



News & Notes



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

“Celebrate Life” is a theme that our school will take on over the next few days. Our 6-8th graders will attend a prayer service on Thursday afternoon which will focus on life issues. This is in preparation of our 8th graders attending the National Right to Life Youth Mass and Rally on Friday morning. Next Tuesday our 5th graders will celebrate life in a variety of ways in memory of the one year anniversary of the death of their beloved classmate Lydia McCauslin. Finally, the images of the disaster in Haiti we have seen over the past week remind us all to take time each day to truly “Celebrate Life!”

Our 5th grade January outreach project celebrates new life with a baby shower benefitting the Howard County Pregnancy Center. We are still collecting new baby items in the foyer through this week. Thank you to all who generously donated baby items.

Our coin drop is taking on quite a life of its own! Stop by our school foyer and take a look at how much money we have collected so far. Thank you again for your generosity. All monies will be given to Catholic Relief Services who will make sure it gets to those in need in Haiti. Many thanks to Teresa Farrell, Maureen Petersen, Lewis Goode, and Kevin Sokoloff for their contributions to the decorating and chute assembly in the foyer.

Congratulations to Caroline Lawrence, the winner of our school wide spelling bee. Caroline will represent RSPS in the upcoming Howard County Scripps Spelling Bee next month. Congratulations also to her sister Audrey, who will represent RSPS in the Archdiocesan Spelling Bee for students in grades 4-6.

Tonight is our Chick-fil-A fundraiser which will be held from 5:00pm-9:00pm. In order for our school to receive a percentage of the sales in this fundraiser you must present a small green flier (that was sent home yesterday) while ordering. You must have the flier when you arrive as we are not permitted to hand out the fliers on their property. Our school will receive 20% of all sales generated from the fliers! Our last event raised over \$250.00 for our school.

Just a reminder that this Friday, January 22nd is a 12:30pm dismissal day for students with bus service to and from school. On Monday, January 25th, our school will be in regular session even though there is no school for Howard County Public Schools. There will be no bus service either way. In the event that we should have any bad or questionable weather, we would need to make our own call about late arrival or closing school. Therefore, on this occasion, the media will announce our school. We will also post it on our website and SchoolsOut will be notified. Any other time, we would follow the Howard County School System.

Coming home today is a letter of explanation and a permission slip for the Benziger Family Life series. Students will also be bringing home a copy of the text book for review sometime over the next week or so. Please call if you have any questions or concerns. Permission slips are due by next Wednesday, January 27th.

The Gala is fast approaching. It is going to be a great time for all and it is a terrific opportunity to support the school. Tickets are selling fast so purchase yours today.

We are still looking for electric griddles and warming plates for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon to be held during Catholic Schools Week on Monday, February 1st. Please contact Karen Frechette at ksfrechette@earthlink.net or drop them off at the school office. Please label the item with your name.

This is a reminder to provide a release from your child's doctor when your child returns to school after a surgery or hospitalization. If your child has any limitations or restrictions for school due to surgery, illness or injury, a note from your child's doctor is required. Consecutive absences of 5 days or more require a note from a doctor upon return. If your child requires medication administration during school hours (prescription or over the counter) a medication form signed by a doctor and the parent is required. Please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook or school web site for further information.

We would like to resume selling SCRIP gift certificates after all of the weekend Masses at the Church of the Resurrection. Please remember that your family will receive the tuition credit for all certificates purchased from non-school families. If you can volunteer on a regular basis- even if it is only one weekend a month- please email Karen O'Connell at koconnell@resstpaul.org.

Upcoming Dates:

- Friday, January 22nd- Right to Life Day. Buses leave for Mass and Rally for 8th graders at 6:30am.
- Friday, January 22nd- 12:30pm Dismissal with bus service to and from school
- Monday, January 25th- **Regular day of school- no bus service either way**- Please use both Paulskirk Dr. and Chatham Rd. for both arrival and dismissal. Please follow the teachers helping to direct traffic.
- Tuesday, January 26th- 9am Mass in Church in memory of Lydia McCauslin.

Coming Home this Week:

- Catholic Schools Week Schedule
- Permission Slip for Benziger Family Life series for students in grades K-8
- Scrapbooking Club flier for students in grades 3-8

In your prayers this week, please remember our 8th graders from Church of the Resurrection Parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this upcoming weekend. May they use their gifts of the Holy Spirit to do good things in building up God's Kingdom here on earth!

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; Eileen Ballenger, my mother; Mary Murphy, mother of Mrs. Clar; Patti Antone, aunt of Erin, Sean, Gabe and Gianna Antone; and Mrs. Gaye Euler. Let us remember all those who died, especially Jeannine Nadeau, grandmother of Mrs. Lynsey Mullenholz.

Peace,

Karen Murphy
Principal