

A Message from the Principal... Mrs. Bland

Welcome back!! I would like to welcome Miss Montgomery, Miss Bernhard, and Mrs. Specht to our staff this year. I would especially like to welcome all our new students and their families to our school.

We are so blessed. I could never do my job without so many special people. This summer the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms were air conditioned. This could never have been done without Judy Sundine (who donated the air conditioners), John Ruzich (who picked them up and delivered them to St. Rose School), Mark Hobbs and Van Holman (who installed them), Clennon Electric (who donated their time and talent to make sure the school had enough power to run them) and Bill Raymond from Southwest Mechanical who made sure Mrs. Plese's air conditioner had freon.

The Saturday before school started, Judy Sundine, Jen Czys, Mark Hobbs, Brendan Cyzs, Blain Czys, Tom Smith, Max Narine, Jack Narine, Van Holman, Suzie Probus, Cameron Holman, Madelyn Holman, Sam Probus, Joey Probus, Billie Van Duyne and Father Steve all came out to clean the grounds. They pulled weeds, weed whacked, picked up litter, washed windows, cleaned filters, and anything else they could see that needed to be done to get the school ready for the first day.

Thank you Jill Duffy, Billie Van Duyne, Megan DesRochers, and Heather Hobbs who worked so hard planning a fun first day for our students. These ladies are amazing.

The teachers worked hard all summer preparing for this school year. These teachers are the best in the area. They really do make my job easy.

Fr. Steve Bondi is a great supporter and that support is greatly appreciated.

Last, but not least, are your children. Thank you for sharing your most precious gift with us.

As you can see, God has blessed us and I am so thankful to Him for the gifts He has given us.

Dates to Remember

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| August 29 | Begin wearing uniforms<br>Begin dismissal @ 2:40               |
| August 31 | Mass @ 8:10 prepared by 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> grade |
| Sept. 5   | Labor Day – No School                                          |

## News from Preschool.....Miss Montgomery

We have had a great first week of school! We are working hard to practice all of our routines and procedures for bathroom use, getting in line, using our centers, participating in snack, and lots more. We have heard lots of stories about starting school and have even been to computer class. We are working hard on doing the pledge of allegiance and also learning our prayers we will say each day.

We appreciate your patience at dismissal time as we work with the students on raising their hand when they see the person picking them up. They have been taught to raise their hand and wait until one of us calls their name so that we can be sure that we see who each child is leaving with.

I would like to thank everyone who donated supplies for our classroom! We appreciate everything you do for our school.

A few reminders of items needed for each child:

- \*A change of clothes in a gallon size bag with their name on it to keep here at school.
- \*A regular size backpack, not the smaller version and no wheels please.
- \*Some type of rest mat. This can be a small sleeping bag, beach towel or a blanket.
- \*Two smaller size photographs of your child.

We are looking forward to another great week next week. Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns you may have. My e-mail address is [bmontgomerystrose@gmail.com](mailto:bmontgomerystrose@gmail.com). Please make sure to watch the family newsletter for our class information and updates on what we are learning.

## News from Kindergarten.....Mrs. Jackson

Welcome back! It was nice to see everyone at our first day celebration and open house. I hope you had a relaxing and fun summer break.

Thank you parents for donating supplies for our classroom. It was so generous of you to take the time to shop for the items I needed. Thank you for returning the purple folders and information sheets.

I have a great groups of students. They are doing such a good job adjusting to a new classroom and teacher. We have two new students this year, Aubrey Bryant and Parker Adams. They both are making new friends and loving school so far. I am happy to have them in my class.

This week is a week of assessments, getting familiar with rules, procedures, and routines. We are also learning about manners, friendships and family. I learned so much about my students in just a few short days. I can tell they are eager to learn and excited about being in school.

I look forward to a wonderful new school year filled with success.

Have a nice weekend.

Reminder - Permission slips for Wilmington Library are due September 2nd.

## News from First Grade.....Mrs. Vimpeny

The first graders are off to a wonderful start this new school year! We've been busy learning about our classroom and doing some fun activities. This week we are doing much reviewing, but next week we start "getting serious!" I know that we are in for a great year.

It was nice to meet some of you on Monday at either the celebration or at Open House. For those of you whom I did not see at Open House, would you please send your email address to me at [lvimpenystrose@gmail.com](mailto:lvimpenystrose@gmail.com).

We have a special furry helper in our classroom. Be sure to ask your child about him!

Thank you for taking the time to look through your child's STAR folder and removing the STAR STUDDER WORK and communications from me.

Don't forget to send a healthy snack with your child every day.

If you are interested in ordering books from the book orders, the easiest way is for you to order online. The code to our class was included with the orders. When you order on line, we get free books for our classroom.

