



# News & Notes

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we progress into the month of October, at every grade level, we continue to review the value of Responsibility. In fifth grade, Mrs. Riggin is teaching the students how to be responsible for an upcoming project that is due at the end of the month. Through her instruction the students are learning how to create a time line with expectations. Mr. Will is teaching the third graders how to take responsibility for the choices that they make in taking care of their bodies through his anatomy class. Mrs. Heck's third grade reading class wrote a fable about responsibility using characters in a pumpkin patch.

Many thanks to all who volunteered to prepare food for today's funeral for Willie Staso, a former RSPS student and a recent Mt. St. Joseph graduate. It is very much appreciated. We are blessed to have such a wonderful, supportive and loving community. One that continually comes together to help each other in times of need, in times of sorrow, and also in times of joy. Thank you for being such a powerful witness to our faith for your children to observe.

We loved having our grandparents join us this past Monday. It was the largest turn out we have ever had! The students did a wonderful job entertaining our guests at an assembly that was created especially for their enjoyment. Many of our grandparents commented on how delightful their time was with their grandchild(ren) and we were so happy to have them join us. We are very appreciative of Patti Martin and her crew of moms and dads who helped with the decorating, hosting and hospitality. Mrs. Bowie and Mrs. Cottrell are also to be commended for their hard work on the entertainment portion.

Tomorrow is an out of uniform day for all students who brought in 10 box tops for Education. Thank you for your overwhelming support for this program! We will be collecting box tops for the rest of the year so keep clipping! Students are allowed to wear shorts, but please be mindful of appropriate dress for out of uniform days. There are to be no flip flops, bare midriffs, etc.

Please be reminded that tomorrow's dismissal is at 12:30pm and that we do not have bus transportation home from school. All students will need to have transportation home from school provided for them.

Thank you to all who have sent in donations for the Toiletries for Tara Collection. The Helping Hands Committee will be meeting this afternoon to help assemble the bags to be distributed to the homeless in the coming weeks. Today, parents of Helping Hands members should pick-up their children in the main school foyer due to the funeral reception.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone for conferences tomorrow afternoon and Friday morning. In reviewing the grades in Power School this weekend, if you are a parent of a student in grades 3-8, I was AMAZED at the number of students with a high number of NHI (not handed in) assignments. Students can not get credit for an assignment or homework if it is not handed in. If your child has NHI's, please talk to them about their responsibility for handing in their assignments - especially when most of the time I hear the student actually did the work on time! It must also be handed in on time.

Ms. Buppert and Ms. Zychowka are the moderators for our school's newly formed environmental group. The group will accept student members from grades 4-8. Information about joining this group will be coming home next week. To raise money to help start the group, the moderators are raffling off a 7 foot red maple tree. This tree can be found in our main foyer. Chances are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Tickets can be purchased through one of the teachers. The tree will be raffled off on Monday morning, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Individual school pictures will be retaken on November 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to have your child's picture retaken please send your complete photo package into the school office prior to that date. Eighth grade students will have their picture taken or retaken upon return to school from their field trip. Children who were absent on the original day will have their picture taken on November 5<sup>th</sup> for the yearbook, but if you would like to purchase a picture package you must submit your order form and payment on or before November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Last year the school sent home specially designed memo pads for parents to use regarding transportation, early dismissal. If you are in need of another pad please let the office know and we would be happy to send one home with your child. Kindly remember, when using this pad or sending in a note to school to include a date, your child's first and last name as well as homeroom information. This helps expedite dismissals and requests.

When coming in for conferences this week, don't forget to stop by our school lobby. School Spirit Wear is for sale and can be found in the foyer. We have quite a nice selection to choose from and they make terrific Christmas gifts!

The RSP\$ Panther Savings Bank will open this coming Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Our school has partnered with Howard Savings Bank in this endeavor. Students who have previously opened a bank account may bring in their deposits beginning next week. Students who would like to open an account must submit the Howard Bank form that is being sent home today. This partnership is a wonderfully convenient opportunity that is offered to help our students learn about savings and banking.

Over the next month, our newly formed choir will have its members sell the Worlds Finest Chocolate candy bars to raise money to fund sheet music and other expenses. In keeping with our healthy nutrition initiative the candy will not be sold to students during the school day. There is an assortment of candy bars available and they sell for only \$1.00 a piece. These bars make great stocking stuffers or an extra special Halloween treat! If you would like to support this fundraiser please send an email to Mrs. Cottrell, [wcottrell@resstpaul.org](mailto:wcottrell@resstpaul.org). Sale begins today and runs through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Resurrection-St. Paul School Community is blessed with people who are always willing to share their knowledge and talents. Please give prayerful consideration to sharing your time with the Resurrection-St. Paul School Community by applying for membership on the School Board. The Board helps establish policy, oversees fiscal planning and programming and initiates developmental activities for the School. The Board is currently seeking to fill one Board vacancy. This position can be filled by a parent of a school student or a non-parent. School Board voting members include the pastors of both St. Paul's Church and Church of the Resurrection, parishioners from both parishes, and parents of children currently enrolled in the school. If you are interested in applying for this position or would like more information about it, please contact Paul Evelius at 410- 659-1302 by November 7, 2008.

There will be a Breakfast with Santa organization meeting next Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in Multipurpose Room 4. We welcome all those who are interested in helping out with this year's event which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Any questions? Please call Laura Glaudemans at 410-455-0566, [lpglaudemans@aol.com](mailto:lpglaudemans@aol.com) or Mary Ann Mathews at 410-964-3313, [pjmmam@verizon.net](mailto:pjmmam@verizon.net).

We hope that you will bring your children to the next Home and School Association meeting which will be held Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm in the church. We will have a dynamic guest, Bill Kerwood. He will present his Pro Kids Show. During the day, students will attend an assembly which includes music, skits, illusion and comedy featuring values awareness and character development. Then at 7:00pm, he will be back for Family Night which is a completely different show from the student assembly. Parents are invited to come with their children for this entertaining evening. There will be no homework this evening and volunteer hours will be given for all adults in attendance.

Our 25 week raffle tickets will be sent home next week. When you purchase a raffle ticket you will have 20 opportunities to win \$250, \$150, or \$100 in the weekly drawings in addition to the \$1,000 early bird drawing, the \$2,500 Christmas raffle, the \$5,000 drawing that will be held at our Riverboat Casino night and the \$10,000 grand prize drawing in May! Your ticket goes back into the basket each week for multiple chances to win through the year. More details will be sent home next week.

Coming home today:

- Letter to parents from Middle School Room Moms, grades 5-8, about upcoming Halloween celebration
- Pizza Hut Book-It Program information for grades K-6
- Howard Bank form
- November Hot Lunch Calendar and order forms
- Environmental Club flier, grades 4-8

In your prayers this week, please remember all those who are seriously ill and in need of God's healing presence, especially Mrs. Mary Destino; Mr. Jack Moseman, grandfather of Kate, Robbie and Jenna; Mrs. Terri Nadeau, mother of Mrs. Mullenholz; Mrs. Carolyn Cougnet, grandmother of Lacey and Lauren Davidson; Stanley Whitaker, uncle of Jason Grove; Patrick Masino, brother of Angela Calamari; Anthony Altieri, grandfather of Kylie Handler; and Barbara Semiuk, grandmother of Stephanie, Brian and Sean Moran. Let us also offer a special prayer for those who have died, especially Willie Staso. May God grant their family peace at this time of turmoil.

Peace,

Karen Murphy  
Principal