. They go outside for recess, gym, and other occasions, and



need to be prepared! If your child does not have these items, please let Ms. Keeton know and she will try to see if she can find them for him/her. If it snows and you think there is a possibility that we won't have school, tune in to Channel 4 (WBZ), Channel 7, Channel 5 (WCVB) or Fox 25 and look for St. Rose Elementary. I will call in as soon as I make a decision. All decisions are made based on the likelihood that teachers and students can get to school safely.

GoodSearch: Need to know more about something? Instead of using Google, try using www.goodsearch.com. You can put in St. Rose School (Chelsea, MA) as the charity you want to benefit each time you use this search engine. 

Survey Reminder: Each family received a survey on Tuesday. We ask that you take a few minutes to complete it thoughtfully and return it no later than next Tuesday. If you do, your child(ren) will receive a coupon for a free tag day next Wednesday. The results of this survey will help us to improve St. Rose School. Thank you in advance for your help.

NO AFTER SCHOOL: Just a reminder that there will be no after school next Thursday, December 22. It is a half day. Dismissal for all students is at 11:30 am. Merry Christmas!

Lunches: Please see attached letter to order the **school lunch** for your child for the weeks of Dec. 19 - 21 and January 3 - 6. Since we do not have school on Monday, January 2, we are asking everyone to send these back and pay before the holidays. 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.



Half Day: Just a reminder that next Thursday, Dec. 22 is a HALF DAY. Students will dismiss at 11:30. School resumes TUESDAY, January 3.

Registration: Early re-registration will open up to returning families in early January. During Catholic Schools Week, we will open registration to new families. Please plan to re-register early to guarantee your child a spot!



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! Please ask Ms. Keeton if you have any questions.



BrainPOP: Don't forget to use it at home! www.brainpop.com. Our username is: strosechelsea and our password is: 580broadway.

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!



Blessings,

Caitlin Keeton, Principal