



News & Notes

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Coming Home Today

- Tommy's Food Service Letter
- Letter from the Nurses' office



Save the Date!

Wed., Oct. 26

Tonight!
Red Robin Night

Mon., Oct. 31

Halloween Activities
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Tues., Nov. 1

Mass 10am

Walk for the
Homeless

Vocelli's Night

A Message from Mrs. Murphy

Dear Parents and Guardians,

October is coming to a quick end! The Value we have been working with all month has been Concern for Others. Our teachers have done an excellent job getting students to understand the meaning of this value.

Our first graders have been busy making cards and praying for a few of their classmates that were either injured or ill this past month. In second grade, our students donated money from their allowance or piggy banks to be given to Toys for Tots for the upcoming Christmas collection. Our fourth graders are busy writing essays on how they would spend \$10,000 helping out others and then another essay on how they would spend 20 hours showing concern for others. Our 7th graders are developing four paragraph essays on how characters from the novels they are reading are showing concern for others.

The bible is full of stories about how Jesus shows concerns for others by his actions. Our 8th graders have had the task of finding those stories and are writing about them as well as in class discussions. All of the stories from the bible have a common theme...GO OUT and put your faith into action. That is EXACTLY what we will do next Tuesday, November 1st, when we celebrate Mass for All Saints Day at 10am and head out for our annual Walk for the Homeless. All students are asked to contribute at least \$1 for this

cause. All monies raised will be given to Fr. Matt for St. Paul's who will house the homeless of Howard County for a week in January.

Tomorrow, students will be bringing home their new theme t-shirt for the year. The tie-dyed yellow t-shirt sports our logo with a large smiley face wearing sun glasses (giving a visual to our theme of Reflect the Light) with the words... "Reflecting on 90 years of EXCELLENCE". Students are to wear their theme t-shirt, jeans (or school sweatpants) with tennis shoes for the walk next Tuesday. Wearing a shirt or turtleneck underneath may be necessary (weather permitting). At the end of the walk we will present Fr. Matt with the check in the amount of our donations. Students will be treated to a hot dog and a bag of chips (free) for their lunch. Our cafeteria will not be in service that day so please pack a lunch for your child if they do not want the hot dog and chips.

What a great lesson this is for the kids and for all of us. If we are truly trying to become saints- we must put our faith into action and by bringing attention to the plight of the homeless in our hometown- we are doing just that. All parents and parishioners are invited to join us on our 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 Conor and Trevor Hannan

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

Ivo and Manda Josic—great-grandparents of Victoria and Jessica Iveljic



Halloween Activities

Parents of students in grades PreK-Grade 5, as you are helping your child get their Halloween costume together for next week, there are a couple of things to keep in mind.

Student's costumes should be simple. **No weapons, no masks, no devils or evil characters.**

Our Pre-K parade will take place next Monday starting at 11:15am. Students will parade around the front circle of the school before returning to their homerooms for their lunch and party. Students in grades K- 5 will parade around the front of the school starting at 1:00pm. before participating in related

activities and classroom parties. Students in grades 6-8 will view the 1:00pm parade before attending the dance and Bingo. All students are allowed to come out of uniform next Friday, but need to be in compliance with the out of uniform policy found in the Parent/Teacher Handbook.

All parent volunteers need to be STAND certified and wear their badge while in the school.

Halloween Schedule

11:15 am Parade for Pre-K students around the circle followed by class party.

11:35—12:15 pm Student lunch and recess for students in Grades K- 4.

12:15-1:00 pm Student lunch and recess for students in Grades 5-8.

1:00 pm Costume parade outside around the circle for students in grades K-5. Students in Grades 6-8 to watch.

1:20 -3:15pm Dance and Bingo for students in Grades 6-8; parties for students in grades K-5.

