



News & Notes

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Courage is the value we will be focusing on during the month of February. Please make sure you ask your children how this value is being taught in their various classes over the next few weeks.

We continue this week with our Catholic Schools Week activities. Many thanks to Karen Frechette, Lynn Gorman and all of the parent volunteers who assisted us on Monday to insure that the staff luncheon was enjoyed by all!

Yesterday, we had the opportunity to formally say thank you to our priests and say goodbye to Fr. John Dobranski. We are so blessed to have our priests be such a presence to us here at school. At the beginning of the year, each classroom was assigned a priest from the Archdiocese to pray for each day. Students wrote cards and letters this week to be mailed to them letting them know we are keeping them in prayer.

We are looking forward to seeing our parents tomorrow during our parent open house. Due to space constraints, we do ask that you not bring younger siblings when visiting. Coffee and pastries will be available downstairs in the cafeteria from 8:45am-9:30am before visiting the classrooms. Please stop by the office at the end of your visit to pick up your parent appreciation gift. We had 2010 calendars printed with our student RSPS 09-10 picture at the top. We ordered one for every family. If you cannot join us on Thursday and would still like a copy of the calendar, please call or email Mrs. O'Connell (ext. 267 or koconnell@resstpaul.org) and let her know how you would like it sent home.

This Friday, we will celebrate our First Friday Mass at 10:15am in the church. We will be collecting nonperishable bag lunches for the homeless as students enter the school. Our Daily Bread reports that the needs are up during this time of the year and wanted to pass along their thanks for our ongoing generosity. Immediately following mass, we will honor Dr. Valenti and say thank you for his years of service to RSPS while working as superintendent. He will be retiring at the end of June.

Friday is also Student Appreciation Day. All students should wear their blue ribbon tee shirts with their school sweatpants or blue jeans and tennis shoes. Students will be playing buddy bingo in the afternoon and will enjoy a rice krispy treat as well as receive a special gift reminding them of our theme.

Gala chairs Kelly Andrew and Linda Baker did a fantastic job with the Winter in Monte Carlo event this past weekend! Many thanks to them and the dozens of volunteers including Paul Hogan who ran the casino, to Jim Spedding and his terrific band, and to Donna Schaaf with her student volunteers who assisted in greeting guests. Many thanks also to those who donated auction items and to all those who braved the weather to join us!

The RSPS children's winter event will take place Sunday, February 7th at 1:00pm until 3:00pm at Brunswick Zone in Normandy. Please arrive 10 to 15 minutes early to check in. We are no longer accepting additional children through school, but the entire bowling alley is reserved for RSPS and there will be space for additional children. If you did not RSVP to the school, you can still attend the event by paying the bowling alley directly at the cost of \$15 per child the day of the event.

Congratulations to Ms. Carrie Buppert who has been named Resurrection-St. Paul School's Teacher of the Year for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Ms. Buppert was selected by her peers for her passion for education and love for her students. She will be honored at an upcoming banquet this spring.

Thank you also to our teachers who are celebrating milestones at RSPS. Mrs. Julie Boston, Mrs. Stephanie Finamore, Mr. Nick Caputo, and Mrs. Sharon Tornatore are all celebrating 5 years of service. Mrs. Gaye Euler is celebrating 10 years of service and Mrs. Myrtle Fisher is celebrating 25 years of service to RSPS.

Congratulations to 8th graders Kathryn McCauslin, Mary Kate Cassidy, Shannon Larson, Margaret Maclean, Becca Miller and Alexis Becker who all participated in Notre Dame Prep's egg dropping competition. While they did not win the overall competition, both groups had eggs that did not break during the drop! Thank you to Mr. Caputo who oversaw these students.

Congratulations to our Band. They performed this past Sunday at OLPH in celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Our band sounded fantastic! Many thanks to Mrs. Day who really challenges our students to do their best. They really sounded like a Blue Ribbon Band!

Good luck to our It's Academic Team. They will participate this Saturday in Cardinal Gibbons annual It's Academic Tournament. We are sending four teams of students. Go RSPS!

Good luck to 8th graders Max Andrew, Joseph Meyers, and Liam McCormack who will take part in the Mount St. Joseph High School Speech competition this coming Saturday. They have worked really hard sharpening their oratory skills. They are definitely putting the value of courage into action! Standing up in a room full of strangers and giving an original speech definitely requires courage!

