

ST. ROBERT SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER – Friday, October 30, 2020

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – Because there will be **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, November 6th, this newsletter will cover the next two weeks. Look for our next newsletter on November 13th

END OF 1ST QUARTER – Today, (10/30) marks the end of our first quarter. It is hard to believe that we are already one-quarter of the way through the school year. The first quarter was great – keep up the good work!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends Sunday, November 1st at 2am. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour.

HALF DAY – Just a reminder that students have a half day of school on Thursday, November 5th. School will dismiss at 10:55am that day.

BUSING REMINDER – There will be **NO TAKE HOME BUSES** on Thursday, 11/5.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, November 6th due to Parent/Teacher Conferences.

DRESS CODE ALERT – Remember, Monday, November 2nd is the first day for **NO shorts**. Shorts are not allowed again until April 15, 2021, as documented in the St. Robert School handbook.

REMOTE LEARNING DAY – Mr. Ralbusky has scheduled a remote learning day for Friday, November 20th. He will send out an email next week to school families to explain the purpose of the day, and to lay out what the day will look like.

TEXT ALERTS – Are you receiving the School Messenger text alerts from Mr. Ralbusky? Some past texts were sent on 9/30, 10/14 and 10/26. The text code for School Messenger is 67587 and all texts start with “SRS”. Please contact the school office if you are NOT receiving texts messages.

7th GRADE SACRAMENTAL PARENT MEETINGS will be held on Sunday, November 8th at 7:15 pm and Tuesday, November 10th at 6:45 pm in the school Media Center. Parents with 7th graders are asked to attend one of the meetings. Please choose the day that best fits your schedule. These needed meetings begin the process of preparing for Confirmation.

THE 2nd GRADE MASS OF ENROLLMENT will be Wednesday, 11/11 at 6:45 pm. Children are asked to arrive by 6:30pm in the gathering area of the church, so that they will have time to sign their names before Mass. We invite the entire family to participate in this Mass with your child. The children will also be receiving New Testament and Psalms during Mass as a tool for not only their preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist, but also for their life-long spiritual journey!

POINSETTIA ORDERS – The 8th grade is once again selling poinsettia plants to raise money for their trip to Washington, DC. 7 ½-inch poinsettia plants are available in red, white, pink and marble for \$17.00 each. **NEW THIS YEAR:** 23” mixed greens wreath (\$20), 22” noble fir wreath (\$25), 5’ grave blankets (\$50) and mini noble fir swag (\$10). Orders are due by Monday, November 9th, and will be available for pick up on Friday, December 4th at 2:30 and after Masses on Saturday, December 5th and Sunday, December 6th. Please contact Mrs. Daniel (kdaniel@strobertschool.com) if you have any questions. **NOTICE:** Pick up dates are *tentative* at this time due to COVID-19. Watch for updates in the school newsletter and parish bulletin.

THANK YOU to all who participated in our Jeans and Pink Shirt Day. A total of \$189.50 was raised and has been donated to the John Paul II Medical Research Institute for breast cancer research.

SPIRIT WEEK – Spirit Week is November 16-19. A flyer with more detailed information will be sent home next week.

K OF C FREE THROW CONTEST – Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Winners at the local level proceed to a district level competition and compete to move on to the state championship. The St. Robert School free throw contest will take place on Friday, November 13 during gym classes.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES – Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are right around the corner. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's report card, test scores, in class work, virtue and work habits and any questions or concerns you may have. An email with details on how to sign up for conferences was sent by Mr. Ralbusky on Monday (10/19). Directions on how to sign up are also be posted on the school website. Conferences are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, November 2nd (4-7pm Conferences)
- Tuesday, November 3rd (Election Day! No Conferences)
- Wednesday, November 4th (4-7pm Conferences)
- Thursday, November 5th (1/2 day of school-10:55am Dismissal) (12-1pm Conferences)
- Friday, November 6th (**NO SCHOOL**)

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK (Nov 1-7) is a particularly special time set aside for parishes to foster a culture of holy vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and marriage. During this week, each school family will be receiving a picture of a seminarian or novitiate that will include some information about them and a prayer for them. We are asking that you spiritually adopt that person preparing for priesthood or religious life. We also ask that you add your person into your family's daily prayer and that throughout the year you send him/her Christmas cards or little notes of affirmation. In this very powerful way, our families can help support those preparing for priesthood or religious life. We did this last year as well and there are some beautiful stories about the relationships fostered by those who actively prayed and wrote to their seminarians.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS – The Flushing K of C will be selling *Keep Christ in Christmas* cards again this year. Order forms are available by contacting Ed Warren at fs8489@mikofc.org or (810) 241-4847. Please leave your name, mailing address & phone number. The last order will be placed by November 23rd.

LITTLE NINJAS will begin a new 6-week session on Saturday, 11/7. The classes will run Saturdays from 10-10:30am. The cost is \$45 (\$25 for each additional child in the family), and is due at the first class. Uniforms (if needed) are \$30. Class size is limited, so please preregister by calling Flushing Karate at (810) 733-3000.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, 11/1	Daylight Saving Time ends. Fall back one hour.
Monday, 11/2	NO Shorts begins 4-7pm, P/T Conferences
Tuesday, 11/3	NO Staff Meeting
Wednesday, 11/4	8:30am, Mass 4-7pm, P/T Conferences
Thursday, 11/5	Half Day of School 10:55am Dismissal NO Take Home Buses 12-1pm, P/T Conferences 6:30pm, K of C Holy Hour
Friday, 11/6	NO SCHOOL
Sunday, 11/8	7:15pm, 7 th grade Sacramental Parent Meeting (Media Center)
Monday, 11/9	Poinsettia Sale ends 2:45pm, Department Chairs Meeting (Media Center)
Tuesday, 11/10	2:45pm, Staff Meeting (Media Center) 6:45pm, 7 th grade Sacramental Parent Meeting (Media Center)
Wednesday, 11/11	8:30am, Mass 6:45pm, 2 nd grade Mass of Enrollment
Friday, 11/13	Jeans Day - 25¢ Popcorn Day - 25¢ K of C Free Throw Contest (during Gym)