



St. Rose of Lima School Newsletter
Michael Floyd, Principal

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Giant A Plus Program: Giant Foods is, once again, running the Giant A plus Bonus Card program this school year. St. Rose of Lima School earns 1% cash back on all qualifying purchases made with your Giant Bonus Card beginning in October. There are three ways that you can register. First, and easiest, bring your Giant Card with you to the Fall Festival and we will register you on the spot. Second, fill out the form that is included in the folder this week and return to either the school or your local Giant store. Third, register on-line at www.giantaplust.com. If you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year as they do not keep the information from year to year. Funds from last year's A plus program will help fund field trips in order to help keep the cost of these down. Thank you for your support.

Forms: PLEASE, if you haven't returned your emergency forms and other forms sent out the first week, do so ASAP. These forms are important and we need to have current information in case of an emergency. Also, if your child has medical issues that require medication, remember to provide your child's Physician the form that will allow your child to take the medication at school. It is also appreciated if the Physician would provide us with any background information that he/she can about the medical condition since our nurses are generally Mrs. Whiteford or myself, neither of us are medical experts, although some of the kids think we are!!

Video: Please remember that the third and final time for you to watch the Child Abuse video will be this coming **Sunday, September 16, at 1:00**. The only way you can get your volunteer card is by viewing the video. In order to chaperone field trips, coach sports, volunteer in the classroom or school or even with certain activities at the church you need to have the Child Abuse clearance, the State Police Criminal Check, the Diocesan Disclosure form, and have watched the video and signed the accompanying form. I realize that I will have to turn away some very good and faithful volunteers this year and I am deeply sorry about that, I hope that no one is offended, but I have to do my job and enforce diocesan and parish policies.

Wellness Policy: I haven't yet used these dirty words in a sentence this year. But I need to let you know that the Wellness Policy is alive and kicking. In its infinite wisdom, the powers that be at the governmental level have slightly altered the rules this year. We were

under the impression last year that we had at least one more year to serve ice cream in the cafeteria. Well, in looking at the regulations, we have decided that we should look for another alternative. We think we have stumbled upon one. Now when I tell you what it is many of you are going to wonder if I've totally lost it and not only have I fallen off my rocker, but wonder if I was ever on it to begin with. However, the alternative does meet the guidelines under the Wellness Policy because it is made with 100% fruit juice. The alternative is a Slush Puppy, yes the same company that makes the super sugary frozen drinks found in many convenience stores. The main and most important difference is the fact that what we will serve is 100% fruit juice with no added sugars, so the sugar in the drink is natural sugar from the fruit. The slush puppies will be sold for the same price as the ice cream, \$0.50.

Upcoming events: There are several upcoming events that I want to highlight. The first one, Family McDonald's night, takes place this coming Monday, September 17 at the McDonald's by Target and BJ's. It will run from 5-7 PM and students from first grade will help. The second is the skating party the next night at Roll R Way skating rink on Vander Avenue near York Catholic. This begins at 6 PM. Next is the annual Fall Festival, which takes place on September 22 from 11:30-3:00. There will be no school on Wednesday, September 26 due to the Diocesan education conference. The final event of the month will be the Individual Student Pictures which will be taken on Friday, September 28. Details will follow regarding pictures in next week's newsletter.

HSA NEWS:

BASKET BINGO ALERT!!!

St. Rose basket bingo will be held on Friday, October 12th at York Catholic. There are still plenty of ways to be involved. We need help in the kitchen, making baked goods, sponsoring baskets, and doing other various jobs the night of bingo. If you can help in any way, please call Marsha Yanick at 292-2416.

Class Basket Sponsors

You should have gotten a letter from a class parent asking for donations to sponsor a basket for your child's class. This is an easy way to help with our basket bingo fundraiser. All you need to do is send a donation in with Basket Bingo c/o your class parent on the envelope! On basket bingo night your child's class will be announced as the basket sponsor!

Our first **Chuck E. Cheese fundriasing night** will be on September 25th. More information will be coming soon. Mark your calendars and we'll see you there!

KidStuff coupon book fundraiser is happening now! The fundraiser will run through September 19th. You can send your orders in to be filled as you get them. Remember, if you are choosing not to participate, please send your book back ASAP so it can be used to fill other orders!

Skating Party: The First St. Rose Skating Party will be held on Tuesday, September 18th from 6:00-8:30 at Roller Way on Vander Avenue. All St. Rose students and families are welcomed to attend. You may bring your own skates or rent them there. Admission cost is \$2.

The HSA is looking for someone to collect the money at the door. This is an excellent way to earn service hours. You may volunteer to collect money for one of the skating parties, or up to all four of them. This would fulfill your stewardship obligations. If you are interested in collecting money, please contact Carol McNamara @ 308-0970 by Saturday, September 15th. We hope to see everyone there for this fun filled family activity!!!!!!

Teachers BRIGHTEN Our Lives!

Every other month, HSA with the help of parents will be organizing a “Teacher Tuesday” or a “Teacher Thursday” and will have a special treat for our wonderful teachers in appreciation for all they do in making St. Rose School special. The first Teacher Thursday will be September 27th and the theme will be “Morning Bagel Break.” If you are interested in helping to set up and/or donating a yummy food, drink or paper product, please contact Patti Bartkowiak at 764-7850. Future dates will be Tuesday - November 13th, Thursday - January 17th, Tuesday - March 11th and Thursday - May 15th.

Dress Code: Please make sure that your child is abiding by the dress code each day. The issue we are noticing has to do with the socks, especially on the girls. I looked in the handbook and noticed that there was a sentence missing when it came to socks in the warm weather uniform. Girls may wear maroon or white knee high socks or maroon or dark crew socks. The crew socks must be above the ankle. Boys must wear dark colored crew socks with their uniform. Thanks for your help.

TALENT SHOW UPDATE: We're planning on having the St. Rose of Lima School Talent Show in February this school year and looking at Wednesday, February 20 or Wednesday, February 27 as possible dates. Parents & Teachers - If there is a conflict with either date, or you have a preference, please let me know at phone 767-5901 or email: thegordons5@comcast.net so that we can get a definite date for the Talent Show on the calendar. Having it later in the year should give students lots of time to prepare an act to showcase or consider being an Announcer or part of the Stage Crew at the Talent Show. Lots of help is needed from students and parents, especially anyone with set building experience and artistic talents. Also, we welcome any ideas for a Talent Show theme that you may have - just let us know.

Don't Forget: 10:30 Mass is held at the school each Sunday.

Have a great week!

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