

- WEEKLY NEWSLINE -

FEATURING CLASSROOM NEWS AND MORE ~ MAY 17, 2010

**MS. SMOLEY'S UPCOMING NEWS UPDATES**

Wow—what talented students we have here at St. Rose School! The Spring Concert featured our Junior and Senior Chorus, Beginning and Advanced Bell Choirs, and Advanced and Jazz Bands directed by Mrs. Falappino. It was very evident that the students have been rehearsing all year long. Special thanks to Mrs. Falappino and our talented student musicians! Thank you to all of our families who came to enjoy these wonderful performances last Tuesday evening.

The Jog-A-Thon pledge donations were due Friday, May 14th. Thank you again to all, for your help in support of this event!

A huge thank you to Scott Miller, **Saturday Workday Coordinator and the Team 1 & 2 workday volunteers who have assisted** throughout the school year. Thank you to all the volunteers who were present this past Saturday: Richard Montalvo, Boris Reyes, Marc Vallier, Jim Tombo, Kevin Lindroos, Arlene Johnson, Lori and Dale Milton. Extension got a real sprucing up too this weekend, thanks to Scott's paint crew.

The Kinder—7th grade **June 3rd End-of-the-Year swim party permission forms** are due by today, May 17th. [Students do not need to come to school June 3rd unless they need Extended Day Care. Parents will drop off and pick-up their child/ren from the Roseville Aquatics Center.]

The Talent Show has been moved to Tues., May 18th. The student acts are being divided into two sessions, 8:45-10 am and 1—2:15 pm. Invitations were handed out to the students' parents who are participating in the show indicating which session their child/ren would be performing. We have many talented students here at St. Rose School.

The **Spring P.A.L. Sports Awards Banquet will be held tomorrow night, May 18th from 5—6:30 pm** for all spring sports' participants and their families. Dinner will be provided and served by the St. Rose School Sports committee. Families are asked to bring a dessert to share with others.

Parent Guild meets Thurs., May 20 at 8:15 am in the school library and all parents are welcome to attend.

2010 Fall P.A.L. Sports Participation forms were distributed last week to interested students who are currently in grades 4—7. Additional forms are in the school office. The completed P.A.L. sports forms and \$50.00 are due by Friday, May 21st.

Friday, May 21st is a minimum day: TK & Kinder's schedule is 8—11 am. First—Seventh grade students attend school 8 am—12 noon. [The 8th grade will be on their end-of-the-year trip at SunSplash.] The faculty has an afternoon meeting. **Extended Day Care is open for those who need additional care after school dismisses.** Students will need to bring a lunch unless parents pre-order a pizza lunch for \$3.50 each from Mrs. DelGrande.

The **first 50 students who return their Box Top for Education** (25 coupon) entry sheets will win a Nuyo yogurt. Please remember the **due date is May 21st** and every Box Top helps! Thank you Mrs. Pirnik for coordinating this fundraiser for our school.

Thank you to all to parent volunteers who have offered to chaperone on the 6th—8th grade 2010 Fall overnight field trips. The estimated costs for the students will be published in the next Messenger. More details will be given from the teachers as the trips draw closer.

Monday, May 24th, Mrs. Falappino is offering an opportunity for interested third—seventh grade students to receive an Introduction to Beginning Bells. This session will provide students who would like to learn more about the Handbell Choir, a chance to try out the handbells before they decide to join next year. Mrs. Falappino will meet the students in room D1 from 3—4 pm.

The **8th grade graduation dinner and awards** for graduates and their parents only, is scheduled for Tuesday, **May 25th** at 5:30 pm.

The **8th grade graduation Mass followed by the conferring of diplomas** is scheduled for **May 27th** at 10:00 am in St. Rose of Lima Church. All are welcome to attend.

On **Friday, May 28th** our students, grades 5-6-7 will participate in the program provided by **A Touch of Understanding**. This program stresses: - appreciation of others and their feelings - affirmation of human value - self-esteem and mutual respect - character development, modeling, perseverance and resiliency - problem solving with positive and meaningful solutions. Thank you to Mrs. Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Hamilton who brought this fantastic program to our attention.

