



News & Notes

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At our school Mass this past Monday, Fr. Mike reminded all of us of what things constitute real “treasures”. They are not our pleasures or things that bring instant gratification, but life long sustenance such as our family, friends, and the word of God. At this time, when we all need to “cut back” due to the dormant economy, let us reflect on what we treasure in our own lives. It could make for an excellent topic for dinner conversation one night! At Monday’s mass our 7th graders led us in prayer and song. We thank them for a beautiful job!

Tara Howard’s family and the Helping Hands Committee would like to thank all those who donated toiletries for Toiletries for Tara. The students were able to assemble 191 bags to be distributed to homeless men and women over the upcoming weeks. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

November is just around the corner. Our value for the month will be Concern for Others. What better way to show concern for those who are less fortunate than by our Walk for the Homeless. Our annual Walk for the Homeless will take place on Friday, November 6th, following our 10:15am Mass. We will be raising money for St. Paul’s Cold Weather Shelter. Each year, St. Paul’s opens their doors to house the homeless of Howard County for a week. Our donations go directly to help offset their costs. All students are asked to donate at least \$1. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul’s Church. EVERYONE is invited and encouraged to walk with us! We will also be collecting can foods and clothing during the first part of November to be distributed between St. Vincent DePaul and the Grass Roots Day Shelter. More details will follow, but please mark your calendars now.

Attention all moms: The annual Mother’s Tea will take place on Monday, November 24th from 9:00-11:00am at Kelsey’s Restaurant in Ellicott City. There is no cost associated with attending the tea and all our school moms are invited and encouraged to come together for a morning of socialization and relaxation. It is a great way to catch up with old friends and to make some new ones! Save the date, an invitation will be coming soon!

Congratulations to Mia and Morgan Flack who won the beautiful autumn blaze maple tree raffled off by the new Environmental Club. Congratulations also to Jim Carbine and Bill Morgan who were runners up. Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser!

The RSPS Panther Savings Bank officially opened yesterday. Many thanks to our moderator Mrs. Carney and our Co-Presidents, Mary Margaret Fiocco and Alex Zarlenga for a great job of getting us up and running this year. Congratulations to our bank staff who were just “hired”. Adam Albuerno, Brigid Carney, Ben Cooper, Kayla Devin, Amanda Donovan, Jack Finamore, Michael Fiocco, Megan Lynch, Julia Reilly-Edwards, Andrew Resetar, Michael Waters, Kate Weiss and Abby Zalucki. The bank will be open on Tuesday mornings from 8:40-9:00am. There will be a drawing next week for a Halloween Basket for all those who make a deposit of at least \$1. It is not too late to open up an account for your child(ren). The school office is not able to hold over deposits from week to week so please make sure your child arrives to school at 8:40am on Tuesdays in order to have time to make their deposit. If they arrive after the bank is closed their deposit will be sent home with them so that they may bring it back into school the next bank day.

Our Student Council’s mission this year is to raise awareness to the students about the importance of recycling. They are collecting Capri Sun and Kool Aid drink pouches. The school will receive from .01 to .02 for each drink pouch sent into school. The collected pouches will be sewn together by the Terracycle company and turned into pencil pouches, tote bags and other creative items. Collection containers can be found in the main school foyer as

well as the lunchroom. The council is also collecting old cell phones. These phones are recycled and given to soldiers stationed overseas for communication with family and loved ones.

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 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. Sale runs through October 31st.

School Board Member wanted! 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. Thank you for considering this important position.

We hope to see you tonight at the Home and School Association's Meeting at 7:00pm in the church. We will have a dynamic guest, Bill Kerwood. He will present his Pro Kids Show. Earlier today, the students attended a motivational assembly which included music, skits, illusion and comedy featuring values awareness and character development. We look forward to tonight's performance. He will be back this evening for Family Night with a show that is completely different than the one presented at the student assembly. Parents, you must accompany your children. Children may not be dropped off and picked up later. We hope that you enjoy this wonderful free family night out. 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 this week. When you purchase a raffle ticket you will have 25 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.

