



News & Notes

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our teachers have done a great job of teaching our students about the values of self control and self knowledge. Just walking around the school you will see lots of student's activities describing themselves and what gifts God has blessed them with to make each person unique. Many stories and activities have been done this month by all the staff to make these values more concrete. Ask your child what he/she has done in each of his/her classes.

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Lynn Gorman for hosting a wonderful tail gate party this past Friday evening. The turnout was fantastic and one of the largest ever! Many thanks also to the McManus family for catering the event. Arnie Gries was a terrific DJ while Rob Anderson did a great job as M.C. The weather was perfect and was a great way to "kick off" our school year.

Our fall school book fair will start this Friday, October 25th. Volunteers are still needed! Students will visit the library during their regular library periods. Students in grades 7 and 8 may visit during their lunch period. The library will be open from 8:30-9:00 AM and 3:30-4:00 PM for parents of Pre-K and Kindergarten to shop. Additionally, Mrs. Grue will open the library up from 6-7 PM for parents to shop on Thursday, October 1st before attending the Archdiocesan meeting on Catholic Schools in the church. Double volunteer hours will be given for each adult in attendance at that meeting. Limited babysitting is still available during the meeting. Please call Linda Lynch ASAP to reserve a space. No drop ins will be accepted that evening.

There will be a Parent Coffee tomorrow morning at 9:15am in Multipurpose Room 1. This is a great time for new parents (or veteran parents) to come and bring your questions about the school. We know belonging to this school community can be a bit overwhelming and everyone always has questions, comments or concerns, so please stop by and we will try our best to get you some answers or at least point you in the right direction!

Thank you to those who have already completed and turned in the family income survey. This is very important for funding so if you have not yet sent yours back, please do so by this Friday. Also, please send us your Handbook Acknowledgement (found in the back of the handbook) form if you have not already done so.

Coming home to 8th graders today is an important letter containing information about the graduation fee and how names should appear on the diplomas.

The United Nations has declared the 21st of September to be the International Day of Peace. Each year, the Secretary-General of the UN calls for a world-wide cease-fire throughout the day and one minute of prayerful silence at high noon. In participation, the Resurrection Earth Environmental Club created a giant Peace Dove which is now hanging in the foyer of our school, and our school stopped for one minute to pray for peace. On Sunday, September 20th, members of the club took the Peace Dove to the Baltimore Farmers Market to promote peace through the responsible use of our natural resources. The members in attendance on Sunday were: Jennifer Myers, Mary Sprague, Sarah O'Callaghan, Brianna Starr, Molly Tucker, Morgan and Taylor Sigur, Tommy Reese, Lexi Souder, Joe Sokoloff, Katie Anderson, Bridget Williams, Brigid and Grace Carney, William Plessner, Jake Pieniazek, Eric Hynson, Grace Rout, Maggy Delisio, Ryan McShea, Sara Musgrove, Ikenna Obi, Trae and Shaelyn Baker, Lauren McKenna, Abigail Conte, and Tess Weber. Be sure to stop by the school to see our beautiful symbol of peace!

Keep saving those BOX TOPS! Students who bring in 10 Box Tops for Education Tops before October 14th will receive an out of uniform day on October 15th! This is a great and easy way to earn free money for our school. You can find box tops on MANY everyday food products! Start clipping! If you have multiple children and need help collecting 10 for each child- just let us know. We don't want anyone missing out on this free no uniform day!

GIANT, MARTINS and SAFEWAY CLUB cards need to be registered each year in order for your purchases to qualify for reimbursement to our school. Please pass this information along to neighbors and relatives. It only takes a few minutes to register your cards! All links and numbers can be found on our website under "Giving Back/Loyalty Programs. You may list one volunteer hour in the volunteer book if you take the time to register! The programs start October 4th.

This is the last week of the Innisbrook gift wrap fundraiser. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please start sending in your orders. We appreciate all the effort you have put into this making it a success. All orders are due Friday, October 2nd.

Mrs. Whatley is sending home a letter to each family in grades 3-8 pertaining to Power Grade access. It will give instructions on viewing a simple power point available on our website. You will need to sign the letter after viewing and return it to school in order to receive your new password.

Our new Blue Ribbon Logo car magnets are now in and were sent home with the youngest in each family on Monday. If you need an additional magnet, please stop by the office and pick one up.

We are getting a lot of phone calls from prospective parents with interest in our school and upcoming open houses. So that we have a better idea of our openings for the next school year, we are asking our current families to please fill out and return the form coming home today if you have a younger child at home that you would like to attend our Pre-K4 or our Kindergarten program next fall. Thank you with your assistance with this.

Coming home today is an order form for an RSPS blue ribbon t-shirt. We are asking parents to please fill out the order form and send in a check for \$5. Students will be able

to wear their t-shirt with blue jeans once a month on designated Blue Tuesdays. This shirt will be used as our spirit day shirts this year.

RSPS welcomes Bethany Robinson to the 3A class this week! Bethany lives with her mom and Dad, Michele and Earl at 8509 Dorsey Spring Circle, Columbia, Md. 21043. Their home number is 410-465-5049. Please add this information in your directory when you receive it. The family directory has gone to print and should be in the next week or so.

Coming home today:

- Innisbrook gift wrap reminder
- Book fair notice
- Order form for Sterling Silver RSPS charm and pendant
- Order form for Blue Ribbon T-shirt
- Parent Coffee Reminder
- Sibling form for PreK and Kindergarten students for 2010-2011 school year
- Fire Department Open House Flyer
- Catholic School High School Fair notice for students in grades 6,7, and 8
- Flyer/Registration form for upcoming High School Placement Test Course
- Power Grade access letter

There is no school for students this coming Monday September 28th as the staff will be on retreat. Please keep us in your prayers as we engage in a day of prayer and service.

In your prayers this week, please remember all those who are seriously ill and in need of God's healing presence, especially Paul Bowersox, grandfather of Philemon Kendzierski; Barbara Bodensteiner, mother in law of Maureen Bodensteiner; Brother James Kelly, President of Mt. St. Joseph High School; Tom Herbert, brother in law of Valerie and uncle of Graham Bateman; and Joanne Failla, aunt of Natalie, David and Matthew Gries. Please remember all those who have died, especially, Jennifer Angelelli, niece of Myrtle Fisher.

Peace,

Karen Murphy
Principal