

Dear St. Rose Families,

Happy Fall to All!! Autumn is officially on the calendar; although we have been seeing signs for a few weeks now. It looks like God has taken his paintbrush these last few days and started with the edges of the leaves to bring the bright, golden colors to the landscape. In the beauty we see his goodness; and are surrounded by his love!.

This morning our school community joined in prayer and celebration of the mass; and the first reading was, in perfect timing, Ecclesiastes 3. It reminds us that God arranges even the smallest of details in our surroundings. As we listened to Monsignor read and then in his homily connect the words to our daily life; it reminded me how our faith has brought us so far in these times. I was thinking about how the children were celebrating mass, a beloved Friday tradition, and how they are going about their days, masked, but smiling, and making the most of the blessing that we can be together each day. Just as they lead us to see the blessings during the stay at home days; they are constantly reminding us, in the way they face these times, that it is truly in God's hands, in his timing; and he will take care of us.

Which brings us to a truly inspiring moment from our classrooms. As Mrs. Heyder was reading questions orally, while her second graders were taking their first religion test; she found one of the children was struggling a bit with a question about the Holy Spirit and what he does for us. Using a few reminders from their lessons and some prompting, her student recalled that the Holy Spirit and Jesus wanted them to go out and pray for others and be nice. In telling her student how proud she was of him; she reminded him how Jesus and the Holy Spirit are there to help us. She had no idea what she had inspired in that moment. Her student was so excited he said he felt Jesus and the Holy Spirit were indeed with him. This joy lasted for the rest of the day and as he did his work, he eagerly shared with his friends that Jesus and the Holy Spirit were helping him! He continued to speak about it while they were waiting for dismissal and he said he was going to pray and ask Jesus and the Holy Spirit each time he had a problem! Thank you Mrs. Heyder and second grade for sending us forward with a most important and comforting lesson!

As we continue counting our school days; we are also counting the blessings in each of those days and you can see that in the little things we find great lessons and comfort! We are nearing October and we have counted 16 school days! So mid-November will get us to the 50th day of school! Last year some of the older students, after dressing in 50's attire, asked if we could have 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's days. Looking to the days ahead, with hope that the 60th, 70th, 80th and 90th days will be in person; we are going to give something new a try! We are going to celebrate days 50-90 through the decades; by having a day of celebration for each of the decades 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's. A variety of activities for each decade will be highlighted! Stay tuned for more details, we want EVERYONE in our school community celebrating with us!

We want to stay connected, even though we might be learning in different places right now! Please consider sharing pictures of your children while distance learning, and we'd love to see pictures of all our students and families as they begin to enjoy some fall adventures. Please send pictures to dean@srles.com We can't wait to share them on our bulletin boards, social media, and through the newsletter! Thank you to those families who have shared their pictures with us!

Programs and Important Updates:

For Our Resident Artists and Crafters:

Creativity abounds and Art Smart keeps our young artists practicing their skills with their new NEW enrichment program... a "Home Kit" program option in lieu of on-site afterschool programming.

Mrs. Kathy Vincent is back with a promise of monthly projects that will be just as wonderful as ever, just presented in a safe (& hopefully, temporary) manner.

Kit materials are NEW, assembled by Mrs. Vincent, masked & gloved. Her safety protocol is posted to her website. Here is the link to have a look: <https://artsmartstudiomonroe.com/>

Be sure to see the flyer in the important documents links.

Shout Out to the Class of 2021:

If you haven't responded to the email about the High School Placement Test at St. Rose on October 7th; please do so by Monday. A no reply means that your 8th grader will be taking the test that day,

When applying to high schools:

Recommendations for Math are to be directed to Mrs. Cicarelli cicarelli@srles.com

Recommendations for ELA are to be directed to Ms. Vertucci vertucci@srles.com

School Admin Recommendations are to be directed to Mrs. B dean@srles.com

Requests for Records are to be directed to Mrs. Coppola admissions@srles.com

Uniforms and Masks Gentle Reminders:

While we have extended the warm weather uniform, and have seen some chilly days, a gentle reminder that students can wear the SRS sweater, fleece, or PE sweatshirt (over their polo shirt) during the entire school day. Hoodies and sweatshirts that are nonuniform can be worn to and from school and outside for recess; but, cannot be worn in the classroom. We will add days for spirit wear and SRS team hoodies and sweatshirts after November 1.

Please remember to send an extra mask to school with your child.

Please be sure that the mask fits securely, especially over the nose.

If your child wears a reusable mask, please make sure that the mask is washed each evening, or a different mask is worn the next day.

Gratitude from All!:

We continue to receive donations to our classrooms and on behalf of our faculty and administration I want to again send our heartfelt appreciation for your generosity!

May you enjoy the beautiful autumn days forecasted for the weekend!

Kind Regards! Stay Well!

Mrs. B