You can help our school by saving and sending to school several items: Box Tops For Education, Campbells UPCs, empty ink cartridges, and Bellettini receipts. You may send your rinsed aluminum cans and plastic beverage bottles to school. Mrs. Pitts comes on Wednesdays to collect them from our classroom.

Don't forget that Spirit wear orders are due tomorrow.

Have a super weekend!

## News from Second Grade...Miss Allmon

The first week of school is off to a wonderful start! Our focus in second grade for the first week has been on classroom routines and rules, doing some basic skills work and assessments and getting to know one another. I really enjoyed meeting all of the second grade parents on Monday at our First Day celebration and I thank those who already donated items on our wish list! Starting next week your child will be bringing home a spelling list and the homework for the week. We will also choose our Star Student. An announcement will be made Monday as to who has been chosen. Also, please remember to send a healthy snack for your child every day

While the second graders continue to adjust to the routines and activities of the classroom, we will begin our first Reading unit next week. Our mornings will be filled with spelling and vocabulary, playing partnered games with letter and word cards, making as many words as they can with a given set of letters. In their guided reading the children predict using word and picture clues. Predictions change depending upon new clues as the story unfolds. We practice reading with multiple partners, increasing their fluency and developing their expressive voice. The first story we read is titled Daddy, Could I Have an Elephant? Please make sure your child is bringing their reading slip and their reading book home every night to practice reading. The reading slips should be signed and returned the following day.

The new areas in math that we will focus on in chapter one is understanding addition and subtraction problems. Our first unit combines number concepts, addition, subtraction, and data analysis. The use of correct terminology is expected, with new vocabulary introduced in most

lessons. The children are also beginning to develop explanations for how they were able to solve the problems, whether through drawing, number sentences, or logical interpretations. The series includes the development of key vocabulary which enables students to think more as mathematicians. Your child will be bringing home the vocabulary for chapter one. Please review the words whenever possible as well as encouraging your child to practice their basic math facts.

In Social Studies, second grade will begin our unit on Communities. Using the text, the children are able to explain the types of communities, rules for living in communities, and how these can also apply to our own lives in school and at home. Key concepts such as friendship, cooperation and compassion are explored as the children brainstorm ways they exhibit these traits and how these traits are shown through the actions of others. What a wonderful way to explore "Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself". In Science we will begin studying the interactions of living things.

In Religion our main focus will be on two important sacraments: the celebration of the Mass and Eucharist, as well as that of Penance and Reconciliation. When we are welcomed into God's family through Baptism, we become part of the community. Students learn that being a member of any community has its rights and responsibilities. We need to care for one another through not only our words but our actions as well. Students are learning that they have choices in life, and through God's grace we can make good choices. We are also learning that as we ask forgiveness, we also need to forgive others. Please remember to practice the Act of Contrition prayer with your child.

#### News from Third Grade.....Mrs. Girot

Welcome back! The third graders are off to a really wonderful start at school! We are thankful to all of the parents and the PTO who made our first day so special with the back to school celebration. The students especially enjoyed the dunk tank and Circus Boy.

Thank you to the families who attended Open House on Monday. It was very nice to see everyone. Thanks also to those who have already donated items from our wish list. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

The rest of this week has been filled with learning rules and classroom routines and procedures. Starting next week, the students will begin chapters in Math and Reading. The students will also bring home the first Spelling word list.

Just a reminder to check those take home folders and planners each night. Also, please remember to send your child with a healthy snack each day.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful school year!

#### News from Fourth Grade.....Miss Bernhard

It has been a very exciting first week so far! The school supplies are put away and the classroom rules have been established! We have spent a good amount of our time getting to know one another. We did this through many different activities and class discussion. The "Me Bags" were a lot fun and I was able to learn quite a bit about each student. The students took a reading and math assessment so I could better understand each of their skill levels. Next week we will be getting into the textbooks and establishing more of our class routines.

News from Fifth Grade/Jr. High Social Studies.....Mrs. Viano

Well the first week of 5<sup>th</sup> grade is finished and the kids are getting the hang of switching classes. Give us another week and it will be much easier on the kids.

Students will have a folder of their graded work that will come home each Friday. You will see a sheet that needs to be signed on the front and inside you will find one pocket with papers that stay at home and one that has information that needs to be returned to school. Students earn prizes at the end of the year for having these signed and returned on the next school day.

Please check your student's engrade account on a regular basis as I try to post lessons for the week ahead of time so you know what we are doing in class. Then grades are entered as soon as I have them graded. If an assignment is not turned in, it will be recorded as an **M** which counts as a *zero* until it is turned in, the final grade for the late work will have the appropriate percentage deducted from the earned grade.

Students will also begin using Discovery Education's online student portal. A sheet will come home on Friday explaining to you how to use the system. We will be going over it in class before it comes home so the student will know how to use the system.

