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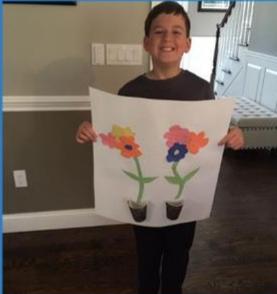
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Student Life Update-May 22

Dear St. Rose Families,

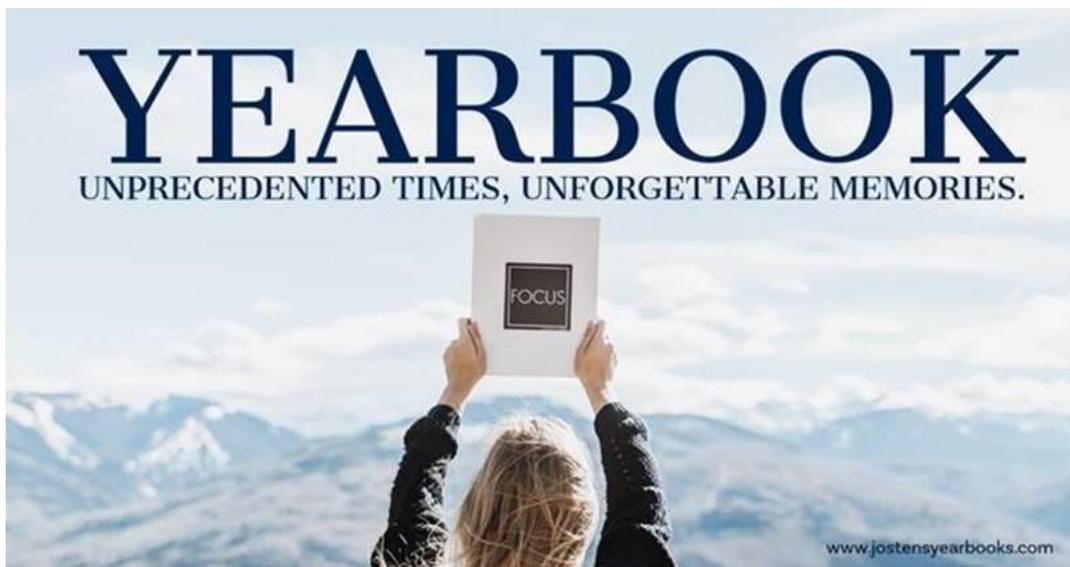
It seems we just started May with celebrating Mother's Day and Special Person's Day; and yet, this past weekend, our soon to be graduates, both in 8th grade and kindergarten, received their caps and gowns for graduation!! We arrived at the middle of the month and seem to be zooming towards the end! As we continue our journey in distance learning; we are ever grateful to our families for their support and dedication on the home front in helping our children continue learning.

SRS Student Life



2 Months In and the Smiles are Still Shining Bright!

*We miss seeing those smiles; and have many memories of the days we were together and not only saw the smiles but heard the laughter and the stories from our children! While these past few months kept us at home; we still stay connected and while we have lived through, what will go down in history for 2020; we can also own a little bit of St. Rose history for this school year through the annual yearbook! Click on the **ORDER YEARBOOK** below and you will be directed to Jostens Order Site. The yearbook, in full color, is available for ordering now, while supplies last. Delivery will be during the summer; we will keep an eye on how Connecticut continues to reopen the state to setup a delivery and/or pickup time.*



UNPRECEDENTED TIMES

UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES

As the world adjusts to change, one thing that remains constant is the yearbook tradition. We are working closely with Jostens to ensure that the 2020 yearbook is completed, printed and delivered to our students. The yearbook will capture the story of this unique school year.

ORDER YEARBOOK ›



While our distance learning journey continues for the 2019-2020 school year; we are finding it is time to plan and prepare for summer! Next week, we will be sending out planned procedures for students returning materials to school, and gathering personal items to take home. We also have scheduled student summer work to be made available on June 11. This will be sent by your teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.

In addition to the summer work, some parents have asked about skill practice over the summer. We continue looking for options for tutoring that might be made available; in the meantime, we wanted to get some information to you for planning and/or purchasing resources; as most likely they'll be in high demand for the summer.

First, we are providing the link for the Summer Skills books that previously could be purchased through the school. This year, the company is offering direct ordering and shipping. Here is the link to get more information about the books and/or to place your order.

https://www.summerskills.com/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=SS-SCHOOL-4-9

Barnes and Noble offers a series by Flash Kids Editors, in association with Harcourt Family Learning (Harcourt is one of the publishers that we have used over the years for many of our textbooks in grades K-5). They offer all-in-one workbooks, which have a variety of curriculum areas at a specific grade level; you can purchase workbooks that have targeted practice for a specific skill (separate books for each: math, reading, spelling, language arts, and writing). They even have one for cursive writing practice. These books are available for \$6.95 each.

They also have a series of mini workbooks, with even more specific practice, for example time and money in math. This mini series also includes Math Drills and Sight Words. These books are available for \$3.95 each.

Flash Kids offers good old fashion flashcards, which can be good for practice away from the screen and books. These are available for \$3.95-\$5.95 each. You might consider two sets for creating learning games at home.

They also have Test Prep workbooks for most grade levels. These are available for \$5.95-\$9.95 each.

Finally, they have their own brand of summer bridge books for transitioning from one grade to another. These are available for \$9.95.

I find that the offerings at Barnes and Noble is more extensive and provides more options, especially if you have a specific skill in mind that you would like your child to practice over the summer.

The only thing I would not purchase at Barnes and Noble, is, if you are interested in the original Summer Bridge Books by Summer Bridge Activities Publishers; they are more expensive here, over \$13.00 each; I recommend Amazon at \$8.48 per book. My preference though is the Barnes and Noble books and flashcards; many teachers have used these for extra help in classrooms over the years; I have used them in my own

classroom and for extra tutoring support. The flashcards are nicely laminated and durable. I have found the workbooks to offer more practice than the traditional bridge books.

If you are looking for a program for the summer, Kumon is a great choice! We have a number of our students, from all grade levels, that have been students at Kumon. Mary Kate Gordon, one of our first grade parents, operates the Newtown Center (owned by her father, Deacon Norm) and she also owns and operates a center in Danbury. While they too are feeling the struggles of the unknown; they have plans to begin opening their doors either May 20th or June 20th and will welcome new students! Please feel free to reach out to Mary Kate for more information on how the program can help your child, in reading and math, over the summer.

We will continue to look for ways to help the children over the summer; and share that information as soon as it is available. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about programs or materials. Also please do not hesitate to reach out with ideas or resources that you recommend, so that we might share these with our community.

As always, I can't say thank you enough for your patience, support, and dedication to our school; but, mainly for your unwavering partnership with our teachers and administration through these past two months! It continues to be a true testament to how blessed we are to be in this together! Give the children a hug from all of us; their hard work and positive attitudes have been an inspiration to all!

I continue to keep you in my prayers and I wish you daily moments of peace and calm in the days ahead! Have a safe and wonderful Memorial Day Weekend!

*Warm Regards! Stay Well!
Mrs. B*



**We remember this day all those who have given their life
in protection of our country.**