



Student Life Update by Mrs. B

I want to thank all of you for taking the time to join us for conferences this past week. From our youngest learners to our 8th graders, we are proud of the many accomplishments of our children during the first quarter. Please be sure to join us on Tuesday, November 20, for our Thanksgiving Mass and presentation of our Honor Roll students in grades 6-8.

In grades 4-8, we had student led conferences, which gave our parents and teachers an opportunity to remind our children that we are partnering together to support them and help them in any way we can. Students did reflections and shared goals and they showed us that they definitely know themselves as learners. The week was unique to say the least, with an unplanned early dismissal and our first snow day ☺!! Despite the interruptions, we now head into the second quarter armed with updated goals, plans to empower all our learners, and continued enthusiasm!

We are also busy preparing for the holidays; it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, well it has been, before Halloween, in many stores! Yet, before we get ready for decking the halls, we celebrate a most important day in the upcoming week. An opportunity to thank God in a special way, with a day surrounded by family and friends, where we can pray, feast, and focus on all those blessings that add up day by day!

In 1621 two groups of very different people came together to share a meal and give praise and thanks to our God. During their time together they learned to help each other and peacefully live together; and the trials they faced helped to make them stronger. Amidst it all they remembered one thing, that God was good and he brought them together for a purpose. They became a part of history which reminds us that, when we look beyond our differences, and we accept one another and lead, by looking for the good in each other, rather than the differences and weaknesses; we not only value and show respect to others, but, we too gain in the end. We find peace and joy by working together and appreciating each other. On that special day in November, almost 400 years ago, they set up tables and they sat together and they praised God for all his goodness. Together they experienced those virtues of compassion, respect, responsibility, kindness, generosity, humility, effort, perseverance, patience, and gratitude.

We face changes each year as a community; and during each year we come together, as a community, to support and educate our children. This year has been no different. There have been some big changes; and day to day, there have been little ones that have been made because we continually look at what best serves our children and community. We join together, in traditional ways from our 60-year legacy, and in new ways, sometimes with trials; but, we help each other, and we strive to build and improve something that we are grateful for, and has strengthened all of us in some way. For together we have accomplished many things, already, this year!



Thank you for sharing, and entrusting us with your most precious blessing each school day! We are grateful for their smiles, stories, laughter, accomplishments, and, even their struggles, to see how they persevere and grow. We are blessed with a dedicated faculty and staff at St. Rose and your child's experience, as well as yours, as their first teacher, is a priority that our staff focuses on each day. As a community we count ourselves blessed in abundance because in each classroom, and in our halls, Christ is present and we can openly praise him and welcome his teachings to guide us in all we do! We celebrate this holiday and we make mention, more, of all we are thankful for; but, please know that we are grateful, every day, for our children, and we especially appreciate the support of all of our families.

Thank you for sharing your blessings with others through your generosity in our Thanksgiving Food Drive; our children take great pride in assuming responsibility for our service projects and their glowing smiles as they toted bags down the hallways, and placed food items in classroom boxes to watch them fill up, says it all. As you gather around your table with family and friends, please remember in your prayers, those you have helped have their own Thanksgiving dinner this year. Let us ask God's blessing upon them so that they may continue to know the compassion, kindness, and generosity of others.



As we count the days until Thanksgiving, we are especially blessed to be able to thank God as a community at our Thanksgiving Mass. We hope that you will join us in prayer and song on Tuesday as we praise and honor God for all his goodness! We will end our short week with a Buddy Thanksgiving on Wednesday. Buddies from all grades will join together for a fun and festive Thanksgiving activity!

May God go with you in your travels, whether near or far, and may He bless you this holiday season with health, peace, joy, and the love of family and friends. Happy Thanksgiving!

Warm Regards,
Mrs. B

Highlights from the Past Week and Upcoming Events

Book Fair Helps Fill Classroom Shelves

Abundant book selections, read alouds, novel studies, and our Accelerated Reader(AR) Program, provide a solid platform for encouraging reading in all grades. The participation of our families, over the years, in the annual Scholastic Book Fair has provided books and funds to help us provide a robust library and other resources in each of our classrooms.

Thank you for your generous donations to our classroom libraries this year; our teachers are as excited as the children, to share the new books gifted by our families. In addition, the profits from all your purchases will help us to provide new reading selections in our school library; as well as provide books and resources to our classrooms for Challenge Centers and Makerspaces that are being planned.



We want to thank Mrs. Setear and her many volunteers for making this another successful Book Fair for our school! We were able to catch a quick picture while they worked, on Saturday, to set up the book fair in the

Gathering Hall. It was a morning of moms and sons working together; and the boys found the best part of helping, was getting a preview of books and a start on their wish lists!



SRS School Spirit...Ready? Let's Go!

It's time to put our school spirit into full force and get ready to support our basketball teams. We look forward to spreading school spirit throughout our halls as we welcome Ramsey to usher in the season and join our cheerleaders in cheering on our teams. Beginning November 26, the week after Thanksgiving Break; **our basketball players and cheerleaders will be invited to wear their team hoodies on days we have home games!** We hope this will make team and school spirit contagious and encourage more of our school community to join us in the Gathering Hall to cheer on our teams for game nights! On Monday, November 26th, we will have our first pep rally of the year! At 1pm, we will join together as a school community and, along with Ramsey, meet this year's Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams and our Cheerleaders!



When we look at our students



we see unlimited possibilities!