Students participating in after school activities will exit the building upstairs by the link between the church and the school following all activities (including band). Please do not enter via the cafeteria or the main foyer of the school as these doors should be kept closed at all time.

We are still having reporting issues with Power School. We have chosen not to turn parent access off since the issues are not affecting the majority of the students. This is an Archdiocesan issue and we have been assured that it is being addressed.

Next week, we have several days with altered bus service. Please note that on February 11th we do not have bus service home from school and on February 12th there is no bus service and parents must provide transportation both ways.

Re-registration is underway. All forms are due back by Friday, February 19th. If your child will not be returning to RSPS in the fall we require that you put that information in writing and send it to the office. Please be mindful that re-registration forms must be returned by February 19, 2010 in order to secure your child's spot for the 2010-2011 school year. Re-registration forms that come in to the business office after February 19th will be subject to the \$100.00 non-refundable application fee as well space availability for that grade. Thank you in advance for getting this in on time.

A new club has formed for our 5th - 8th grade boys and girls who are looking for something fun and informative to participate in after school. This new club is called MAD which stands for "Making A Difference". They had their first meeting this week and are looking for additional members. The club meets on Monday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Club moderators, Mrs. Garman and Mrs. Carpenter will meet with the members to discuss topics surrounding friendships. Games and snacks will also be provided. Please contact them if additional information is needed or to let them know that your child will be joining them at dgarman@resstpaul.org or tcarpenter@resstpaul.org.

March lunch menus are coming home today and are due back by Monday, February 8th. Mrs. Gioio and her staff appreciate getting the orders in on time. When orders come in late, they may not be able to be processed given the extra time it takes to change orders and tallies. Thank you for consideration and support of the lunch program.

We are partnering with Vocelli's Pizza next Tuesday night for a fundraiser for Haiti. Mr. Ralph Santucci is offering to donate 15% of all proceeds from our families purchasing food from their store anytime this Tuesday, February 9th. His store will match the funds raised and the donation will be added to our collection for Catholic Relief Services to help Haiti. Thank you in advance for your participation!

The Creative Writing Club will not be meeting this Friday morning, but will have its next meeting on Friday, February 12th at 8:15am. In addition, if you're interested in submitting any writings or drawings for the 2009-2010 publication of the Creative Writing Club Magazine, please see Mr. Deegan for details. We would LOVE to have a large sampling of entries from students in grades 4-8, so feel free to share your creativity with the school!

Finally, it has been brought to my attention that there is a lot of "talk" within our school community about all sorts of things. Coming home today is an invitation to join me for coffee this coming Monday morning from 9:30-10:30am in MP Room 1. If you are unable to make it, but have some concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me. If you have questions or comments that you wish me to address but do not want to bring them up in a crowd, please forward those to me as well. I hope to see you on Monday.

Upcoming Dates:

- Thursday, February 4th – Parent Appreciation Visit from 8:45-11:30
- Friday, February 5th – Blue Ribbon Tee Shirt Day / Lunch for Lambs
- Sunday, February 7th – Cosmic Bowling winter event
- Monday, February 8th – Coffee with Mrs. Murphy
- Wednesday, February 10th – 12:30 dismissal with busing both ways

Coming Home this Week:

- Lunch menus for the month of March- due back by February, 8th
- Flyer invitation to have coffee with Mrs. Murphy on Monday, February 8th
- Book It forms for students in grades Prek-5.

In your prayers this week, please remember all those who are seriously ill and in need of God's healing presence, especially, Brother James Kelly, President of Mt. St. Joseph High School; Tom Herbert, brother in law of Valerie and uncle of Graham Bateman; Addison Dewey, step-father of Mrs. Patton; Ben Price, nephew of Mrs. Mansfield and cousin of Jack and Mark Mansfield; Delma Ramsay, grandmother of Bella and Alena Nosel; Mary Murphy, mother of Mrs. Clar; Patti Antone, aunt of Erin, Sean, Gabe and Gianna Antone; Mrs. Gaye Euler; Kathy Moldenhauer, grandmother of Max Moldenhauer; and Carol Seboda, grandmother of Max and Katie Pfeiler.

Peace,

Karen Murphy
Principal