



News & Notes

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

One of the Values we are working on this month is Self-Knowledge. This past Tuesday, we had the opportunity to listen to President Obama address all students and he spoke about the importance of recognizing and developing our individual talents so that we can put them to good use and make this a better country. This is the same message that we have been telling the students for the past several years. God has blessed each of us with different gifts and talents. We need to use our self knowledge to recognize and develop these gifts in order to help build up God's kingdom here on earth. How great is it that we are already working on this before the President spoke to all the kids! We are very blessed and feel affirmed!

We enjoyed meeting with our Middle School parents last night and look forward to seeing our Primary parents this Thursday evening at our annual Back to School Night. Thursday's presentation will once again start with the volunteer expo in the link at 6:30pm followed by the Home and School presentation and Principal's presentation at 7:00pm in the church. Following the presentation you will have the chance to visit your child's teachers in their homerooms. Don't forget that these 2 hours count towards your volunteer hours!

The Archdiocese is moving all of Power School data onto one server. Parent Access will be delayed in opening. We will let you know as soon as we have a firm date to open Parent Access.

We would like to express our appreciation to Donna Hennessy, mother of Emilee in grade 6, for sharing her time and talent in creating our Do you love me? Feed my lambs banner. We introduced the banner at our first prayer service and will continue to use it throughout the year as we celebrate as a school community. The banner hangs in our school foyer when not in use. Please take a look at it the next time you are in school. It is a beautiful reminder of this year's theme.

Eighty two students kept journals this summer and I am almost finished reading them all. What a great summer everyone seemed to have while keeping up with their writing skills! I will have them back to the students with a token of appreciation some time this week. Thank you for your encouragement with your children with this effort.

Coming home today is the Family Income Survey with a letter of explanation. It is imperative that we have these forms filled out and returned to school. All information is confidential and helps determine our Title funding from the state. Just for your information, we received over \$12,000 in Text book funding and \$9,000 in teacher development last year from the state. Thank you for your immediate response! Please remember to put the name of the nearest public school that your child would attend if they were not enrolled at RSPS.

Congratulations to our new Student Council Representatives! Elections were held yesterday morning and representatives were elected by their peers in their class. Congratulations to our representatives, Bennett Holmes, Julia Leishear, Kelly Larson, Aidan McCabe, Audrey Lawrence, Sean Moran, Connor Walsh, Brian Gorman, John Rochester, Grace O'Toole, Vincent DeBlasio, Kevin Costello, Molly Tucker,

Kennedy Hunke, Timmy McManus, Megan Lynch, Abby Zalucki, Cameron Holmes, Shannon Larson, Joseph Myers, Ben Costello and Mike Fiocco. Student Council Representatives will be installed with the Executive Committee following next Monday's Mass which will begin at 2:00pm in the church. Our Student Council will lead us in prayer. Please join us if you can.

Individual School Pictures will be taken of all students in their school uniform next Wednesday. Students in grades 2A, 6B, 8A, and 1B (who normally wear their PE uniforms on Wednesday) should come to school dressed in their regular school uniform and bring their tennis shoes to school on that day. These pictures will be used for the yearbook, so all students will have their picture taken regardless of whether or not they are purchasing them. Students may wear either their summer or winter uniforms for the photograph.

A flier for Box Tops for Education is coming home today. We are asking everyone to take 5 minutes to go on line and complete a simple registration form. For everyone one person who does that, we will receive 5 additional box tops. You will also be given credit for 1 volunteer hour. Parents are requested to log this hour into the volunteer log book. For each student who brings in 10 box tops between now and October 15th, they will be given an out of uniform day pass for Thursday, October 15th. These little labels add up to over a thousand dollars for our school that goes right back into the budget to keep tuition costs in check.

Coming home today:

- Order forms about upcoming school picture day, held next Wednesday, Sept. 16th
- GIANT Bonus Bucks Bonus Card registration form
- Innisbrook Gift Wrap fundraiser
- Birthday Balloon Club flier
- Youth ministry flier
- Labels for Education flier
- Note from the Nurse on Swine Flu
- Pamphlet from the CDC on H1N1 Virus
- Income survey for Title Funds for the State
- Room Parent Volunteer signup sheet

Students may add red, white and/or blue to their uniform tomorrow to show your support on Patriot Day, this Friday, September 11th. Our school will remember those who lost their lives and the families and friends who mourn for them with a special prayer to be shared during homeroom. Please pray for our 8th graders who will spend the day in retreat.

In your prayers this week, please remember all those who are seriously ill and in need of God's healing presence, especially Barbara Bodensteiner, mother in law of Maureen Bodensteiner, Brother James Kelly, President of Mt. St. Joseph High School, Tom Herbert, brother in law of Valerie and uncle of Graham Bateman. Let us also remember all those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. May they rest in peace.

Peace,

Karen Murphy
Principal