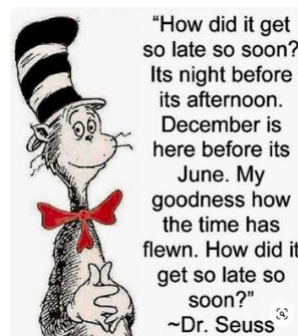


Student Life Update-May 1

Dear St. Rose Families,

Thank you to all who participated in Virtual Spirit Week, this week! It was heartwarming and we felt the love of community once again, with the many smiles we saw in pictures and videos! The positive messages and messages of gratitude you sent, and are still sending in, will continued to be shared; they certainly brightened the days of many! We also have discovered that we have even more talented singers and performers in our school family!

At this time of year, I always think of this quote from Dr. Seuss:



It is hard to believe that we are beginning the month of May; it always brings a joyful buzz around the hallways, for so many reasons! As we turned the page to May, we continue to look for ways to bring our community together and still keep our traditions going and that joyful buzz hummin! We are looking forward to being able to have Special Persons Day, despite not being able to share it in our school building, we are still planning on making this a memorable day for our students and their special persons. A letter regarding next Friday, May 8th was sent out earlier asking families to help us coordinate and reach out to all special persons. We will have a lighter schedule next Friday as we want to encourage our families and guests to attend the livestreaming of the 9am mass, as well as give our students an opportunity to connect, virtually, with their special person during the day as if they were visiting the classrooms!

This Saturday, we are inviting our families to celebrate the Father Daughter Dance, one of our most loved yearend events! We have already heard about some wonderful plans from our families and hope that you will share, with our community, in pictures and videos, your celebration!

Next week we are also looking forward to bringing some fun and well deserved recognition to our soon to be graduates! Our hearts go out to all, but especially to our 8th graders who didn't know what being the Class of

2020 had in store for them! Please follow us on Instagram next week, as we feature and honor our school leaders, the SRS Class of 2020! More details about the week is being sent to our 8th graders and families; we look forward to sharing with our school community as the week unfolds!

Today is also National Principal Appreciation Day! We ask you to keep Mr. G in your prayers for his leadership and keeping us moving and going the distance! Our faculty surprised him at today's meeting with a big thank you!



The month of May, for us, is the Month of Our Blessed Mother; we are offering this prayer, from Pope Francis, on behalf of our families:

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
 We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
 At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
 with steadfast faith.
 You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
 We are certain that you will provide, so that,
 as you did at Cana of Galilee,
 joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.
 Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
 to conform ourselves to the Father's will
 and to do what Jesus tells us:
 He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
 through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.
 We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
 Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger,
 O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

The faith and trust; and of course much hard work, from our families have sustained us and kept us going during March and April, and now we are onto May! We want to again send our gratitude to our families for partnering with us through it all; to being the support at home to help our children succeed; and for encouraging all of us by your dedication to our school mission. The smiles of our children have been the beacon of light we have needed to help us navigate this journey! They keep it burning bright and keep us going!

It is a new month and we are ready to move forward together; thank you to our kindergarten friend, Adam, who sent us this inspiring message to send us into a new month of learning!



I continue to keep you all in my prayers and I wish you daily moments of peace and calm in this storm!

*Warm Regards,
Mrs. B*