

## ST. ROBERT SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER – Friday, November 18, 2022

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER** – Father in Heaven, Creator of all, and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION** – There will not be a newsletter next week due to Thanksgiving Break. This newsletter will cover the next two weeks. Watch for the next newsletter on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**THANKSGIVING MASS** – Please join us for this special Mass on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 am. We hope you can attend and join us in giving thanks.

***THANKSGIVING BREAK is Wednesday, November 23 to Sunday, November 27, 2022.***

**‘TIS THE SEASON...**Advent: a season of waiting and anticipation begins on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Starting Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, we will begin each day with our traditional Advent wreath and Jesse Tree prayer service. Children from each class will be invited to participate either as readers or by placing a Jesse Tree symbol on our tree. This ritual reminds us of all the prophets and other Old Testament holy people who lead the way for Christ's coming.

**7<sup>th</sup> GRADE MASS OF ENROLLMENT** will be Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm. Please enter through the south entrance by Mary's Room. 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 family and sponsor to participate in this Mass with your child. Those candidates preparing for Confirmation will receive a blessed Bible during Mass.

### CALENDAR REMINDERS

Tuesday, 11/22	Casual Day for a Cause (\$1.00)
Wednesday, 11/23 thru Friday, 11/25	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, 11/30	6:45pm, 7 <sup>th</sup> grade Mass of Enrollment
Thursday, 12/1	6pm, Candlewalk Parade 6-9pm, Candlewalk
Friday, 12/2	Jeans Day - 25¢ 2:30-3pm, Poinsettia Pickup 6-9pm, Candlewalk

***All of us at St. Robert School pray that you and your families  
enjoy a safe, happy and blessed Thanksgiving.***

**ATTENDANCE REMINDER** – Absences and tardies for all students (Preschool 3 and 4, Young Fives, Kdg and 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) need to be called in to the Attendance Hotline (810) 487-9600 each time they occur. Texts/Emails/Phone Calls to teachers are fine as a courtesy, but **DO NOT** count as attendance notification. You still need to report the absence/tardy through the Attendance Hotline.

**WINTER REMINDERS** – The snow is flying and the temperatures are dropping! Hats, mittens/gloves and warm coats are a necessity!

- Students **MUST** have a coat on if the temperature is below 40 degrees. Hooded sweatshirts are not an option for a coat.
- Winter boots are required if there is snow on the ground. No students will be allowed on the snow in their regular shoes.
- Students in PK-4 may not be in the snow without snow pants, hats, and gloves.
- Winter boots may not be worn in the classroom. Ankle height boots may be worn in the classroom if they are not winter boots.
- No bare legs are allowed with skirts. Legs must be covered by tights or leggings. The leggings must be solid in color and must be black, navy blue or white.

**SCHOOL CLOSINGS** – We typically use School Messenger as our text communication system. We will no longer use that program. We will instead be using Remind. We're in the midst with getting an all school Remind set up, but it will take a week or two to transfer the information to them. In the meantime, if we have inclement weather and need to close school, your homeroom teacher will send you a Remind message, we will post on Facebook, the news channels and Mrs. Bushey will send an all school email.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS** – Just a reminder that the poinsettias will be available for pick up at the exterior door to the Music Room on Friday, 12/2 from 2:30-3pm, and in the lobby by Mary's after Masses on Saturday, 12/3 and Sunday, 12/4. Please contact Mrs. Daniel at [kdaniel@strobertschool.com](mailto:kdaniel@strobertschool.com) if you have any questions.

**CANDLEWALK** – Flushing is proud of one of its most heartwarming traditions – the annual Flushing Candlewalk! Thousands of softly glowing candles will light your way along the streets of Flushing. You'll find chestnuts roasting on an open fire in the middle of Main Street, warming stations throughout the area and Santa Claus arriving in a grand parade to light the ceremonial tree. The Flushing Candlewalk will take place on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-9pm each night.

**CALLING ALL SRS FAMILIES** – St. Robert will be expanding our presence at this year's Candlewalk on December 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup>. St. Robert will host a Candlewalk warming station that will include a Christmas cookie decoration station, live music by Tom Smela, our own Christmas carolers, games for kids and a nativity scene display. We are inviting families to register for a spot to set up their nativity scenes in the Activity Center to be on display throughout Candlewalk! Hurry! Spots are limited! There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes for nativity scenes, as voted on by the crowd. Please contact the parish office at (810) 659-2501 or Marianne Goergen (810) 471-0461 with any questions or to reserve your display spot. You can also reserve your spot on the St. Robert website ([srbccatholic.com](http://srbccatholic.com)). Information on nativity scene set up will be provided when you register. If you are unable to display your nativity scene for a few days, you can still stop by the Activity Center during Candlewalk to join in the Christmas spirit, vote for your favorite nativity scene and decorate some cookies while listening to Christmas music!

