



St. Rose of Lima School
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Class Masses: I would like to once again thank those of you who have attended the first two class mass Sunday's. I also want to clarify the intent of the class masses and the "responsibilities" expected of you and your children. First the responsibilities; you and your child are only asked to attend the special class mass twice per school year. The first one is in the fall and the second in the spring. The intent is not to have you attend that mass each and every week forever. The intent is for the students and their families to share in the most important aspect of our faith, the celebration of the Mass. I am clearly aware that there are many of us who attend certain masses at St. Rose or other area churches, but I think that it is important for us to build community with our school families. To steal an all too often used cliché, you can't spell community without unity! The class masses show that we are unified with one another and the St. Rose of Lima Church community. This is becoming more important than ever, especially given the next subject I'll be discussing. I will make a better attempt to get the word out earlier regarding the spring class masses.

Town Hall Meeting: Thank you to those who came out to the Town Hall Meeting last week here at the school. From the results of the meeting, it appears as though plans will be moving forward on a Parish Community Center on our property here in Thomasville. This building will include a Gymnasium which will likely convert into an auditorium and Mass space. The process of building any structure within the Diocese of Harrisburg can be a lengthy one, so if you do not hear anything for a while, don't think progress is lacking. Once I have a final document from this meeting, I will post it on our website.

Website: Speaking of the website, we keep adding more content to the site. Each week, I post my newsletters to the site. I also have been posting the breakfast and lunch menus each month. Also posted are the grocery certificate forms, scrip forms, volunteer forms, gym uniform order forms, and much more. Please visit the site and take a look at it, it has come a long way in the past few months. The address is www.stroseschoolpa.org

Next HSA Fundraiser: The next tuition reduction fundraiser will begin next Wednesday. We will be selling Cloister Car Wash coupons. There are four different options that will be sold. A flyer will be in next week's communication folder. The dates for the sale will be November 7 to November 28.

Mass: There will be Mass tomorrow in celebration of All Saints Day. The 1st graders will continue the tradition of dressing as the Saints. They will be in charge of the mass and are doing the readings and will be in the procession. Please join us for this special Mass tomorrow.

Winter Uniforms: The Winter uniforms will begin tomorrow for students in Grades 1-6. Please see the Calendar/Handbook for the details of the regulations.

Help Wanted: Help is needed with our annual health screenings which take place on Monday November 19 and Tuesday November 20. Help is needed lining kids up and walking them back to class when they are finished. Anyone interested in helping out can contact me by phone or e-mail.

Bon-Ton Coupon Books: The Bon-Ton coupon books are still available. The cost is \$5. The books, which contain a \$10 off coupon, can be used only on Saturday, November 10.

Thanks: Thank you for your patience and flexibility during our recent parking lot restoration. Tuesday's dismissal was an adventure, but was made easier by those who helped out in whatever ways possible. I think that we are just about finished with the project. This project was not meant to totally re-surface our parking lot, but to make it look, and feel, less like the surface of the moon and more like a parking lot.

Picture Re-takes: Picture re-takes will occur on Monday, November 12 in the morning. If the quality of your child's pictures was not to your liking or your child was absent on the day of pictures, they will have their pictures taken on this day. Students who will have their pictures taken on this day may dress as they were permitted on the original individual picture day (No uniform required). This is ONLY for those who are having their pictures re-taken.

Early Dismissal form: I had intended to include the early dismissal form that I spoke of last week in this week's packet. However, I did not complete in time so it will be in next week.

Bowl-a-thon: Reminder, the permission slips for the Bowl-a-thon are due this Friday, November 2. The Bowl-a-thon will take place on November 17th and 18th.

Halloween Parties: Thank you to all who helped with the Halloween parties today. They can be a lot of work but the kids really enjoy themselves.

Have a great week,

Mike Floyd