

St. Rose School  
Newsletter  
September 1, 2011

**A Message from the Principal...Mrs. Bland**

**Labor Day** – Monday, September 5 we are not in session. This Labor Day as our country is going through difficult economic times let us pay tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. Enjoy this long weekend with your families.

**Collection Contest** – Collection Contest begins Tuesday, September 6. Bring in Campbell Soup Labels, Box Tops for Education and Belletini receipts. The class winner will receive a Pizza Party.

**Protecting God's Children** - The Diocese of Joliet and St. Rose School recognize the importance of keeping our children safe. For this reason, all clergy, religious, employees and volunteers who come into contact with children while working or volunteering in any diocesan or parish institution and/or program will have a criminal background check and attend the required workshop.

St. Rose School requires all parents or family members who volunteer as room parents, lunch parents, recess helpers, or who go on field trips, help in the classroom, etc. attend a three hour class (Protecting God's Children).

St. Rose will be offering the class Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 pm.

You only have to take the class once. Many of you who have not taken it have signed up. You will receive a email reminder this weekend.

**Grandparents Day** - St. Rose School will be celebrating Grandparent's Day on Thursday, September 15th. All grandparents are invited to attend beginning with mass at 9:00am followed by a reception in the gym sponsored by P.T.O. Students will be allowed to leave with their grandparent's or special persons after being checked out in their classrooms. Check your emails... more information about Grandparents Day will be coming from PTO.

**Uniform Sweatshirts** – If you are in need of a navy sweatshirt to wear with your uniform, make sure you send in your order form by September 16.

**Race for Education Update** - Kick-off packets for our upcoming Race for Education are coming home with students today. Please take the time to read through all of the information in the packets.

A few important notes:

1. Each student has to return a minimum of five labels to participate in the Race for Education on October 21st.
2. Label sheets are due on Monday, September 12th.
3. If your family has more than one student at SRS, it is OK to duplicate labels to the same family and/or friends. Students will be eligible for prizes based on the number of labels they return; family/friends WILL donate to each child. However, no photocopies will be allowed. Labels need to be filled out for each child in your family to qualify for prizes.
4. Thank you, in advance, for filling out label sheets. It is a minimal amount of work for the HUGE amount of money this raises for our school. Last year, we raised over \$12,000.00 and we're hoping for more this year!!

If you have any questions about the Race for Education, please e-mail Jill at [jduffystrose@gmail.com](mailto:jduffystrose@gmail.com)

**Mass** – Please join us for mass Wednesday, September 7 at 8:10. The 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade will be preparing this mass.

**PTO News**

Congratulations to our August Lucky Sunday Winner: Joey Lewsader!!

Our next Lucky Sunday drawing will be: September 30th.

If you have any tickets to turn in, please get them in before our next drawing!

**Athletic Board Meeting** – The Board will meet at 6:00 on Thursday, September 8. All parents are welcome to join us.

**School Board Meeting** – the School Board will meet Thursday, September 8 at 7:00. The time has changed to make more time for the Athletic Board Meeting.

**Spirit Wear** – St. Rose Spirit Wear will be able to be worn this Friday, September 9. Jeans are to be worn with all Spirit Wear. If your child is playing on a traveling team now or on the Bobcats, Comets, etc. they may wear their jerseys. Students will be able to wear their team jerseys if they are playing at the time.

#### **Dates to Remember**

September 5 – Labor Day - No School

September 6 – Collection Contest Begins  
Protecting God's Children @ 6:00pm

September 7 – Mass @ 8:10 prepared by 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade

September 8 – Speech Practice (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade) 2:40-3:30  
Athletic Board Meeting @ 6:00pm  
School Board Meeting @ 7:00pm

September 9 – Spirit Wear Day

## News from Preschool...Miss Montgomery

Dear Families,

We have had a busy week. The children are working hard on remembering the rules and procedures for bathroom use, getting in line, using our centers, participating in snack and dismissal. We have read lots of stories, went on a "bear hunt", played with play dough, attended gym class and music class. The children are working hard on learning a new song which will be sung during our Grandparent's Day Mass. Grandparents Day information will be sent out at a later date. Once again, thank you to everyone who sent in supplies for our classroom.

Next week we will be working on projects to put into a memory book which we will work on throughout the school year. These memory books will be sent home at the end of the school year. We will also be working on special projects for our loving grandparents.

A few reminders:

- \*No School September 5<sup>th</sup> in honor of Labor Day.
- \*Please send in two smaller size photographs of your child.
- \*The next Protecting God's Children Workshop is September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

Once again, if you have any questions or concerns please e-mail me at [bmontgomerystrose@gmail.com](mailto:bmontgomerystrose@gmail.com).

Thank you,  
Miss Montgomery

## News from Kindergarten...Mrs. Jackson

### **Math**

Our topic in math is sorting and classifying. Students are organizing objects according to common attributes such as color, size, and shape.

### **Religion**

Students are currently learning about God's creations. Students will recognize the beauty that surrounds all of us as gifts from God's love.

### **Lion's Quest**

Lion's Quest is a program that helps children strengthen four skills: self-discipline, responsibility, good judgement, and respecting others. We just started Unit One, "Building a School Community," which fosters a classroom atmosphere that helps children develop positive relationships and a sense of belonging.

## **Reading/Language Arts**

We just finished our first story in reading. Students constructed meaning from illustrations, made predictions, participated in a shared writing activity, and listened to phonics songs and rhymes. Students used their handwriting booklets this week. They did a great job writing upper/lower case letters M, J, A, and D. Students also wrote in their journals for the first time. We are practicing how to sit when we write and how to hold a pencil. Please help your child practice writing his/her name and continue to read to your child everyday.

