



News & Notes



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our values for the month of January are Tolerance and Respect. Last Friday, during his homily on the Gospel of Jesus curing the leper, Monsignor John challenged us all to see the differences in each other. He encouraged us to respect those differences and to not exclude others because they are different. In a follow up activity, the students in 2B had a homework assignment to create their own paper snowmen which they then brought into school to share with their classmates. While all students had the same assignment, it was interesting for them to see the differences that were apparent on each of their snowmen creations. They are on display outside of their classroom. Please stop by and take a look at how their snowmen showed their differences!

Take a look at the first page of our school website. We have posted our Blue Ribbon Video for all to see! You will find a link on the first page as well as on our Blue Ribbon Information Page. Many thanks to Jennie McConagha, one of our school board members, who had her team put this together for this special year.

Today is the last day to buy your Gala tickets in order to be entered in the drawing to win \$75.00 (the cost of a Gala ticket). The names of two lucky winners will be drawn on Friday, January 15th. It promises to be a terrific night. Don't miss out on the fun!

In celebration of the Baltimore Ravens advancement in the playoffs this past weekend, students are permitted (and encouraged!) to add purple or Ravens paraphernalia to their school uniforms this Friday! However, students may not color their hair, nails, etc. Go Ravens!

Kindergarten Vision and Hearing Screening will take place on Friday, January 15. Please remember to have students bring in their glasses to school for the screening if they have been prescribed.

The school Spelling Bee for students in grades 4-8, will take place this Friday, January 15th at 2:30pm in the church. Parents are welcome to attend.

The Howard County Health Department has daily walk-in H1N1 Flu vaccine clinics this week from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 7178 Columbia Gateway Drive. For more information, call the Flu Line at 410-313-6503 or visit www.hchealth.org.

Our next Open House Date is Wednesday, January 20th. The agenda for the morning may be found on our school website. Our parents have always been our best ambassadors in referring families to our school and this year has been no exception! Thank you to all of those who have been talking to their neighbors and relatives about RSPS. Word of mouth is the best marketing!

Congratulations to the following students who will be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society next Tuesday, January 19th, at 10:05am in the Church. Kayla Devin, Luke Farrell, Drew Holt, Clara Howard, Kennedy Hunke, Meghan Lynch, Maureen Maclean, Colin McCabe, Timothy McManus, Robbie Moseman, Maria Packard, Bridget Reese, Julia Reilly-Edwards, Andrew Resetar, Connor Spedding, Kristin von Hagel and Abby Zalucki will be recipients of this award. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow the ceremony in the link for our inductees and their parents.

Congratulations also to Allison Mellendick, 5A, who was this year's Resurrection-St. Paul School nominee for the Carson Scholars Fund. Her essay, "Think Big," was selected out of 14 entries from our school.

Just a reminder that when the weather is tolerable, we will be taking the students outside for recess. Please make sure your child comes to school with a coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Our playground can be very cold- even on seemingly nice days! Also, please make sure that everything is labeled with your child's name.

A big RSPS welcome to Nathan Michael Norberg, newest grandson to Mrs. Pat Clar and her husband Mike. Nathan was born last Thursday, January 7th to parents Catalina and Tom Norberg. All are doing well. Mrs. Clar is happy to report that Nathan is the most beautiful baby she has ever seen!

Many thanks to the UMBC Women's Basketball Team, their coaching staff, and community outreach coordinator, for hosting a free basketball clinic for our Resurrection CYO Girls Basketball Teams (8 - 14 year olds). The event was held on January 7th at the UMBC Retrievers' Activity Center. About 40 players from Resurrection CYO girl's teams participated along with the entire UMBC Women's Basketball Team. The clinic started with warm-ups, followed by five skill stations and ended with team photos and autographs. All participants learned a great deal and had a lot of fun!

Mrs. Finamore is building an igloo and is still in need of empty one gallon milk/juice containers. Please drop them by her classroom. She wishes to thank all who have already sent in containers!

We have a request for electric griddles and warming plates for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon to be held during Catholic School Week on Monday, February 1st. Please contact Karen Frechette at ksfrechette@earthlink.net or drop them off at the school office. Please label the item with your name.

School will be closed this Monday, January 18th, for the Martin Luther King Holiday. Just a reminder that next Friday, January 22nd is a 12:30pm dismissal day for students. There will be bus service both ways on January 22nd. There is a full day of school for us on Monday, January 25th - but Howard County Public Schools are off, so there is no bus service either way on that day. Please plan accordingly.

Please mark your calendars! Next Wednesday is our next Chick-fil-A night which will be held from 5:00pm-9:00pm. In order for our school to receive a percentage of the sales in this fundraiser you must present a small green flier (being sent home next Tuesday!!) while ordering. You must have a ticket when you arrive as we are not permitted to hand out the fliers on their property. Our school will receive 20% of all sales generated! Last time this amounted to over \$250.00 for our school.

Thank you for continuing to clip those Box Tops. Last month we received a check for \$605 for those we submitted from the fall. We will have another free out of uniform day this spring for all those who submit at least 10 Box Tops for Education!

Please remember to inform the school when you have a change of address, phone numbers or email so that we may update Power School, the Family Directory and our emergency cards. We want to make sure all school correspondence will be received at your home and that we are able to contact you when necessary. Thank you.

Upcoming Dates:

- Friday, January 15th – Spelling Bee, grades 4-8, 2:30 in Church
- Friday, January 15th – Kindergarten Hearing and Vision Screening
- Monday, January 18th – School Closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- Tuesday, January 19th – NJHS Induction, 10:05 in Church
- Wednesday, January 20th – Open House

Coming Home this Week:

- February Hot Lunch Calendar and Menus
- Children's Winter Event flier – Cosmic Bowling

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; Addison Dewey, step-father of Mrs. Patton; Ben Price, nephew of Mrs. Mansfield and cousin of Jack and Mark Mansfield; Delma Ramsay, grandmother of Bella and Alena Nosel; Eileen Ballenger, my mother; Mary Murphy, mother of Mrs. Clar; Patti Antone, aunt of Erin, Sean, Gabe and Gianna Antone; and Mrs. Gaye Euler. Let us also remember in prayer all those who have died, especially Donald Gray, Sr., grandfather to Ricky, Bridget and Jay Farrell; and Vivienne Dorsch, grandmother of Julianna Dorsch. May God bless their family with peace.

Peace,

Karen Murphy
Principal