



- WEEKLY NEWSLINE -

FEATURING CLASSROOM NEWS AND MORE - MAY 10, 2010

MS. SMOLEY'S UPCOMING NEWS UPDATES

Many thanks to Father O'Reilly, Sr. Mary Brett, Mrs. Oros and the 2nd grade students, and Mrs. Gentile for leading us the **May Crowning in honor of Mary, Our Mother** followed by the celebration Mass on Friday.



Special thanks to all the **students who donated cans of food to feed the hungry**. The 3rd grade class was our top donor for the month of May. St. Vincent de Paul Food Locker is appreciative of our contributions. Thank you to our service coordinators, Annie Krause and Catherine Moore who gave of their time throughout the school year to organize the student service projects. I am grateful to you both for delivering the donated cans of food each month to St. Vincent de Paul Food Locker. I appreciate your organization of the variety of charitable works that our students were involved, this past school year: Turkey fund, Christmas Adopt-A-Family, Holy Childhood Assoc., and Sacramento Life Center donations.


Student Council Installation Ceremony was today—Congratulations to our new student leaders, the 2010-2011 Student Council!

Reminder: If you haven't already sent in your child/ren's **second half of the 2010-11 registration fee**, please do so; it is **due today**, May 10th. Thank you.

I am happy to announce that we received a thank you note from the **Sacramento Life Center** and they reported that our students donated **\$1,569.62** during Lent. Thank you, thank you, for your generosity!

2010 Fall P.A.L. Sports Participation forms were distributed to interested students in grades 5—8 today. The completed P.A.L. sports forms and \$50.00 are due by May 21st.

Progress reports will be sent home with students in grades 1– 8 on **Tuesday, May 11th**.

 **Everyone is invited to the St. Rose School Spring Concert** featuring our talented St. Rose School students, (**Junior and Senior Chorus, Beginning and Advanced Bell Choirs, and Advanced and Jazz Bands**) will be held on Tuesday, May 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the hall/gym. You are invited to attend as our choruses and musicians perform for your listening pleasure. Songs from the U.S. western expansion are included: *Clementine* (Beginning Bell Choir); *I've Been Working On The Railroad* (Junior Chorus); *Shenandoah* (Senior Chorus); and *New World Symphony* (Advanced Band). American Musical Theater is performed by the combined **Choruses** in their medley from *The Sound Of Music*. American Jazz style is performed by the **Jazz Band and Advanced Bell Choir**. I hope you can come and enjoy this wonderful repertoire of music directed by Mrs. Falappino.

C.S.A.C. meets Wed., May 12th at 6:30 pm in the school library.

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

The **last 2009-10 Saturday Workday is May 15th**—Calling for help from all Sat. workday volunteers (Team 1 & 2). Thank you for your assistance throughout the school year!

The Kinder—7th grade **End-of-the-Year swim party permission forms** are due by Monday, May 17th.

The Talent Show has been moved to Tues., May 18th (new date). Please stay tuned for more details on the schedule. We have many talented students here at St. Rose School. The student acts are being divided into two sessions, 8:45-10 am and 1—2:15 pm.

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

Friday, May 21st is a **minimum day: TK & Kinder's** schedule is 8—11 am. First—Eighth grade students attend school 8 am—12 noon. The faculty has an afternoon meeting. Extended Day Care is open in the afternoon. Students will need to bring a lunch unless parents pre-order a pizza lunch for \$3.50 each.

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 overnight field trips. We have confirmed the following parents are planning on attending:

6th Grade—Headlands:

Lori Milton / Shelley Tippit / Peter Jurisich / Steve Jahn

7th Grade—Westminister Woods:

Mike Jedrzynski / Herb McDuffee / need 2 moms

8th Grade—Ashland, Oregon:

Kristen Schildmeyer / Susan Kostecki / Trudy Fidler / Cindy Rafeld / Robert Costa

TEACHERS' WEEKLY UPDATES

Mrs. Heath's TK Class

I hope and pray that all of our TK mothers had a glorious weekend. I know that TK children prepared to "spoil" their mothers beginning with their hand-made cards and necklaces. These specific art projects were truly a "labor of love." We will be covering letters X, Y, and Z with a variety of fun activities these next two weeks. I am short on water bottles once again, with warm days ahead, I know we will need them. Thanks so much.

Ms. Brown's Kindergarten Class

This week the Kinder will hear the stories of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. They will pray a decade each day at our May Altar in honor of the Blessed Mother. The letter for the week is X, a borrower letter; borrows the /z/, and the /ks/ sounds. We will finish writing the words for our stories, and then we will share the stories during seminar. The honey bee will be our insect focus for the week. The children will continue to work with math concepts using Cats' Cottage storyboards and cat beans. You can learn more about kindergarten on the St. Rose School website, www.strose.org, classes and kindergarten.

