



# News & Notes

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## Coming Home Today

- Breakfast with Santa/Trees and Greens Packet
- Youth Ministry Basket Bingo Flier
- AOB Records Release (8 only)
- St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry (5 & 6 only)
- Book-It Reading Incentive Fliers
- Space Available Bus Service Packet

### Save the Date!

**Thurs., Nov. 3**  
Picture Retake Day

**Fri., Nov. 4**  
**No School**  
Professional Day

**Mon., Nov. 7**  
State of the School Address  
7pm in the Church

**Tues., Nov. 8**  
Chick-fil-A Night

**Sat., Nov. 12**  
Resurrection Clean Up day; 8am-12pm

## A Message from Mrs. Murphy

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our value for the month of November is Cooperation. We are blessed at RSPS to have many organizations willing to cooperate with us in partnerships. One of these partnerships is with Howard Bank.

For the past seven years, Howard Bank has allowed us to have a satellite branch here at the school where our students are able to deposit money weekly into savings accounts. RSPS Panther Savings Bank is run by our seventh and eighth graders (overseen weekly by a Howard Bank Representative) who have been trained to be tellers. Students who fill out the paperwork are given real savings accounts and are able to make deposits every Tuesday here at school. Students are only allowed to make deposits, withdrawals can be made by parents or guardians at actual Howard Bank locations.

While the interest rates for savings accounts have fallen through the years, the value of teaching kids how to put money away has not. This life skill is probably even a more important one to teach given that we are in a society that promotes instant gratification. Teaching children the difference between need and want and teaching them the skill of patience is invaluable.

Howard Bank has been an invaluable partner to us over the years. In addition to training our school students and coming to our school each week to oversee our branch, the bank has faithfully been a sponsor for our Gala each year.

Cooperation is defined as the act of working together for a common purpose. It is easy to see how Howard Bank cooperates with RSPS for the common purpose of providing a fantastic education for all of our students!

The school will have an opportunity to cooperate with Resurrection Parish next Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> for our annual fall clean up day! School families are invited to join us at the school beginning at 8am to help rake up the parish/school grounds. Bring your rake! We will provide the apple cider and donuts! We will be there until noon. If you can only provide an hour- that is fine, we would love to have you!

Also, remember it is that time of year when students dress for colder weather in the morning then shed their layers during recess. We have already had some items added to our lost and found. Please remember to put your child's name in their outerwear.



Thank you for supporting the Walk for the Homeless each year. Please see the next page for more information on the walk.

Peace,  
Karen Murphy  
Principal

## In Our Prayers

*For all of those who are sick and are in need of God's healing presence. Especially:*

Lewis Goode

Barbara Gregory—great aunt of Charlie Crabtree

Daniel Magee—grandfather of Connor and Trevor Hannan

Angelo Varron—grandfather of Michael Larrick

Daniel Nissonger

Deanna Doll—sister of Jillian, former student

*For all those who have died, may God grant them eternal rest. Especially:*

Lorena Kay Fouts—grandmother of Josh and Kobi



### Important Numbers

Main Line  
410-461-9111

Reporting Absence  
Ext. 250

Mrs. Murphy  
Ext. 243

Mrs. Cottrell  
Ext. 272

### State of the School Address Next Monday

On Monday, November 7 we will hold the State of the School Address at 7pm in the Church. Please plan to attend this meeting. The purpose of holding a State of the School Addresses is to provide parents with current, accurate information on topics like changes to policies and procedures, data results, partnership opportunities, and plans for the future, to name a few. In addition to the presentation, at this State of the School, we will be unveiling the mural drawn and painted by our fourth grade students under the direction of artist, Kristin Helberg. You don't want to miss it!

### Another Successful Walk for the Homeless

A special thank you to all of those who supported the annual Walk for the Homeless, which helps St. Paul's Cold Weather Shelter. It was wonderful to have so many family members join us during the mile-long walk around the school's neighborhood. Because of the generosity of our community, we were able to present Father Matt with a check for \$2,127.82

## Notable Notes

to help defray costs of housing the homeless during the winter months.

### Attention Parents in Grades 4 and 8

Please return vision and hearing consent forms to the Health Room as soon as possible. They were due by Nov. 1. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Suarez at [ksuarez@resstpaul.org](mailto:ksuarez@resstpaul.org).

### Transportation Update

Great News! We have been granted permission to offer bus service (within our current routes) to and from school to all of our K-8 Resurrection-St. Paul School students! An increase in students riding the bus will decrease the number of cars in our car line, but this solution will only work if we have a significant number of families participate. After looking into multiple suggestions, an increase in students using the bus appears to be the easiest, safest and most immediate solution to our car rider congestion problem. Please read the packet coming home today for additional information.

### Spirit Wear Coming Soon!

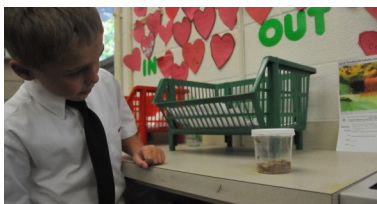
Please look for an RSPS Spirit Wear flier in folders **next Monday**. Unfortunately, we could not get them from the manufacturer for today's folders and to ensure items get in by Christmas, we need to expedite delivery to you. We have exciting new options and cannot wait to share them with you! Also, we will have a table set up in the link at the State of the School with order forms. Please bring your checkbooks and use this opportunity to get some early Christmas shopping done!

### Trees and Greens

Please see the packet coming home today for the Trees and Greens sale. You may also find forms and pictures on the school website under the Fundraising page of our "Giving Back" tab. Please follow this link: <http://www.resstpaul.org/giving/fundraising.php>. **Volunteers are still needed.** Please contact Trudi Louzon at 410-442-2158 or email [louzontr@yahoo.com](mailto:louzontr@yahoo.com) or Mike Boin at 410-465-6589 or e-mail [dukeba293@verizon.net](mailto:dukeba293@verizon.net).

## A Glimpse in the Classroom

In first grade, Ms. Santucci's science classes are investigating living things. They just finished growing their own plants in the classroom. Through their explorations, they discovered that all plants need water, sun, air and soil to grow. Now, they are taking a closer look at the life cycle of a butterfly. They have four caterpillars in the classroom that have been eating and growing. Soon they will go into the chrysalis stage. The students are excited to watch them transform from caterpillars to butterflies. While they wait for the transformation, they are learning all about their new friends. For example, butterflies use all sorts of tactics to protect themselves from predators. On Discovery Education, students have watched videos of butterflies who can camouflage themselves and others that have eyespots on their wings to scare off unwanted visitors.



## Mrs. Murphy's Book Club Opportunity

Mrs. Kathleen O'Toole and myself recently attended a conference where we had the opportunity to hear Sir Ken Robinson, a well-respected educational guru, talk about his vision of educating children in this digital society. Mrs. O'Toole and myself felt that one of his books called *The Element* would be an ideal book for a book discussion group here at RSPS. The book talks a lot about helping children find their passion in life and finding the appropriate education to match in order for them to reach their personal potential. Please join us on Tuesday, November 29th at 7pm in the school media center.