**COOKIES NEEDED** – The Parish Life Commission is assisting with the Warming Center during the Flushing Candlewalk on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> by serving hot coffee, hot chocolate and cookies. The commission is asking for cookie donations for this event. Please bring your cookies to the Activity Center by 5pm on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. You may also leave them in the Parish Office if needed. If you have any questions, please contact Agnes Taylor at (810) 732-9667 or (810) 240-6681.

**SANTA'S WORKSHOP** – The Student Council will once again sponsor a Santa's Workshop in December. We need volunteers, though, to make the workshop a success. Volunteers are needed to staff the workshop for the following session:

**Thursday, 12/8**

**12:15-2:00pm**

If you're able to help, please use the following link to sign up for a shift:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A44AAAA22ABF85-santas>. Please contact Mrs. Reagan at [kreagan@strobertschool.com](mailto:kreagan@strobertschool.com) if you have any questions.

**WE'D LIKE TO SEND OUT A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to the volunteers who handed out candy at last month's Trunk or Treat. The kids had a great time in spite of the untimely rain! Our volunteers **ROCK!**

**SANTA'S HELPERS** for K-6 GCCS "Elves" is being sponsored by Powers Catholic Rotary Interact. Get your holiday shopping done while we entertain your little elves. The event will be held on Saturday, 12/3 from 10am-2pm at Powers Catholic High School. Tickets are \$25 per child or \$40 per family, and include cookie decorating, ornament making, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, lunch, a Christmas movie and more! Flyers with sign up information went home last week. RSVP and payment are due by Monday, 11/21. The event is limited to 150 kids. Contact (810) 591-4741 or [sturczyn@powerscatholic.or](mailto:sturczyn@powerscatholic.or) with questions.

**A WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE** for GCCS 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take place on Saturday, 12/3 from 6-8pm at Powers Catholic High School. The cost is \$5 at the door, and candy, chips, pop and water will be available for purchase.

**HOT LUNCH** – Just a reminder that the cost of a hot lunch this year is **\$3.50 NOT \$3.00**.

**BOX TOP BONUS** – From 11/16 through 11/28, buy any 2 Box Tops products and earn 5 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your receipt.

### **VOLLEYBALL**

<b>Tuesday, 11/29</b>	SRS White vs. Holy Family 3, 5:30pm at Holy Family SRS Blue vs. St. John Fenton Gold, 6pm at St. John Fenton
<b>Thursday, 12/1</b>	SRS Blue vs. Holy Family 1, 5pm at SRS SRS White vs. Holy Family 2, 5:30pm, at SRS

**THE GIVING TREE** will be up the weekend November 19<sup>th</sup>. The gifts will need to be returned by December 11<sup>th</sup> for distribution. Please contact Sandy at (810) 659-6610 if you would like to adopt a family. Thank you again for your support for those in need.

**THANKSGIVING GIVING** – Several Flushing churches are providing gift cards to area families for Thanksgiving dinners this year. St. Robert has been so generous in the past and the families are so grateful. Please consider giving again this year. Donations can be made in cash or by check, made out to St. Robert, and marked with “Thanksgiving for Families” in the memo. Please put donations in an envelope. Donations can be placed in the regular collection or dropped off at the parish office.

**K OF C POLISH SAUSAGE SALE** – The Knights of Columbus Flushing Council #8489 will be selling their secret recipe homemade Polish sausage this Christmas season. This recipe has been in our council for over 30 years. The sausage is \$7 per pound. To order, call Ed Warren at (810) 241-4847 or e-mail your order, along with your name & number to [kofcsausage@gmail.com](mailto:kofcsausage@gmail.com). **Please order by Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> to assure availability.** Orders will be available for pick-up in Angel Hall on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> between 11am-1:00pm and in the Activity Center after the 5 pm Mass, or in the Activity Center on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30am, 10:30am and 6pm Masses.

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

Saturday, 11/19	8am, Middle School Retreat begins (Holy Redeemer)
Sunday, 11/20	12pm, Middle School Retreat ends
Monday, 11/21	9-10am, 2+1
Tuesday, 11/22	Casual Day for a Cause (\$1.00) 8:30am, Mass (Thanksgiving) 12:20pm, Free Throw Assembly
November 23-25	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Thanksgiving Break
Tuesday, 11/29	Student Council Meeting during lunch (Rm 14)
Wednesday, 11/30	8:36-9:21am, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Confessions 2:45pm, Float Decorating 6:45pm, 7 <sup>th</sup> Mass of Enrollment
Thursday, 12/1	4:30pm, Parade Line Up 6pm, Candlewalk Parade 6-9pm, Candlewalk
Friday, 12/2	Jeans Day - 25¢ 2:30-3pm, Poinsettia Pickup 6-9pm, Candlewalk