Mrs. Grant's 1st Grade Class

Hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Mother's Day. In religion we will be working in our Family Life book along with reviewing the Rosary prayer. Our focus this week will be the Joyful Mysteries. I have invited the children to bring their rosary beads to school. We will continue reviewing the spellings on our sound cards, along with practicing writing sentences. We continue to work on making sure we have a naming part and an action part in each sentence as well as making sure we have the correct punctuation mark for each sentence. Also how important it is to proofread your work. While reading we will be comparing and contrasting our characters along with looking for the main idea and details of our stories. During math we will finish our chapter on geometry by graphing the attributes of solid shapes. In science we will finish our plant unit by looking at our plants with a magnifying glass and then writing and illustrating what we observe. Congratulations to Cian and Jack K. for completing the subtraction part of rocket math :) Have a wonderful week.

Mrs. Oros' 2nd Grade Class

The Second Graders did such a wonderful job presiding as our Honor Guard for the Crowning of Mary and presenting the readings at Mass! They all worked so hard and sang so beautifully! Great job, Second Grade! All of the students should be working on the bottle biography people this week. The directions were sent home in last week's packet. I am lightening up the homework this week to allow you to help your child gather facts about the hero and begin working on the bottle person. Email me if you have any questions! We will go to the Magic Circle Theater the last Friday of this month for a field trip. I will send permission slips later this week! Have a Great Week!

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

The rangers are so excited about our *Field Day* on Friday! Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to work that day. We are going to have a fabulous time. All of the spelling groups will have the same spelling words this week, which will be art-based. We will have different groupings of rangers (partners, triads, small groups, and whole class) as we discuss various works of art. There will be a variety of activities for our fine arts unit, which will last for the next two weeks. The rangers will be using their Food & Activity Logs from last week to discuss nutrition, engines, and fitness. They will be using their Camp Eatawella books to complete some activities. I encourage you to peruse the website listed on the booklet to find some helpful information for your families, and to have your child play the games (for support of the classroom materials and work). A lot of the rangers are struggling with their multiplication facts, which means that our division unit is pushed back. It is imperative that your child has their multiplication facts memorized. Please quiz them each night. Congratulations to Joey Wuelfing who is our Scout of the Week! Yahoo! Beginning next week we will have a Scout of the Day each day until the end of school.

Mrs. Deprez's Fourth Grade Class

The 4th graders had an awesome field trip to the California State Capitol and the Blue Diamond Almond facility last week. Thank you to the moms who drove. I was very proud of the students' retention of information presented in class. In social studies, we are beginning our chapter on agriculture and the trip to Blue Diamond was a great way to begin. Our literature lessons continue with reading In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson. Shirley, our main character, begins 6th grade and hurries from school each day to the neighborhood store to listen to her beloved Brooklyn Dodgers on the radio. We follow her mood as it changes depending on a Dodger win or loss. In math, we continue to work on geometry. This week we will focus on parallel & perpendicular lines, circles, and polygons. The science lessons focus is on animal characteristics and food chains. This week the class will complete a toothpick worm activity and set up decomposer labs. There will be no spelling this week. In language arts, the students will be working on their research report. Right now all students have 10 notes cards/facts. During the week, the facts will be written into sentences and more research will be sought. The preposition test is on Wednesday. Students know when their review packets are due. **Don't forget - Field Day is Friday, May 14th.**

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

The **4th graders** are working on Family Life and the **5th graders** are studying the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Mrs. Mounkes' 5th Grade Class

The students have been working on turning their persuasive essays into persuasive speeches. The students will be presenting these speeches on Wednesday, and will be graded on volume, eye contact, and listening. The students should be practicing their speech at home and it should be at least one minute in length. In math we will continue to learn about area and volume. In social studies we will continue to learn about the American Revolution and create posters that represent the war. The human reproduction section of Family Life will be taught on May 17th. I encourage students to share at home with their parents what they learned; they may have more questions. Progress reports are going home on Tuesday, please make sure you sign them and return them by May 17th. Field trip forms are due on Thursday. Have a great week!

Mrs. Cole's 6th Grade Class

This week in **literature**, students continue to read *Harriet the Spy*. They are writing notebooks based on Harriet's spy notebook, and they are encouraged to illustrate theirs, like Harriet's. The end of the project will occur this week; their notebooks will be collected and graded. I am emphasizing citations of page numbers from the text. We will watch the film. In **Religion**, there will be a test on chapter 19 Wednesday, and we will proceed with chapters 21 and 22.

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

As the **7th grade students** draw their experience of *Romeo and Juliet* to a close I will present another classic author, Mark Twain. I have copies of Twain's *Adventures of Tom Sawyer* which we will read these final weeks of school. I will also present some delightful Twain stories. Assignments will consist of interpretation of the figurative language and themes in the literature. The **8th grade** students convinced me that *Romeo and Juliet* should be the Shakespeare play to study during our final weeks together. I have a *slightly* abridged version; I'm excited to share this wonderful piece with them! 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 6th & 7th Grades' Math Classes

Sixth grade has a test on chapter 10 Thursday, 5/13. The **7th graders** are starting chapter 9 on Probability this week. There will be a quiz Friday, 5/14, on the first 3 sections of the chapter. I am unavailable for after school help this week.

