

## **Student Life Update by Mrs. B**

### ***Student Leadership in Our Intermediate Grades***

When students in grades 4 and 5 moved to the primary hallway, joining preschool through Grade 3, it was the perfect opportunity to provide our intermediate students with opportunities to take on leadership roles. These roles and responsibilities give them a chance to serve the school community, make those all important connections between the grades, all while empowering them with a head start at school leadership before going to middle school.

Our fifth graders are assisting Mrs. Wong each afternoon delivering the attendance and communication folders to classes throughout the school. Like the mailman, rain or shine, they are at their post in the early afternoon to get the job done with a smile!



Our fourth graders team up each morning to welcome their preschool buddies to school. They do a meet and greet so they can walk them to class and assist them with unpacking at their lockers to get ready for the day. Both our fourth graders and four-year-olds are looking forward to the Fall Buddy Fun being planned for the school!



## **After School Fun Begins!**

We are so blessed at St. Rose to have teachers, alumni parents, and parishioners who devote their time, after the bell rings, to bring activities of all varieties to our students! They are role models to our children in service and sharing their gifts and talents with others. Our after school programs continue to grow in number and on any given afternoon, you will find places all around the school where students are being mentored in their passions outside of their schoolwork. From cooking to playing chess to competing in Math Club to learning more about the law through Mock Trial; and let's not forget our school athletes who, are now preparing for basketball season to represent our school, and to cheer on the players! This week we stopped in to visit a few of these after school activities.

### ***Let The Music Play!***

On Wednesday, more than forty of our St. Rose students had their chance to see what it's like to be a member of a band. Our band program is now underway and the children couldn't be more excited as this new after school program begins! Thank you to Mrs. Salustri for making these musical dreams come true!





### ***Future Iron Chefs!***

Our popular cooking club is in its second year at St. Rose; alumni mom and parishioner, Renee McManus has come back to our school to help our students cultivate their cooking expertise! These are a few of our budding chefs; the club enrollment is split between boys and girls; the club was actually an instant hit with our boys, who have all shown quite a knack for stirring up recipes. On this rainy Thursday afternoon, the group seemed to know just the right comfort food to prepare, as they cooked up chicken pot pies! No Banquet or Swanson for this group, they go for homemade. We thank Mrs. McManus for reaching out and offering to bring this culinary delight to our students!



### **Still In the Works...**

Model UN is set to begin in the upcoming weeks! Please contact Mrs. B if your child would like to participate. We will be sending out more details about this wonderful afterschool activity, but would like to know how many students are interested. This activity is open to grades 5-8.

***Don't forget to mark your calendar for High School Open House and Entrance Exams this weekend!***

**Immaculate High School**

Placement Exam: October 27 and November 10

Enrollment Application and Financial Aid Deadline: November 10

Enrollment Decision and Financial Aid Notifications: December 15

Learn more: [www.immaculatehs.org](http://www.immaculatehs.org)

**Fairfield Prep**

Entrance Exams: October 13 8:30am

November 17 8:30am or 1:30pm

Learn more: [www.FairfieldPrep.org](http://www.FairfieldPrep.org)

**Westover School**

Information Sessions:

November 3rd 4:30-6:30pm

December 1st 1-3pm

Learn more: [www.westoverschool.org/admissions/information-sessions](http://www.westoverschool.org/admissions/information-sessions) or 203-577-4502

**St. Joseph High School**

Open Houses: October 14th 1-4pm and December 5th 6:30-8:00pm

2 Day Exam Prep Course:

October 19(6-9pm) and October 20(9am-1pm)

Entrance Exam: October 27 and November 10 7:30am-12:00pm

Application Deadline: November 12

**Sacred Heart Academy**

Open House: October 14th 1-3pm

Learn more and apply: [online@sacredhearthamden.org](mailto:online@sacredhearthamden.org)

**Holy Cross High School**

Open House: October 21st at 2pm

Placement Exams: October 27th and December 1st at 8:00am

Shadow Days can be scheduled through May

Admissions Tours and Presentations (begin at 6:30pm except where noted):

October 8th; 13th(11am)

December 11

February 12

March 12

April 9

Learn more: [www.HolyCrossHS-ct.com/admissions](http://www.HolyCrossHS-ct.com/admissions)

**Notre Dame High School-Fairfield**

Open House: October 21st 1pm (please pre-register at [notredame.org](http://notredame.org))

Entrance Exam: October 27th at 8am (please pre-register at [notredame.org](http://notredame.org))