The **2010-11 Kinder Class "Get Together"** to meet Ms. Brown is scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 2010 from 8:45—9:30 am for both parents and students in the classroom. The **2010-11 TK Class "Get Together"** to meet Mrs. Heath is scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 2010 from 11:30 am—12:15 pm for both parents and students in the classroom.

TEACHERS' WEEKLY UPDATES**Mrs. Heath's TK Class**

This week finds us continuing to study the last three letters of the Alphabet. We are getting lots of practice in identifying the beginning letter sounds of several different manipulatives as we complete our Alphabet. Lots of sun is in the forecast for this week so please coat your student with sunscreen prior to school. We really relish our physical activities out doors! Thanks to all our families who donated waters and crackers to us last week.

Ms. Brown's Kindergarten Class

Kinder are working with addition and subtraction in math. They are using Burger Hut story boards to share and solve story problems. The children will finish their insect books this week. They will also be busy fine tuning the Goldilocks and the Three Bears performance for family and friends in June. This week we will pray the decades of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

Mrs. Grant's 1st Grade Class

In math we will be learning about money. We will go over the value of a penny, nickel, and dime. We will be reading **The Great Ball Game** in our readers. This story is a play and we will each take turns being the different characters. We will begin working on our autobiographies. We wrote one at the beginning of the year and we will compare the two to see how our writing has improved over the year. Our chapter in religion is about how we care for the gifts of God's creation. The students are doing a beautiful job saying the Rosary each morning. This week we will learn about the Sorrowful Mysteries. Thank you to Heile's grandfather for the "How to Pray The Rosary" pamphlet that Heile handed out to each of the students. Have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Oros' 2nd Grade Class

The Bottle People and 10 facts are due tomorrow! Students will take turns presenting the facts orally—so practice at home! They will also share their bottle people and describe how they made them! We are multiplying like 3rd and 4th graders now—and I am so proud of the way our class is performing in math! Try to work with multiplication facts and quiz your child—whenever you are in the car together—or before dinner—or even at breakfast! The talent show is tomorrow!! Good luck to all performers—and Have fun!!!

Mrs. Hubrig's 3rd Grade Class**CAMP WANNALEARN NEWS**

A big THANK YOU to all of the 3rd & 4th grade parents who assisted with our Field Day on Friday. What a spectacular day it was for the rangers. Thank you so much for helping to make it a memorable day! This is our last week for spelling. All of the groups will have the same spelling words. The rangers will be coming home with a science project that will be due Thursday, May 27th. This science project idea was inspired by our very own Bobby Canalas. In math we will begin working on fractions. We now have 19 rangers in the 12's Club. Wahoo! We're still waiting for 9 more members to join so that we can celebrate together with a special party. Our fine arts lessons will focus on cooperative learning and communication skills. The rangers will be sorting pictures, discussing artwork, writing about a favorite art piece, and then graphing "favorite" in different themes. Good luck to our talented Camp WannaLearn Rangers who are in the Talent Show tomorrow!

Mrs. Gebhardt's K—3rd Grades'**Physical Education Classes**

This week we will be learning how to throw and catch a frisbee. Have a wonderful week.

Mrs. Falappino's 3rd-8th Grade**Extracurricular Music**

Congratulations to all of the **Bands, Bell Choirs, and Choruses** for their wonderful performances at the Spring Concert on May 11th. Also, a BIG thanks goes out to the **Jazz Band** for their Assembly performance on Friday, May 14th. This is the last week of classes for **Beginning Bell Choir, Junior Chorus, Advanced Band, and Jazz Band**. The **Bell Choirs and Choruses** are performing for the St. Rose Senior Ministry on Thursday, May 20th, at 7:00 p.m. Students interested in joining **Beginning Bell Choir** next year are invited to a class on Monday, May 24th, from 3-4 pm. Flyers will be sent home this week.

TEACHERS' WEEKLY UPDATES CONTINUED

Mr. Ricci's 4th - 8th Grades' Phys. Education Classes

We are nearing the end-of-the-year. Scheduled outside activities this week will include tennis racquet baseball, soccer/speedball, Capture-the-Flag with inside games prisonball, math soccer, Octopus, and soccer, weather permitting.