The first assignment for 5<sup>th</sup> to share is using a site called glogster. I have set up a private class account so the kids can make posters about themselves or their summer. I showed them two that I made this week. I'm sure they will do much better than I did, just make sure that they always check that it is the class site and they mark everything private. This information will be in the Friday folder so you will know how to access the account.

Next week I'll catch up on the Social Studies classes.  
Enjoy the weekend.

News from Sixth Grade/Jr. High Science .....Mrs. Plese

Welcome Back! The sixth grade class is settling into a new routine. Next week will be easier with the normal length of day schedule. Many new learning adventures await this eager class! Throughout the school year if any questions or concerns arise, please feel free to email me at [bplese@rosestrose.com](mailto:bplese@rosestrose.com)

Thank you to PTO for providing fun and interesting entertainment for the students on Monday. The dunk tank in particular was well attended. It was a chilly experience, but was all in good fun! Speaking of chilly...the air in the sixth grade classroom is particularly refreshing these days. A big thank you to Mrs. Judy Sundine for her generous donation of the air conditioner for our classroom. It is much appreciated on these muggy days of August! Also thank you to the number of 'behind the scenes' workers that also made this endeavor possible. Kudos to Bill Raymond, Mark Hobbs, Van Holman and John Ruzich. It takes many people working together to make St. Rose School successful. The additional efforts of many of our school supporters is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

News from Seventh Grade/Jr. High Math.....Mrs. Duffy

**5th - 8th Math News**

Welcome Back! I am so excited about the new school year. So many great things are going to happen in our math classes this year! If you have any questions or concerns, at any time, please feel free to e-mail me at: [jduffystrose@gmail.com](mailto:jduffystrose@gmail.com).

5th and 6th grades have already had a couple assignments and grades are posted DAILY! Please check Engrade regularly in order to stay on top of your child's progress. Every math student came home with a syllabus on Tuesday. The bottom portion of the second page needs to be signed and returned by tomorrow; you keep the syllabus at home. Also, please check your e-mail daily as that is my main source of communication.

Parents ~ if you could please make sure your child has lead refills for their mechanical pencils, that would be helpful.

Also, 7th & 8th grade algebra students either need two one-subject notebooks OR a two-three subject notebook. They will get filled up!

**7th Grade News**

Please remember to save your empty plastic bottles and pop cans for our recycling program. Send them in each Wednesday morning with your child; that is when they are collected.

Seventh graders made some great posters showing what a wonderful summer they had. Check them out in our hallway!

News from Eighth/Jr. High English.....Mrs. Mosier

The 2011 school year is off to a great start. The upper grade students did an excellent job with the mass parts and the singing. I really can't thank them enough. What a pleasure to work with them!

We are working at getting the schedule together, and it's a work in progress, but the students handle it well. We ought to be in the full swing of things by next week.

Looking forward to another successful year and prayer is a key component :)

## News from..... PTO

First, a big **THANK YOU** to the following volunteers for making our back to school celebration a wonderful day for our students!

- Mike Warriner for bringing your grill and cooking the hot dogs.
- DesRochers Backyard Pool for filling up the dunk tank.
- Christina Dyer & Leif Ekberg for passing out food.
- Michelle Powers for making punch.
- Josette Clark for helping with set up.
- Mrs. Viano for making popcorn.
- Jen Czys for helping with the dunk tank.
- Mark Hobbs for setting up tables and helping with the dunk tank.
- Miss Allmon, Mrs. Plese, and Mrs. Urban for being brave enough to endure being dunked!
- The seventh grade class for helping clean up.

If we've forgotten anyone, we are truly sorry, and appreciate everything you did to help make this day special for our kids!

*Jill Duffy, Billie Van Duyne, Heather Hobbs, & Megan DesRochers  
P.T.O. Board Members*

### **Raffle Tickets**

***ALL RAFFLE MONEY IS DUE TOMORROW!*** With the exception of the three families that received their tickets on registration day, tomorrow is the deadline for turning in tickets & money. There are several families who still need to pay for their raffle. If you are one of them, you received a reminder home today. Remember a separate check for \$300 is payable to St. Rose P.T.O. If you feel there is an error, please call the office A.S.A.P.

If you already paid for your Lucky Sunday tickets, but have to turn them in, please remember tomorrow is our first drawing at 2:30pm! Good Luck!!

Mark your calendars for some important upcoming P.T.O. dates:

- **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – Collection Contest Begins**  
Send in all of your box tops, Campbell's soup labels, Bellettini receipts, and empty printer cartridges to try and earn your child's class a pizza party!
- **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – P.T.O. Meeting @ 7pm downstairs in the cafeteria**  
All are welcome to attend to help plan the year's events!
- **Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Grandparent's Day Reception**  
In the gym following mass; sponsored by P.T.O. More information to come!
- **Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – Collection Contest Ends**  
This is the last day to turn in collection contest items.
- **Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – Market Day Pick-up**