



News & Notes

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

RSPS will be on television in the coming days! Yesterday, we had Archbishop O'Brien come and visit the school to film some upcoming commercials. One of our 6th grade classes will be featured on WBAL Channel 11. The first commercial celebrating Catholic Schools Week will air beginning this Sunday. Two other spots talking about the future of Catholic Schools will be aired throughout the month of February. The Archbishop visited some of our classrooms and gave all of the students a homework assignment. They were to go home last night and thank their parents for making the necessary sacrifices to send them to RSPS!

FOX 45 News will be out at our school tomorrow morning from 5-8am with live shots each hour. They will be covering our fundraising efforts for Haiti. Our *Quarters for Quake Victims* collection has already raised \$2,362.00 in checks and dollar bills. Additionally, all three of our enormous coin jars are over half filled! We will have students for the 8am shot, but I am looking for students and parents who may be interested in coming by the school to be interviewed for the 6am and 7am live shot. We will be at the school starting at 4:45am- please stop by and join us if you can!

Due to the enormous need in Haiti for ongoing financial support, we have decided to add a Vocelli Pizza fundraiser on February 9th. Vocelli's will give us our usual 15% of school purchases and also MATCH that with an additional donation. All funds will be given to Catholic Relief Services. More on this event will be in next week's newsletter.

This Sunday is the start of Catholic Schools Week. This is the week set aside each year to recognize and celebrate Catholic Education across the nation. Last week a schedule of events was sent home to each family. You can also find our activities posted on our website. We will not have our traditional parish celebration and Mass this year as we just celebrated the Blue Ribbon in both parishes. I do encourage you to join us this Sunday, January 31st at the 12:00pm noon mass at the Church of the Resurrection as we say goodbye to Fr. John Dobranski. A light reception will follow in his honor downstairs in the cafeteria.

On Monday of next week, we will celebrate our wonderful faculty and staff of RSPS with a luncheon. We are in need of volunteers to help cover lunch duty. Thank you for considering helping us out with this.

On Tuesday, we will celebrate the gifts of our clergy. We will have a simple prayer service at 10:15am in the church. We will publicly thank Fr. John Dobranski as a school community. We will also be offering an informal tour of the school for prospective parents from 9:30-10:30am.

Free Pizza lunch for all students and parents will be offered on Wednesday, February 3rd.

Thursday is our Parent Appreciation Day. There will be coffee, juice, and pastries served at 8:45am in the cafeteria followed by an open house for all of our current parents until 11:30am. Due to crowd control, we do ask that you do not bring younger siblings to this event. The youngest child in each class will be bringing home a special treat for our parents as a thank you!

On Friday, we will show our appreciation to our students. We will begin with a 10:15am Mass. Directly following Mass, we will say thank you to our school superintendent, Dr. Ronald Valenti for his years of support for RSPS. Dr. Valenti will be retiring from the Archdiocese at the end of this school year and we will take this opportunity to say thanks! Please join us if you can. This is also our first Friday Mass so we will be collecting lunches for lambs.

Many thanks to our school families for the generous donations of baby items for the Howard County Pregnancy Center. Our fifth grade students made cards for the newborn moms and their babies, sorted and counted donated items, and even played baby shower games to celebrate life. Overall, we collected over 250 baby items.

We would like to resume selling SCRIP gift certificates after all of the weekend Masses at the Church of the Resurrection. Please remember that your family will receive the tuition credit for all certificates purchased from non-school families. We are still in need of volunteers. If you can volunteer on a regular basis- even if it is only one weekend a month- please email Karen O'Connell at koconnell@resstpaul.org.

We are starting a new club here at RSPS this coming Monday, February 1st from 3:45-4:30pm for interested students in grades 5-8. The name of the club is "Whatever you do....Always choosing Civility at RSPS". Our moderators are Ms. Garman and Mrs. Carpenter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email Mrs. Garman at dgarman@resstpaul.org. Their hope is to meet the first Monday of each month. Please remember that students need to be picked up at the link doors in the front of the building at 4:30pm.

If your child is planning to attend the RSPS Children's Winter event at Brunswick Zone in Normandy, please submit your form with payment marked "Cosmic Bowling c/o School Office". The absolute deadline for submitting the form is February 1st. Please keep in mind this event is for RSPS students only. Don't hesitate to contact Roseanne Elsby for additional information at rvizzini@aol.com.

We are looking forward to the annual Gala this Saturday evening from 7pm-12am at the Ten Oaks Ball Room. There is no snow date this year for the Gala, so the plans are for us to go ahead with the event, even if it does snow, barring any emergency. If for some reason the event has to be canceled, we will post a notice on the website and will send out an email blast. Many thanks to Kelly Andrew and Linda Baker and their dozens of volunteers who have worked for almost a year working to make this a memorable event!

Speaking of the possibility of snow, when it does snow, Mr. Lew, Mr. Jim and our parish priests are responsible for shoveling all of the sidewalks around the perimeter. While we do have a service to plow the lots, there are a lot of walk ways and steps that need to be shoveled for foot traffic. The parish is in need of volunteers whenever it snows. No experience necessary- just grab a shovel and join in the clearing! Thank you for considering this need.

The Benziger Family Life permission forms for all students in grades K-8 are due today. If you have not yet turned them in, please do so by tomorrow.

Next year's re-registration packet is being sent home today with the youngest student in each family. Please read all the letters and forms in this important packet. Re-registration is due on February 19th.

Coming Home this Week:

- Flyer for upcoming Children's Bingo at Resurrection Parish this Saturday
- St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry flyer for 3rd grade families
- Invitation to Parent Appreciation Morning next Thursday before the open house
- Re-registration Packet

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; Mrs. Gaye Euler; Carol Seboda, grandmother of Max and Katie Pfieler; and Rhoda Tanner aunt of Mrs. Buppert.

Peace,

Karen Murphy
Principal