



News & Notes



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Concern for Others is the value we have been working on during the month. Our second graders took their classroom prayer box, full of special intentions, with them to Adoration this past Monday. They placed the box down and asked God to please take care of their concerns for others as only he sees fit.

A big thank you to Mrs. Suarez and all who participated in the H1N1 vaccine clinic at school yesterday. Everything proceeded smoothly and the students receiving the vaccine did a great job. A special thanks to all the parent volunteers as we could not have done it without you! As a reminder, students under the age of 10 years should get a 2 dose of the H1N1 vaccine administered at least 4 weeks apart, to be fully protected. There are no plans at the present time for a second vaccine clinic at school. Check with your child's health practitioner or visit the local health department web site for future vaccine clinics to obtain the second dose.

The gift card sales are going great and we are happy to see so many families participating in the program and taking advantage of the 2% tuition rebate. We now have a new opportunity for families who would like to earn volunteer hours on the weekend AND earn extra rebate money too! If you attend Church of the Resurrection and would like to sell cards after any mass, please contact Karen O'Connell (koconnell@resstpaul.org) as soon as possible. The seller would receive the 2% rebate for the sales to parishioners and your time would count toward your school volunteer hours. We hope to begin parish sales this weekend.

Speaking of gift cards, do you know that you can buy Barnes and Noble gift cards from us and use them at the RSPS Barnes and Noble day on November 30th? We will be selling Barnes & Noble gift cards in \$10 and \$25 amounts at drop off in the morning and at dismissal in the afternoon on Monday the 30th. (Our first day back after Thanksgiving break.) Cash or checks will be accepted.

A flier coming home today will provide information on the annual Barnes and Noble book fair. When you make a purchase **any time that day** with the "coupon" found on the flier, RSPS will receive 20% of your purchase total in a gift card that can be used for library and classroom supplies from Barnes and Noble. Additionally, from 6-8 pm school staff will be on hand reading stories and wrapping presents, the choir will perform and perhaps the Panther will be there too. The flier is posted on our home page if you need extras to share with friends and family.

For one of our outreach projects in December, we will have a toy drive. For the next three weeks, we will be collecting new toys (items) to benefit several local organizations. We

suggest that your child pick out an inexpensive toy or item that they would like to receive themselves for Christmas and bring it into school anytime now through mid December.

Coming home today is an invitation to all our moms for the annual Mother's Tea at Kelsey's Restaurant on Friday, December 4th from 9-11am. Please return the paper immediately if you are able to join us. We need a headcount the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

The RSPS HSA's Annual Trees and Greens Sale will be held on December 5th and 6th, 2009 in the Resurrection Church Hall. Pre-order forms are being sent home today and they must be returned by Monday, November 30,2009.

We are in need of volunteers to help unload the Christmas trees when they are delivered on Thursday, December 3rd between 3:30-4:30 pm. Volunteers are also needed to work at the Trees and Greens Sale during the following times:

Friday, December 4th, 1:30pm until 9pm
Saturday, December 5th 8am until 7:30pm
Sunday, December 6th 8am until 1 pm

If you are willing to help unload trees or to work a 2-hour shift at the sale, please contact **Trudi Louzon** at **410-442-2158** or email louzontr@yahoo.com.

Please join us if you can at the annual Hoff Decorator Show House Tour on Wednesday, December 9th. This spectacular event showcases the Clarksville home of Tom and Norma Hoff featuring 19 holiday decorated rooms. This year they have added a special evening "Wine and Design" tour. Please see the flier coming home today with more information on this wonderful spirit filled event.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Hoff Decorator Show House events, please contact Karen O'Connell (koconnell@resstpaul.org) as soon as possible. Volunteers will be stationed in each room to welcome guests and describe some of the features of the room. All the information will be provided but you will need to show up 15 minutes before your shift. The 2 shifts are 11 am – 3 pm or 6 pm – 9 pm. Please specify in your email which shift you can work.

Report cards will be sent home with the students on Tuesday, November 24th. Please check your child's backpack for this important document.

Reminders:

- There will be no bus service home next Monday as we will be in school all day.
- On Tuesday dismissal for all will be at 12:30pm with bus service.
- There will be NO EDUCARE on Tuesday.

Coming home today:

- Mothers Tea flier
- Home and School Association newsletter
- Knights of Columbus Poster Contest and card order
- Hoff Decorator Show House flier
- Trees and Greens order form
- Entertainment Book flier
- Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday, November 24th- 11:30am Thanksgiving Prayer Svc. 12:30 Dismissal
- Monday, November 30th- 6-8pm – RSPS Barnes and Noble Night
- Friday, December 4th- 9-11am- Mother's Tea at Kelsey's
- Saturday, December 5th- Breakfast with Santa/Trees and Greens Sale
- Wednesday, December 9th- Christmas Decorator Show House Tour
- Thursday, December 10th- RSPS Group walk through-Symphony of Lights at 4:30pm

In your prayers this week, please remember all those who are seriously ill and in need of God's healing presence, especially, Richard Callahan, father of Patricia Nugent; Brother James Kelly, President of Mt. St. Joseph High School; Tom Herbert, brother in law of Valerie and uncle of Graham Bateman; Pete Melynk, uncle of Jen Miller and great uncle of John, Carly and Amanda Miller; Addison Dewey, step-father of Ms. Patton; Annette Garib, grandmother of Sarah and Meghan Hudson.

We wish all of our families a wonderful Thanksgiving, spent among family and friends in celebration and thanks for all of our many blessings.

Peace,

Karen Murphy
Principal