Mrs. Deprez's Fourth Grade Class

Wow! The 4th graders sure did have a great day on Friday. A shout out to the parents who helped with Field Day. We can't do it without you and we appreciate you. Congratulations on the class for winning the Spirit Stick at the rally. You did it all yourselves and I am extremely proud of your teamwork! This week we will finish reading *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*. Our main character, Shirley misses her family in China and celebrates her first Christmas in America. In social studies, the class will begin a chapter on immigration. Math lessons continue with geometry. The lessons will focus on triangles and congruent figures. We will pair this learning with Tangram puzzles. Food chains and food webs are the study of our last science unit. The class will continue to observe decomposition activities in the sealed jars and buried in the dirt. Our spelling unit this week is on suffixes. The spelling test is on Friday. The biography writing assignment continues at home with enhancing and adding to the 10 facts. In class, we will write out the bibliography and begin our paragraphs. Students will read their reports on June 2nd. Field trip permission slips to the Roseville Utility Exploration Center come home today. Parent drivers will be needed for this June 1st trip.

Mrs. Brys' Fourth Grade Computer Keyboarding Class

The 4th graders will be completing their year-long keyboarding class this week. The students have done a fabulous job completing their individual missions. They have each met interesting historical people as they have been traveling through time and learning to type. I have so enjoyed assisting the class in their learning experience and it has been fun to see how they have progressed throughout the year. Parents, the 4th graders will be bringing their keyboarding mission reports at the end of this week. I hope the students will share with you their accomplishments. Happy typing!!! Congratulations 4th graders!!!

Sr. Brett's 4th & 5th Grades' Religion Classes

 Birth of the Church
The fourth graders are working on the Family Life unit. The fifth graders are studying the chapter on the Church.

Mrs. Mounkes' 5th Grade Class

This week in math the students will learn about volume. We will have a math test covering area and volume on Thursday. The students have learned so many formulas that I am allowing them to use an index card for the math test. We will finish up learning about the American Revolution and have a social studies test covering chapter 11 on Friday. On Monday the students will be completing the human reproductive section of the Family Life curriculum. On Wednesday we will be attending State Scientist Day at the State Capital, thank you to all of the parents that volunteered to drive. Please make sure you are here by 9:15 so that we can leave by 9:30. Have a great week!

Mrs. Cole's 6th Grade Homeroom Class

YAEY for 6th grade SPIRIT... The 6th graders have swept the spirit rallies this year! This week in **literature**, students will complete their study of *Harriet the Spy*. Notebooks will be collected and graded; citations of page numbers and literary comment will be required. We will watch the film. There will be assignments from the literature text as well. I plan to feature some poetry! In **Religion**, we will continue with chapters 21 and 22.

Mrs. Cole's 7th and 8th Grades' Literature Classes

The 7th grade class has two important essays on characterization in *Romeo and Juliet* to will be written this week. Please be sure your student is committed to producing these essays. Also, I have copies of Twain's *Adventures of Tom Sawyer* which we will begin reading. The 8th grade students are reading a slightly abridged version of *Romeo and Juliet*. The concept of tragedy, along with interpretation of the figurative language, characterization and themes will be emphasized. I will be showing Zeffirelli's Oscar winning film. **All 7th and 8th grade students** who need extra guidance in writing about literature should come to room 6 during lunch for my help.

Mr. Ricci's 7th & 6th Grades' Math Classes

The 7th grade students continue their study of Statistics and Probability. The 6th graders are moving on to chapter 11 which begins with 2-step equations bringing back material taught earlier in the year.

Mrs. Gardner's 7th Grade Homeroom Class

The students are finishing their religion text this week. The students who have parental permission will begin the Family Life series. For the students' weekly Mass writing, they will be writing a poem about their Mass experiences. The students will complete Unit 5 in vocabulary this week.