A Glimpse in the Outdoor Classroom

The 5th Grade is attending NorthBay Adventure this week. The students are learning about a variety of environmental issues by exploring and analyzing NorthBay's forests, wetlands, and beachfront. These courses push the students to observe the world more critically while the ropes course, giant swing, and zipline encourage the students to test their own courage and abilities.

Upon arriving, the students were sent to their cabins where they were to make up their beds and stow away their belongings to get settled in. Students learned about "niches". For their first taste of the "activities" at NorthBay, half of the boys went kayaking, (we were told ours was the most well behaved and efficient group the instructor has ever worked with!). Other activities included a beach hike, beach volleyball, time at the gym, rock climbing, etc. They also had a chance to witness a most gorgeous sunset.

The first night there, everyone gathered for NORTHBAY live for skits, songs and discus-

sions on finding their "niche". Mrs. Murphy reminded the students that we refer to their "niche" as God's gifts, and that He has blessed each of us with a gift we need to share for the good of our world.

Following the presentation, the girls went for a nature walk in the woods where they spotted deer. The boys went down to an observatory platform where they looked at constellations. Much to the group's surprise, suddenly the sky started to turn red and the color started to spread across the sky in ribbons. The incredible sight was absolutely amazing for those who saw it. The North Bay staff, who had not seen it before, determined that it was the Aurora Borealis (northern lights). Everyone was excited as this is the first time in North Bay's 6 year history that it has ever been seen. It looked like God's work, He was just giving us another reminder of how blessed we are to be able to share this experience with our students, an experience unlike one that could be learned about in textbooks. This will definitely impact them for years to come!



Notable Notes

The Mighty Macs

If your family is looking for a great movie to see, *The Mighty Macs* may be just for you. This movie is an inspiring story and a testament to the value of Catholic education and "Nurturing the Divine Within". *The Mighty Macs* (rated G) is playing in local theaters now so check the listings of a theater near you soon so you don't miss this opportunity! We think you will be glad you did.

Check It Out

The Patch has posted the RSPS promotional video on its website; <http://ellicottcity.patch.com/> We will be adding this video to our website as well.

Yearbook Cover Art Contest

We are having an original cover on the yearbook again this year and are asking students for their original designs. Requirements are as follows:

- Be original work
- Relate to the schools theme, "Reflect the Light"
- Contain the words Resurrection-St. Paul School
- Contain the year 2011-2012
- Be submitted on paper that is 8.5 x 11"
- Be vertically oriented (portrait)
- Be submitted to Ms. Zychowka by Wednesday, November 16th.

Trees and Greens Sale!



Mark your calendars!

The RSPS Home School Association's Annual "Trees And Green Sale" is coming soon! It will be held **December 2nd** through **December 4th**. Please be sure to stop by and shop for all of your fresh holiday decorations.

The hours for the sale are as follows:

December 2nd:
3pm - 9pm : Christmas trees in the Church parking lot;
5pm - 9pm: Greens in the Church Hall

December 3rd:
8am - 6:30pm: Trees in the Church parking lot & Greens in the Church Hall

December 4th:
8am -1pm: Trees in the Church parking lot; Greens in the Church Hall

A Christmas packet with preorder forms will be sent home next week.

Thank you for supporting the RSPS Home School Association.

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to help unload the Christmas trees when they are delivered on Wednesday, Nov. 30th beginning at 5:00 pm. Volunteers are also needed to work at the Trees and Greens Sale during the times:

Friday, December 2nd 1:30pm - 9pm

Saturday, December 3rd 7:30am - 7:30pm

Sunday, December 4th 8am—2:30 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

Mike Boin at 410-465-6589
or e-mail dukeba239@verizon.net.

Important Numbers

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410-461-9111

Reporting Absence
Ext. 250

Mrs. Murphy
Ext. 243

Mrs. Cottrell
Ext. 272

***News and Notes submissions are due by 10:00am on Monday. Submissions received after 10:00am on Monday will be printed the following week. Please email submissions to nheadley@resstpaul.org.**