

Dear St. Rose Families,

Did we really just turn a calendar page and begin a new month? It doesn't seem possible that we have been in school over a month already! It has been a month of getting used to being back in the habit of being in-person at school; but, our children and staff adapted quickly and with the new protocols and safety measures in place, we are off and running. The smiling students of St. Rose are a testament to the joy of learning happening in our classrooms!

Here are a few serious engineers-in-training from second grade. An example that learning truly does take place anywhere. They spent their science time building dams, like beavers, to explore and learn from nature how to be engineers.



As we head into the month of October, we are looking at the calendar and seeing that our days are filling up with plans! While the National Days Calendar shows us that October hosts many themes to celebrate, we circled a few for celebrating and serving others during the month. Our first schoolwide service project will be tied to Breast Cancer Awareness and raising hope and funds for a cause near and dear to many of our families and staff. Look for more details in next week's newsletter.

Of course of all the days, our littlest learners will be on the lookout for that perfect costume to celebrate Halloween. To get in the spirit of Trick or Treating; we will be hosting, on October 30, our own Halloween festivities with a twist; Trick or Treating for Faith Food Pantry! This will be a costume dress up day for Preschool through Grade 1; the annual Book Character Dress-Up in Grade 2; and for Grades 3-8 a fall dress down day. Instead of getting treats, we are going to collect some goods! We are asking everyone to bring 2 nonperishable items for the Faith Food Pantry. As we head into the colder weather and with so many in need these days, we want to add to the shelves at the food pantry by giving treats!

The first quarter is about half done and our days seem to go by quickly. Please see the items below to help us continue navigating through our journey this year!

Programs and Important Updates:

Homework Club and Tutoring:

We are excited about the addition of clinics and after school programs that are underway! In serving the needs of our students, who are in need of academic support after school, we are working with Coach Dan and his team of certified teachers, as we provide a way to deliver homework help and tutoring. We will be providing more information and sign up details in next week's newsletter, along with additional clinics and after school offerings.

Shout Out to the Class of 2021:

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:

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.

We have also been asked about the switch to winter uniforms in November. We have made the following decision to accommodate all families and the purchases you have made or plan to make.

Regarding the winter uniforms, as outlined in the handbook, we still would like the switch over to the long pants, jumpers, and winter skirts. We would also like the long sweatpants on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As for the top of the uniform, we will allow students to continue to wear the short sleeve polo shirt, a long sleeve polo shirt (available through Land's End) or the oxford shirts (boys won't wear ties everyday) and for the girls, an option of a white turtleneck.

Distance Learning:

Just a reminder that Distance Learning requests need to be made to school administration. Families will need to meet with school administrators and a representative of the Diocese to make arrangement for Distance Learning. There is no opt in or logging in without prior approval; all absences, not related to COVID concerns and quarantine, are handled as they were in the past. A student who is not in school, and not approved for Distance Learning, is marked as absent. A parent can request missed work and homework (most of this information can be found by your child logging into their Google Classroom or SeeSaw account); students will be given time to make up missed work and assessments, based on the number of days they are absent.

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!

May your blessings outnumber the fallen leaves on your lawn! Have a wonderful weekend!
Mrs. B