Mrs. Gardner's 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade English Classes

The 6th graders are working on troublesome verb pairs (lay/lie, sit/set) and subject/verb agreement this week. Last week they wrote some wonderful mini-biographies about their shoe from the shoe's point of view. The writing they shared was so creative! The 7th graders have been practicing and will be performing a play this week. They will also have a quiz on participles. They will have a Café Ole experience on Wednesday when they will share journal entries in a public speaking setting. I can't believe this is the last week of 8th grade English! It always seems too early to say goodbye. I wish all of the 8th graders the absolute best and am looking forward to how wonderful and grown-up they will be at the 8th grade graduation Mass. Thank you, parents, for all the dedication you've shown through the years. Your dedication and support is evident by the fine young men and young women that you have raised. Congratulations and good luck, 8th graders! And, most of all, have a fantastic summer and high school experience!

Ms. Castori's 8th Grade Homeroom Class

The eighth graders finish up their last full week at St. Rose School! Friday is their end-of-the-year party at SunSplash. We will leave school at 9:30 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. It is a 12:00 day for the rest of St. Rose, so the eighth graders will be dismissed in front of the church. Please make sure your child brings plenty of sunscreen for the day along with their bathing suit and towel. The students have already paid for a pizza lunch and unlimited soda; however, if they would like anything else from the snack bar (SunSplash does not allow outside drinks or food) they will need to bring money. Next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (May 24th, 25th, and 26th) the eighth graders have 12:00 dismissal.

Ms. Castori's 6th, 7th, & 8th Gr. Social Studies Classes
Sixth graders continue with their study of Ancient Rome. **Seventh graders** are preparing for their presentations on the American Civilizations. **Eighth graders** did an outstanding job on their Civil War videos! They take their social studies final this Wednesday.

Mrs. Keller's 8th, 7th, & 6th Grades' Math Classes

Eighth grade will be finishing up Chapter 10 and they will have a test on Wednesday. **Seventh grade** will be working through Chapter 11 this week, no quiz this week; there will be a test on Chapter 11 next Wednesday. **Sixth grade** will be working through Chapter 11 this week, no quiz this week; there will be a test on Chapter 11 next Thursday

Mrs. Keller's 8th, 7th, & 6th Grades' Science Classes
Eighth grade will be finishing up Chapter 24 and they will have a test on Thursday. This will encompass the selected sections of the last three chapters; 22, 23, and 24. **Seventh graders** are working through Ch 21 – Diseases, this week. They will finish that and have a test next week. **Sixth grade** is working through Ch 15. They have a field trip on Wednesday, May 19th to the Capital for the State Scientist Day.

Mrs. Snyder's K-8th Grades' Art Classes

This week in art, the 5th-8th grades will glaze their cave wall art tiles. These tiles will then go back to the kiln for the final firing. The students will also create some pictographs (wall or rock paintings) based on the petroglyphs (rock carvings) of the Southwest Native Americans. They will make a "rock" out of brown paper and thin black paint called a wash. The students will then plan out their message in symbols and execute the art with Sharpies and earth-toned tempera paint. The flute music of Carlos Nakai will be the inspiring background. Knots on a Counting Rope, a Reading Rainbow book, will be the literature connection.

Got Scrip???

The New Scrip Year started May 1st for all you who have achieved your 2009-2010 goal of \$3000.00! For the new year, you'll want to make scrip a habit because of the new incentive plan. After you've achieved your \$3000.00 goal, every dollar of additional scrip you purchase will be rebated back to you at 0.5% toward your 2011-2012 registration or, in the case of the 8th grade families, toward your graduation dinner. It's a win-win!

For those families still working on their Scrip goal for the 2009-2010 school year, you still have a couple of weeks (ends May 31, 2010). We have many choices of Scrip vendors to help you achieve your goal. Food and gas seem to be the most popular... If you need help choosing what Scrip will best work for your family, please let us know.

Schoolhouse Catering Weekly Lunch Menu:

Mon., 5/17/10: Pizza / Caesar Salad with LF Dressing / Dessert
Tues., 5/18/10: Mac n Cheese / Garlic Bread / Garden Salad / Dessert
Wed., 5/19/10: Corn dog / Chips / Veggies & Dip / Dessert
Thurs., 5/20/10: Waffles / Breakfast Potatoes with Bacon / Fruit / OJ
Friday, 5/21/10: Minimum Day Dismissal - No Lunch Served



Old royal blue St. Rose School hoodies and crews can be brought to the office from now through the end of the school year and they'll be donated to an elementary school in North Highlands. Thank you.