Thank you, parents for donating supplies for our classroom. You are all very generous.

I would like to start a Lego Club after school at St. Rose and I need Legos. If you would like to donate Legos for our club, it would be greatly appreciated. Information about the club will follow at a later date. Thank you.

## **Reminders**

September 5th - No school

September 7th - Scholastic book orders due

September 8th - Our first visit to Wilmington Library

September 12th - Race for Education label sheets due

September 15th - Grandparent's Day

Have a great weekend!!

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

The first graders are getting used to a full day of school. Lunch time can't get here soon enough for them! We like that our "special" classes are at the same time of the day, Tuesdays through Fridays.

In Religion, we have learned that the Bible has two parts. We are also working from the Skills For Growing books. Have you heard about Q-Bear? Q-Bear has taught us to use polite language in both words and tone.

We have read two stories in our Reading book. We are focusing on short a words as well as beginning and ending sounds. We are also using context clues to help us figure out new words. We have learned title, author, and illustrator.

In Language Arts, we are learning about complete sentences. Every day we correct a sentence on the SmartBoard. Tomorrow we will write animal riddles. I can tell that spelling words were studied as the pretest went very well. There will be two surprise bonus words on Friday's test.

We started and have almost finished Topic 1 in Math. Again we use the SmartBoard often to learn the objective of each lesson. You can see from the homework that we are working on identifying numbers 0-12 and making dot patterns.

In Science, we are learning about living and nonliving things. We examined mealworms on Monday and compared them to a nonliving item. Yesterday, we watched a Discovery Streaming video to learn what living things do and what they need.

In Social Studies, we are learning about our school community.

Some important reminders and info:

1. First grade Mass is September 21. We will be choosing parts. Those who have something to read will bring it home. Please practice the reading at home.
2. Poster board along with directions will be sent home for Undy Sunday. Please help your child create a poster that is neatly completed. These are due on Sept. 19.
3. Race For Education packets went home with students today. Label sheets are due on Monday, Sept. 12.
4. Please return signed yes/no slips even if you are not interested in the magazine or already subscribe. Our class earns gifts for ALL slips turned in. The more slips that are turned in, the better gift we can choose.
5. Scholastic Book Orders are due on Sept. 15. Remember that if you order online, our class receives free books.
6. Remember to save boxtops, labels, receipts, and printer cartridges for our collection contest. I'm sure that the 1st graders would love to win a pizza party!
7. Save plastic beverage bottles and cans (not crushed) that have UPCs and send them to school on Wednesdays. Our school is in a contest and we are within distance of a possible win!

I hope you have a restful Labor Day weekend!

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

### Social Studies update

All Social Studies classes will be graded for their written work on the following scale:

Correct heading of the paper = 4 points, (name, date, class, assignment)

Complete sentences = 1 point for each question

Complete answer to the question, this depends on what is asked:

If the question asks *some*, then there will need to be more than one item mentioned in the answer for full credit. = 2 points

For a specific number such as *3 regions*, then there will have to be at least 3 regions mentioned in the answer. = ? points equal the number required by the question.

All of the classes will have information to watch assigned to them through Discovery Education to build background and add to the classroom discussions.

There will also be some quizzes that will be posted through the engrade system. Students will be told when information is posted that they need to finish and the assignments will be on each class calendar in engrade.

**5<sup>th</sup> grade:** We are starting out learning how people came to North America and the culture that was here before the arrival of Europeans. Why Europeans came to North America and what caused them to need to bring in a labor force from Africa.

**6<sup>th</sup> grade:** The cultures of the Ancient world will be the focus of this years study for this group of students. They are starting out thinking about how each generation builds on the accomplishments of the people that have come before them and how something as simple as a bicycle started out as something much different then what they ride today.

**7<sup>th</sup> grade:** We are going through a quick review of American history so that they can remember why the colonists rebelled from Great Britain and understand how the Constitution was written through compromises.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade:** These students are reviewing the beginnings of our country and will move quickly so we can get through the Civil Wars and maybe into the 20<sup>th</sup> century this year.

Have a wonderful 3 day weekend.

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

The fifth and sixth graders had their first class mass on Wednesday. I was very proud of their singing and prayerfulness. I am impressed at how well these students work together towards a common goal!

Next week a representative from Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie will be visiting the sixth grade classroom. Background information on Midewin and information regarding their upcoming field trips will be discussed. We are looking forward to our outdoor field trips throughout the school year!

A recycling drop off date will be announced in the upcoming week for newspapers and magazines. The sixth graders will be available to unload unwanted papers from parent cars in the morning during the student drop off time (7:30-7:50 am). These papers will be placed in the Abitibi Bowater recycling bins that are located across the street from our school. Our school receives funds per tonnage for the paper. This project makes money for the school and helps the environment by keeping excess paper out of landfills. The old paper is made into new paper products!

Science students in grades 5 through 8 have been busy in class with numerous labs in the science lab. The students have shown their eagerness to learn and participate in class!

Have a great weekend!

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

We have hit the ground running and students are quickly getting acquainted with the procedures in their math classes!

5th grade is taking their first test today over Topic 1 of their text. I am confident they will do great! Check Engrade tonight for their test scores.

6th grade will have their first test over Topic 1 tomorrow. Students reviewed together in class today and were given their first homework bonus, which is extra credit that is added to their homework score from the last two weeks of work. I have stressed how important extra credit is so please reinforce at home.

7th/8th grade Pre-Algebra and Algebra One students are still working in Chapter one of their texts. Their first test will fall in the later part of next week.

Have a great holiday weekend!

