



News & Notes



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we start the second week of our Lenten journey, let us pray for each other as we try to remain true to our Lenten promises made just one week ago!

Our spring book fair is setup and ready to begin sales tomorrow in the library. Please stop by and take a look at our spring selection! The schedule is coming home in a flier today.

Students in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this coming Monday during the school day. Please know that both Church of the Resurrection and St. Paul's will offer confessions each Wednesday evening. Check parish websites for times.

Our *Quarters for Quakes* collection has been counted and we are happy to announce that our school community raised **\$7,467.58!** The checks were mailed to Catholic Relief Services yesterday. A big thank you to Branch Manager Stephen Topping with PNC Bank in Ellicott City who allowed us to cash in over \$4,000 in change! Thank you also to the Terry and Teresa Farrell and their family for lugging the coins to the bank! Many thanks to all who participated. **Students in grades 3-5 have won a no uniform day next Thursday, March 4th for bringing in the most money.** All students were given soft pretzels yesterday in celebration of this collection!

Congratulations to the students who made the closest predictions as to how much change was in each of the jars. Brianna Starr, Kylee Brown and Jasmine Edrington all submitted the closest estimates for their age group. All of our winners won a free book from the book fair!

Many thanks to Roseanne Vizzini Elsby and Vicky Kircher for all of their hard work in putting together the children's bowling social this past Sunday. The weather was beautiful and the kids had a fantastic time! We took up just about all of the lanes.

Congratulations to Mr. Alex Will (grade 3) and his wife Tara on the birth of their new daughter Lena Elizabeth. Lena was born this past Saturday and everyone is doing well. Please continue to keep this new family in your prayers. We welcome Mrs. Lucinda Peters who will be covering for Mr. Will.

Vision and hearing screening for Kindergarten students who were not previously screened has been rescheduled for March 11, 2010.

Several re-registration forms were sent in incomplete and are being returned home today through Wednesday mail. PLEASE check for these and complete forms as directed. These should be returned to school tomorrow.

Next week we will have the Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation Mobile Science Lab here for students in Kindergarten through grade five. It is our third year with this fun and educational hands on science lab. However, **this year the labs will involve contact with food and fiber products**, specifically dairy and wool. Although students will not consume these products, we want you all to be aware of possible contact that may occur. If you have concerns about your child's involvement due to allergies, please contact Mrs. Suarez at ext. 261 by Friday, February 26th.

Also, the mobile science lab requires volunteer support. We will need one volunteer for the morning session and one for the afternoon session (times vary depending on the day). Please contact Karen O'Connell at koconnell@resstpaul.org or ext. 267 ASAP if you are able to help or with any questions.

Friday, March 12th is the annual RSPS FISH FRYDAY. This is a Lenten tradition. Last week the HSA sent home a newsletter asking for middle school students and adults to volunteer the evening of the event for set-up, serving and clean-up. Also, families are needed to bake desserts that will be served the evening of the event. If you are interested in volunteering or baking, please contact Kim Humphrey-Chavez at kimhumphrey@aol.com or at 410-375-2756. Also, a flyer was sent home last Wednesday to order dinners for the event. Please complete the form, enclose a check (no cash please) and return it to the school main office. Tickets will not be issued, a check-in list will be at the main door the evening of the event. Two seatings will be held for the event.

HSA Nominations for 2010-2011- The HSA is interested in obtaining nominations for the following positions: 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer (1 year term). Information was sent home last Wednesday regarding each position. The HSA is the parent/guardian organization for RSPS, therefore your assistance is needed to begin planning for the upcoming year. If you are interested, please contact Sue Ellen Grove at 410-418-4549 or at sueellengrove@hotmail.com.

It looks as though winter is not done with us yet! If we should miss another day of school due to snow, we will be going to school on Wednesday, March 10th. This is currently on the calendar as a professional development day, but we will use this as a regular day of classes if necessary. We will be following Howard County School System for any delays or closings. PLEASE remember to check our website for updates!! Come on spring☺

Also, if the weather creates a delay tomorrow, we will shift our test times according to the same delay by Howard County. Therefore, a two hour delay in Howard County schools will cause all test times to shift two hours later than the original schedule. Should Howard County cancel school, testing will be rescheduled to take place on Thursday, March 4th.

Our semi-annual Toiletries for Tara collection will be our outreach project for the month of March. From March 1st through March 12th, we will be collecting toiletries in the school foyer. Please see flier for more specific details. This collection is done in memory of Tara Howard, a former RSPS and Mount de Sales graduate who was killed in an automobile accident. Toiletry items are collected and distributed to the homeless in Baltimore through the Happy Helpers for the Homeless organization which was started in her memory. Thank you once again for your generosity.

We still have a supply of "notes from home" pads and will gladly send one home if needed. Please contact the school office (ext. 241) if you would like one.

Coming home today:

- Letter to 5th grade parents
- Field trip information for 4th Grade parents (needs immediate attention)
- Flier for 8th grade parents
- Middle School Moonlight Flier for students in grades 6-8
- Book Fair Flier
- Toiletries for Tara collection flier

Upcoming Dates:

- Thursday, February 25th- NO SCHOOL FOR PRE-K and KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ONLY – we will be conducting new student testing
- Book Fair- February 25th - March 4th
- Mobile Science Lab visits – March 1st – March 5th
- Reconciliation, grades 3-8 – March 1st

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. Let us also remember those who have died, especially Charles Ferrara, grandfather of Anthony and Sara Ferrara. May God grant their family his healing peace at this difficult time.

Peace,

Karen Murphy
Principal