



# News & Notes

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Environmental Club, our National Junior Honor Society and our newly formed Cross Country team were busy this week displaying the value of hard work. The Cross Country team continues to notice improvement each week as the runners achieve their set goals. The team's last meet will take place on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at Trinity. Come join us in cheering them on. Our Environmental Club met this past Saturday at the Little Sisters of the Poor and worked hard planting flowers in their various pots and gardens. The Little Sisters were especially pleased since this is also the weekend that the founder of their order, Jeanne Jugan, was canonized in Rome! Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the National Junior Honor Society are taking turns this month giving up part of their lunch time to help physically stock the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry that is located here in the school hall. The food they are stocking is the food we have so generously donated!

We are looking forward to meeting with you tomorrow and Friday for conferences. If you need to see a teacher other than your child's homeroom teacher, please contact them via email or voicemail to set up a time. We are hoping that you will see this conference time frame as an opportunity to build a relationship with your child's teacher(s) which in turn will maximize the learning potential for your child. We are so blessed to have such wonderful parent/teacher relationships here at this school! Another evidence of the consistent hard work everyone does around here!

Please remember that tomorrow is a 12:30 dismissal day and there is no bus service home from school. Pre K A will be dismissed onto the back parking lot, instead of the front circle of the school, on days when the entire school dismisses at 12:30.

On days when we have inclement weather, all students who are car riders will be dismissed out of the lower level entrance, onto the parking lot. This will allow our full day preschoolers and kindergartners to be indoors longer. Our half day pre-schoolers will still depart by exiting onto the front circle on a regular school day when the weather is bad.

We would like to let you know that on Monday, Jordan Lanflisi joined Mrs. Heck's 2B class. Jordan and her family recently moved to Maryland from Florida. Welcome Jordan!

Just a reminder that all students who bring in 10 box tops for education will be allowed to come to school out of uniform tomorrow, Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to page 18 of the school handbook if clarification is needed on appropriate dress.

Our choir members will be selling Worlds Finest Chocolate candy bars over the next few weeks to raise money to fund costs of their sheet music and other expenses. In keeping with our healthy nutrition standards, the candy will not be sold to students during the school day. If you would like to support this fundraiser- please see one of the choir members selling candy in the parking lot after school or contact Mrs. Cottrell or Mrs. Bowie.

Mrs. Bowie wanted to let everyone know that the Maryland State Boy choir will be performing in the Chapel at Charlestown this Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. The concert is free.

We are looking forward to meeting our grandparents next Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are very aware that many of our students do not have grandparents who are living and/or live out of the area or who just simply cannot attend the morning. Please know that you may invite another adult for your child if he/she does not have grandparents who are able to make the celebration.

We are gearing up for the Blue Ribbon Celebration. The Official Award Ceremony will take place in Washington D.C. on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will have our own 11 day celebration for both parishes and our parents, students, staff and supporters of the school. There are MANY flyers coming home today detailing the events and MANY volunteer opportunities both here and at home. Please mark these dates and opportunities on your calendar.

Our Breakfast with Santa Committee will be meeting this evening at 7:00pm in the school media center. Please attend if you are interested in helping out or would like to learn more about how you can assist with this fun, family oriented event.

Trudi Luzon, Chairperson of our Trees and Greens Committee, is looking for someone to help her co-chair this sale in the upcoming years. She has everything ordered for this year, but would love to have someone shadow her this year and ultimately be able to assist her in the coming years. Trees and Greens is an event that coincides with Breakfast with Santa. This committee orders Christmas trees, greens, centerpieces, and poinsettias from a grower and then sells them to our school/parish community via a flier and on the first weekend in December each year. If interested in assisting Trudi please call her at 410-442-2158.

Mrs. Gioio has a few reminders pertaining to the Hot Lunch Program menus. Kindly check all addition; do not add items not on the menu; please write your child's grade and homeroom number; (example 1A or 1B); please do not put more than one sibling's name on a menu, (additional menus may be obtained in the office or lunch room) and please make every effort to hand menus in by the due date. Every child needs a menu to receive ice cream. Mrs. Gioio thanks you in advance for your cooperation and assistance and as always your support of the hot lunch program.

Reminders:

- We are still collecting food for the food pantry in our foyer
- We are still collecting for Toiletries for Tara through this Friday
- Tomorrow is a 12:30pm dismissal with no bus service home
- Monday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> is a Teacher In-Service Day with no school for students
- Our next Mass will take place next Tuesday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am in the church. Fr. Mike will be our main celebrant and our first graders will lead us in prayer. Please join us.

Coming home today:

- Invitation to all parents to the Blue Bayou Social on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>
- List of Events for the Blue Ribbon Celebration
- Volunteer opportunity fliers for the Blue Ribbon events
- Youth Ministry Flyers for Parish of Resurrection middle schoolers for upcoming Harvest Dance and Hayride...register now!
- Lunch menus for November
- Student photo ID cards from Lifetouch
- Gala Sponsor letter

In your prayers this week, please remember all those who are seriously ill and in need of God's healing presence, especially, Brother James Kelly, President of Mt. St. Joseph High School; Tom Herbert, brother in law of Valerie and uncle of Graham Bateman; and Pete Melynck, uncle of Jen Miller and great uncle of John, Carly and Amanda Miller.

Peace,

Karen Murphy  
Principal