



# News & Notes

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## Coming Home Today

- 2011-12 Catholic Schools High School Application Guide - **gr. 8 only**
- Church of the Resurrection Reconciliation/ Eucharist Form - **gr. 2** Church of the Res. Parishioners
- 50/50 Raffle Form



### Save the Date!

**Thurs., Sept. 29**

No School

**Fri., Sept. 30**

Out of Uniform  
Team Jersey Day

Room Parent Mtg.

**Mon., Oct. 3**

Acre Testing (Gr. 8)

PowerSchool Access  
Opens

**Tues., Oct. 4**

Vocelli's Restaurant  
Fundraiser

Breakfast with  
Santa Meeting

## A Message from Mrs. Murphy

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Last spring, when the Archdiocese of Baltimore designated RSPS as one of seven STEM schools, many of our parents asked the question what would happen to the traditional curriculum which contains not only math, science and technology, but also Language Arts, Social Studies, Art, Music, PE, etc... We stated at that time that we would not lose anything in our current curriculum and we would be actually enhancing the Arts portion. Some of the teachers have even started calling STEM, STEAM (which adds the Arts to the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

As we move towards changing our instruction from teacher directed to more student centered, we are incorporating teacher techniques that involve critical thinking, creativity and problem solving- which are all STEM based. These three higher order skills use a different area of the brain. It is that area of the brain that our artistic side is housed.

Tomorrow, our faculty and staff will have our annual retreat day. Our prayers and activities for the day will be centered around identifying and developing our creative side, our problem solving skills, our critical thinking-making it more meaningful to us when we return to the classroom to teach. Giving ourselves this opportunity to use our creativity will allow us to better reflect Christ's light to others. Please keep the staff in your prayers that the retreat is a fruitful one.

Speaking of the Arts, last week we received a Grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, enabling us to participate in the Artists in Residence Program. During the month of October, our fourth grade teachers, under the direction of their teachers and Kristin Helberg, a local artist whose work is displayed throughout

the country, will work together brainstorming, sketching, and eventually painting a life size mural depicting the state of Maryland. This mural will be unveiled at our State of the School presentation on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars to attend!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** At the Back to School Nights, I talked about how everyone needs to work together in order to have great things happen! One of those opportunities is under way. As we mentioned, we will only have TWO major fundraisers that we are expecting our parents to participate in. The first is the Fall Festival next Friday, October 7. We are attempting to sell 500 tickets at \$100 each in order to raise money for the school and to meet our operating budget goal. If each family purchases a ticket, and asks their neighbors or relatives to purchase a ticket, then we will meet successfully meet this goal. Everyone needs to keep in mind that it is a 50/50 raffle. Prizes will be split by the percentages outlined on the form (coming home today) with the top prize winner receiving 60%, second prize will receive 20%, third prize will receive 10% and prizes 4-8 will receive 2%. If this fundraiser is not successful, we will need to do additional fundraising so that our school budget can be met. Please remember, these fundraisers bridge the gap between the actual cost to educate a child and tuition. Can you please help? Coming home today is a flier with more details about how you can get your ticket. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

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

Luke Borgert

Daniel Nisonger—Son of  
Laura Nisonger

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

Patricia Kramer—  
grandmother of Ms. Custer

William Boone—great uncle  
of Emily, Katherine and  
Michael Taylor

### Mark Your Calendar the Fall Festival is Next Friday, Oct. 7

Only one week left to our Annual Fall Festival Tailgate Party and Raffle. Join us Friday evening, October 7th at 7pm on our back parking lot. Dress is casual. Wear your favorite college or professional team jersey or t-shirt, and bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage for yourself! Come join your fellow RSPS parents and teachers for this fun mingle opportunity. The drawing for the big money raffle will take place around 8pm. Hope you can join us!

### Christmas Trees and Greens Co-Chair Position Available

Christmas is coming, and we are looking for someone interested in co-chairing the Christmas Trees and Greens Sale. It is a great HSA fundraiser and it is held the same weekend as **Breakfast with Santa**. If interested, please contact Trudi Louzon at [louzontr@yahoo.com](mailto:louzontr@yahoo.com) or 410-442-2158.

### Creative Writing Club to Begin on October 7

The Creative Writing Club will begin next Friday, October 7th. The students are more than welcome to bring their grandparents with them! The first meeting will be in room 002 at 8:15am.

#### Correction!

Our sincere apologies to Taylor Sigur who was left off of the student council officer list last week. Taylor has been elected Commissioner of Religious Affairs.

#### Outreach Opportunity

Church of the Resurrection parish will again be conducting

## Notable Notes

a fundraiser to support the Howard County Pregnancy Center. Baby bottles will be collected at the November 5th & 6th and November 12th & 13th Masses. We are asking for your help by volunteering to collect baby bottles during the masses indicated. If you volunteered last year, thank you for all your help. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Annabelle Kubik at [annabellek11@gmail.com](mailto:annabellek11@gmail.com) or by calling 443-851-3009 and leave a message indicating the Mass(es) you would be available to help. Thank you.

#### T-shirt Order Forms Due

Please remember to turn in the theme t-shirt order forms by this Friday, September 30. There is no charge for the t-shirts. This was part of the tuition adjustment we discussed last year at the State of the School Address.

#### Chocolate Festival

The chocolate festival will be this Saturday, October 1 in the cafeteria. There are two ways to participate: bring homemade goodies from 10-11 am or sample the sweets! Homemade goodies will be judged by a panel of volunteers. There will

be an adult and youth (13 & under) bracket. Categories will include cake, cheesecake, pie, candy, cookies, brownies, creative construction or carving and everything else! Sample the sweets between 1-3 or until the chocolate runs out. The \$2 entrance fee includes two samples. Additional samples are 50 cents each. There will also be children's activities, demonstrations, a raffle and pizza will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit Our Palestine Catholic Sister Church, Mary, Mother of Sorrows in the Holy Land.

#### Sacramental Prep

Our Second Graders who are registered with the Church of the Resurrection are bringing home a packet of registration information for the upcoming Sacramental Prep programs. Please contact Mrs. Marty Bode at the parish office if you did not receive one.

#### Resurrection Basketball

Basketball evaluations to form teams will be during the week of October 10. More information to come.

## A Glimpse in the Classroom

The second grade has been focusing on plants in their first science unit. They worked in small groups. These pictures represent two separate activities for the 5E method of teaching. As seen in the photos, they are "Exploring".

The first picture shows the children using a hand lens to see seeds up close in fruits and vegetables. They filled in a graphic organizer upon their investigation. The second picture shows a small group putting parts of a plant together, along with the labels.