Mrs. Gardner's 7th Grade Homeroom Class

What a beautiful Mass for Mary on Friday! Thanks to everyone, especially Mrs. Oros and the 2nd graders, for providing such an inspirational experience for all of us. The 7th graders will complete Unit 4 in vocabulary this week. They will begin a new religion chapter this week, Chapter 14, that explores the symbolic style of apocalyptic writing.

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

The **6th graders** will be study irregular verb forms and perfect tenses this week. The **7th graders** will also be studying irregular verb forms in addition to reading a play in preparation for a readers' theater presentation. Both the **6th and 7th graders** will have a quiz on irregular verbs. The **8th graders** are going to be working on a play based on Shakespeare's *Midsummer's Night's Dream*. They will also be completing some short writing assignments.

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.

Ms. Castori's 8th Grade Homeroom Class

All service hour verification forms were due today, Monday, May 10. Dr. Planta will give her last presentation of the year this Wednesday. The topic will be peer pressure and a parent survey is being sent home for you to complete. We have been extremely fortunate to have her expertise, knowledge, and wisdom conveyed to our eighth grade students here at St. Rose! This week your child will be bringing home a flyer that contains many reminders about graduation. It's only a few weeks away!

Ms. Castori's 6th, 7th, & 8th Gr. Social Studies Classes

Sixth graders bring in their Greek temples this Tuesday, May 11. Afterward, they begin a unit on Ancient Rome. **Seventh graders** are currently studying the Early American Civilizations and will be giving group presentations. The **eighth graders** did a fabulous job on their videos! They continue with their study of the Civil War and will take their final on May 19.

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

The **6th graders** will be working through the last chapter of their book which is Chapter 11. They will have a quiz on Friday, 5/14. The **7th graders** will be working through Chapter 11 and will have a quiz on Friday, 5/14. The **8th grade students** will be finishing up Chapter 10 and will test at the end of this week or early next week.

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

The **6th graders** can expect to most likely have their Chapter 12 and 14 (specific sections) test on Tuesday, 5/11. Please make sure that your child's field trip form for 'State Scientist Day' is turned in by 5/13. We do need more drivers for this trip too. The **7th grade students** can expect to most probably have their Chapter 17 and 19 (specific sections) test on Wednesday, 5/12. **Eighth graders** will be finishing the last sections of their books. They will have a Chapter 22, 23, and 24, (covering specific sections) test early next week.

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

This week we are working on communication and how it is important in sports activities. We are also covering indoor soccer give-and-go skills; team strategies as they are practiced in our Capture the Flag game; and thinking ahead as it relates to base running in Tennis Racquet baseball.

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

This week in art, the kindergarteners will enter the world of Georgia O'Keeffe, the modern, Southwestern artist who loved flowers among other subjects. They will learn about her life, then will examine a flower with a magnifier to see all the little, intricate parts. A watercolor rendering of their own flower, done large and off-the-page like Georgia, will be the production activity. The 1st-4th graders will complete their balance in art projects then will go to the Southwest to experience the color and peace of the red rocks and cliff dwellings of the Native Americans who lived here. The students will learn a little of the Navajo tribe, from the code talkers to the artisans who craft exquisite rugs and jewelry. The production activity will revolve around the petro glyphs, or rock carvings, from this area.

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

The Spring Concert for **Junior and Senior Chorus, Beginning and Advanced Bell Choirs, and Advanced and Jazz Bands** is on Tuesday, May 11th, at 7:00 pm in the Hall/Gym. Students need to arrive by 6:30 pm. **Chorus** will practice on Tuesday during 2:00-3:00 pm., so there will be **NO Junior Chorus after school Tuesday and NO Senior Chorus before school on Wednesday. Jazz Band** will meet at 7:30 am, Friday, May 14th, in the Courtyard for a Pre-Assembly jam session.

Got Scrip???

Don't forget the new Scrip year has begun!!!

A special "Thank You" to the 2009-2010 Scrip Team. The loop and Sunday sellers have been so reliable. Some schools have you order and pay one week and you get your scrip the next week. It's the sellers' commitment that makes it easier for our families to reach their goals. Kudos to the coordinators: Suzanne Davenport, who does our newsletters and scheduling, Cheri McCurry, who records the sales and orders our inventory each week and last but not least, Karen Grehm, the Excel Queen, who keeps track of all your purchases: card scrip, e-scrip, and grocery store programs. St Rose School is blessed to have such a dedicated group of parents!

Schoolhouse Catering Weekly Lunch Menu:

- Mon., 5/10/10: Pepperoni Pizza / Fruit Salad / Carrot Sticks / Dessert
- Tues., 5/11/10: Spaghetti / Garlic Bread / Salad / Cookie
- Wed., 5/12/10: 100% Beef Hot Dog with Bun / Valencia Oranges / Low Fat Juice Bar
- Thurs., 5/13/10: Dino Nuggets / Mashed Potatoes / Fruit / Dessert
- Friday, 5/14/10: Grilled Cheese / Pretzels / Fruit / Cake