Individual school pictures will be retaken on November 5th. 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 5th 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 5th. Our photography company has sent two free SmileSafeKids ID cards to our school for each child photographed. The cards are being sent home today.

Winter uniforms will be required beginning Wednesday, November 5th. Sweatshirts and sweatpants need to be worn to and from school on PE days after that date. Only solid white t-shirts or undergarments are allowed under the school uniform shirts and blouses. Colored undergarments or t-shirts are not allowed and will be considered a violation. Plain white socks (no logo) should be worn with tennis shoes on gym day. The socks should come above the shoe line. The only exception to this dress code will be for students who are having their picture retaken on November 5th. They have the option of wearing their summer or winter uniform. If it is their gym day they should wear their tennis shoes to school so that they may participate in physical education class.

The cool weather is here and it is a good time to remind parents to please label their child's sweatshirts and jackets. Please send your child to school dressed in warm enough outerwear to be comfortable during outdoor recess. Please remind your children to remember to bring home their jackets at the end of each day.

We collected \$1,720 in Box Tops for Education in our recent campaign! This is money that goes right into the school budget to help keep tuition costs down. We will have three more "no uniform days" in Jan, March and May.

Students will receive up to three passes for “no uniform days” each time they bring in 10 box tops. If you sign up for the free Box Tops email newsletter, our school will automatically receive credit for 5 bonus box tops for every person who signs up. Got to www.btfe.com/2008 . Keep saving!

We are registered for www.mycokerewards.com/schools . If you purchase a Coke product, you will find code numbers and can log on to this website to donate your points. The points will be used to obtain PE equipment. You can check out the school’s wish list! Volunteer hours will be given for adding points. Don’t feel like taking the time to log them in? Then send them in to the school and we will do it! Again, this is an easy way for us to get things for the school without it effecting your wallet!

For the most accurate information, please visit our school website at www.resstpaul.org . It has updated school monthly calendars as well as any information you could possibly need at your fingertips!

As a result of mapping our Social Studies Curriculum last year, we, as a staff, made a decision to take advantage of the “teachable moment” that comes with our National Presidential Election. Students in all grades have been studying and learning about advertising, media and the effects on how the candidates are portrayed. It is being stressed to all the students the need to try to obtain accurate information in order to make informed decisions. With Mrs. Patton’s guidance, our 7th graders have spent a lot of time gathering factual information on both candidates. They will be sharing their information with the students over the course of the next week. Since responsibility is the value this month, we ask that you spend time with your child discussing the importance of voting and share with them how you go about getting your information. The school will hold a mock election next Thursday, October 30th.

This week our students have been praying a decade of the rosary each morning over the intercom. Archbishop O’Brien has asked all schools for their prayers for one week this month for all issues regarding life. We have been praying the joyful mysteries with the help of our LCD players in each room.

Earlier this week, Dr. Valenti, our Superintendent of Catholic Schools, sent the schools in his archdiocese an approved addendum for their parent-student handbooks regarding FERPA regulations. We are sending a copy of this policy home today. This policy is in effect now and will be included in next year’s handbook.

Thanksgiving came early to the McCauslin Family. Mr. McCauslin just returned home safe and sound from his six month tour in Iraq. We are truly grateful to him for his service and to the others who are willing to serve our country. Please continue to pray for all those in our families that are stationed overseas.

Coming home today:

- Parent-Student Handbook Addendum- FERPA policy
- October Fun Fest flier
- SmileSafeKids ID cards

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; Mr. Stanley Whitaker, uncle of Jason Grove; Mr. Patrick Masino, brother of Angela Calamari; Mr. Anthony Altieri, grandfather of Kylie Handler and Mrs. Barbara Semiuk, grandmother of Stephanie, Brian and Sean Moran. We also ask God to please bless all of our candidates who are running for public office. May they be guided by the Holy Spirit in making good decisions and may we also be guided in making good election choices.

Peace,

Karen Murphy
Principal

