



# News & Notes

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our annual Walk for the Homeless was once again a success! By putting our faith into action, we were able to raise \$2,100 in donations to St. Paul's Cold Weather Shelter. Fr. Matt is truly appreciative and wishes to convey his thanks to all who donated and walked last Friday.

Everyone who attended the Blue Bayou parent social last Saturday had a wonderful time. Our gym looked fantastic! Many thanks to Linda Lynch, Deidre McCabe, Leanne Hunke, and their large committee for using their creative talents to transform the gym into a Louisiana shanty town complete with food shacks, crates, fishing gear, lanterns, bayou branches and clever signs. Thanks once again to Maureen and Chris McManus, owners of Kelsey's Restaurant, for catering the event and to Arnie Gries for providing the music. The food was fantastic and the music helped set the tone!

Thanks to all who donated items to be used for decorating at the Blue Bayou Social. The event was a huge success. There are still a number of items that need to be picked up in the Link, just outside the gym. Any items not picked up by 4:30pm today will be moved to the shed for storage. You will need to work with school staff for a mutually agreeable time to retrieve the items.

On Monday, we continued our Blue Ribbon celebration by allowing the students to come to school out of uniform – but dressed in blue attire. As a special treat they were allowed to have blue hair and wear blue fingernail polish. To get us into the day's blue mood all of the students were treated to blue snow cones in special blue ribbon cups that changed to blue when they become cold! Tuesday, our students received special RSPS Frisbees and today they are coming home with RSPS Hand Sanitizers!

Yesterday we also thanked our wonderful staff for all the hard work and their dedication to excellence everyday in all that they do. Many thanks to Kelly Broccolino and Lisa Johnson for spearheading this committee. They coordinated wonderful blue treats for the staff throughout the Blue Ribbon week as well as the delicious faculty and staff luncheon. In addition to the delicious meal, having lunch coverage for the entire 45 minute period was such a gift to the teachers. Many thanks to all the parents who baked, donated, set up or served us! On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to thank all parents and students who sent in letters, cards, and emails to members of the staff last week expressing their appreciation for all they do. It touched the hearts of all of us to see those expressions in writing.

While today marks the end of our "official" days of Blue Ribbon Celebration, with our middle school talent show, we will continue to celebrate this achievement throughout the year.

CYO Basketball - As we begin the new basketball season, we are still looking for uniforms from last year and any previous years. The uniforms are to be returned after the season and there are about 75 missing. Each uniform costs \$42, so it's important to use them for as many seasons as possible. Please check your drawers and closets for all old basketball uniforms (not 3/4 grade t -shirts). Please place them in a bag and return to Gina Maclean c/o school office.

**Mark your calendars!** The RSPS Home School Association's Annual "Trees and Green Sale" is here again! It will be held **December 4<sup>th</sup>** through **December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please be sure to stop by and shop for all of your fresh holiday decorations. Come see our beautiful selection of poinsettias, wreaths, roping, centerpieces, freshly cut trees and more. To see pictures of the new and exciting decorations that will be sold, visit the school's website, [www.resstpaul.org](http://www.resstpaul.org) and see the Trees and Greens links in the "News" section. Thank you for supporting the RSPS Home School Association.

Pre-order forms are being sent home today. The hours for the sale are as follows:

December 4<sup>th</sup>: 3pm until 9pm - Christmas trees in the Church parking lot;

5pm until 9pm - Greens in the Church Hall

December 5<sup>th</sup>: 8am until 7pm: Trees in the Church parking lot; greens in the Church Hall

December 6<sup>th</sup>: 8am until 1pm: Trees in the Church parking lot; greens in the Church Hall

We just received word that Howard County Health Department will be administering the H1N1 injection to our students Pre-K-8 next Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your child to receive an injection, please carefully read the letter from Mrs. Suarez (on purple paper) accompanying the consent form coming home with each child today. There are very strict guidelines that need to be followed. This is a very fast turn around and **if you are interested in your child receiving the injection, all completed consent forms need to be in our office by 9am on this Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Due to the administration of the flu vaccination next Tuesday, Mass has been re-scheduled for 2:00pm that afternoon. Members from our It's Academic Team will lead us in prayer. We hope you can join us.

#### SCRIP NEWS:

The gift card sales are going great and we are happy to see so many families participating in the program and taking advantage of the 2% tuition rebate. We now have a new opportunity for families who would like to earn volunteer hours on the weekend AND earn extra rebate money too! If you attend Church of the Resurrection and would like to sell cards after any mass, please contact Karen O'Connell as soon as possible. The seller would receive the 2% rebate for the sales to parishioners and your time would be counted toward your school volunteer hours.

Coming home today from the SCRIP program is a holiday order package. In this packet is a new 2 sided order form and the entire selection of cards and denominations available.

Use the first side to order our on hand items which will be filled as usual. The back side is a blank special order form for items we do not carry but are on the list attached. We will be doing 2 special orders for the holiday season that will not require any minimum dollar amount. The order due dates are Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> (distributed on Friday 11/20) and Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> (distributed 12/18). Please feel free to call Sharon Tornatore (ext. 269) or Karen O'Connell (ext. 267) with any questions.

Congratulations to the Maggio family on the addition of Olivia to their family this past August. Olivia joins mom and dad, Debbie and Chuck and brother Conor who is in 2B!

Yesterday we sent home the remaining RSPS charms that were back ordered. Thank you for your patience.

Please note two corrections to your Family Directory. The Handel's home phone number is 410-733-0799 and the Rummel family's home phone number is 410-922-5326.

Reminders:

- There will be no bus service home this Friday. Dismissal for all will be at 12:30pm. There is EDUCARE until 6pm. Please exit via the Paulskirk Drive and Chatham Road exits.

Coming home today:

- H1N1 Information Sheet and Consent Forms for each students for vaccine
- Trees and Greens order sheet
- Scrip Special Order Forms- due back by November 16<sup>th</sup>
- Church of the Resurrection information session sheet

Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>- 11:30am Thanksgiving Prayer Svc. 12:30 Dismissal
- Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>- 6-8pm – RSPS Barnes and Noble Night
- Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>- 9-11am- Mother's Tea at Kelsey's
- Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>- Breakfast with Santa/Trees and Greens Sale
- Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Decorator Show House Tour
- Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>- RSPS Group walk through-Symphony of Lights at 4:30pm

In your prayers this week, please remember all those who are seriously ill and in need of God's healing presence, especially, Christina Bambach, who is recovering from surgery; Brother James Kelly, President of Mt. St. Joseph High School; Tom Herbert, brother in law of Valerie and uncle of Graham Bateman; Pete Melynck, uncle of Jen Miller and great uncle of John, Carly and Amanda Miller; Addison Dewey, step-father of Ms. Patton; Annette Garib, grandmother of Sarah and Meghan Hudson.

Peace,

Karen Murphy  
Principal