

## ST. ROBERT SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER – Friday, September 16, 2022

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** – We will have our first “Early Release Day” on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. School will be dismissed at 12:45pm. Teachers will be using the extra time in the afternoon for professional development. Busing and ESP are available on all Early Release Days. Additional Early Release Days will occur on 10/19, 11/16, 12/14, 1/18, 2/15 and 3/15.

**SCHOOL PICTURES** – Mark your calendar! School pictures will be taken Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Students may wear dress code or their “Sunday Best”. Denim, t-shirts, revealing outfits, casual clothing or open toe/heel shoes are **NOT** appropriate. **Everything related to pictures will be electronic this year, so please watch your email for picture packet information.**

**A MESSAGE FROM FR. JON** – Dear St. Robert School Family...Well, we’ve come to the end of our first five-day week of full days of school. The school walls are filling up with the talent and beauty of the children. I love it! So much of their work expresses our faith in a personal and powerful way. It is an encouragement to everyone who walks through our halls. What a joy and blessing it is to have a Catholic school. Thank you for being a part of our school family. As I shared last week, **our theme this year is Anchored in Christ; a reminder and invitation for us to direct our attention and lives to Jesus in whom we find our security and fulfillment.** One of the essential ways that we anchor our lives in Jesus is the Mass. The Mass is Jesus’ saving work for us, the greatest and most life-giving, healing prayer, the greatest gift we have. Right now, we are focusing on our participation at the Mass. I want to ask you to help us work together by encouraging your children to sing the Mass parts and hymns. One of the lingering effects of the pandemic and not having Mass and then wearing masks for so long, is we’ve fallen into the habit of not responding or verbally participating at Mass. Please join me in helping us worship with hearts and voices raised in prayer, knowing that our active worship at Mass anchors us in Christ, in His life, His goodness, His joy. **Also, your children rely on you to bring them to Sunday Mass.** As good as our school Mass is, Sunday Mass—the day of Jesus’ resurrection—is the one that we are called to gather at as a universal Church. The most important activity of the week for our families is Sunday Mass. Nothing else comes close. *Let us reconnect with Jesus and one another by coming to Sunday Mass.* Come and receive our loving God’s grace and timely help. May God bless you, your family, and our school and parish abundantly this week.

**BOOSTERS** – Want to meet new parents, be more involved in your child’s education and earn 15 PIP credits for 2022-2023? We are recruiting interested parents for the following 22/23 Booster officer positions: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs. Bushey will be emailing a ballot to all school families. We are also looking for Booster Members at Large. Contact the school office if interested.

**ST. ROBERT 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** – There will be all kinds of activities to celebrate our 100th Anniversary, so mark your calendars for the weekend of September 15<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>.

- **Thursday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** - Nationally renowned pro-life speaker Rebecca Kiessling, (who was conceived in rape), will be kicking off our Catholic Teaching Speaker series with a talk on the dignity of every human being.
- **Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>-Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** - 24 Hour Exposition and Adoration followed by a light reception after 8:30am Mass on Saturday morning. These 24 hours will include a Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers throughout.
- **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> after 10:30am Mass** - There will be a picnic, games/music for the whole family, a school open house, a scavenger hunt with prizes, and an abundance of blessings from our priests (especially for anyone who was baptized or married at St. Robert, anyone who attended the school or is/has been a parishioner over the past 100 years)! We hope you’ll be able to attend all or any part of our celebration. All are welcome, so invite family, friends and neighbors.

**YEARBOOK PICTURES** – Want to see your children in the yearbook? Email pictures from school events, field trips, school parties, plays, sports and celebrations to [yearbook@strobertschool.com](mailto:yearbook@strobertschool.com). Pictures are always needed and welcomed. **Please include names, grades and name of the event when emailing pictures.**

**LAST CALL FOR GRASP** – Did your child complete the GRASP program over the summer and receive a certificate and/or medal? If so, please send the certificate/medal to the school office. We will hold on to them and include them in our first semester award assembly in February, so that your child can be officially recognized for his/her achievement.

**BOX TOPS** – Do you find yourself forgetting to scan your grocery receipts for Box Tops? You can turn on **Scan Reminders** in the Box Tops mobile app to receive a friendly reminder on your phone to scan your receipts. You can even customize the frequency of your reminders to match your weekly shopping routine! Just go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com/Apptips> to log into your Box Tops account to add the reminder option.

### **SPORTS**

#### **Cross Country**

Saturday, 9/17 8:00am, Duane Invitational, Springfield Oaks County Park  
Friday, 9/23 5pm, New Balance Mid-Season Spectacular, Goodells Co. Park

#### **Football**

Wednesday, 9/21 5:30-7:30pm, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Tackle Football, Kuehn-Haven MS, Montrose

**YOUTH CHEER CLINIC** – All future cheerleaders grades K-8 are welcome to join the Powers Cheer Team for a fun-filled evening of jumps, cheers and stunts, and to cheer on the sidelines for the first half of the varsity Homecoming game at 6:30pm on 10/7 at Attwood Stadium. The practice will be held from 4-6pm on 10/4 at the St. Johns Family Center in Davison. Use this link to sign up for the clinic: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xeG6EpSZWv709o79FKkhWgXP3Tghi0t9aLvNaXOzSPY/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xeG6EpSZWv709o79FKkhWgXP3Tghi0t9aLvNaXOzSPY/viewform?edit_requested=true).

**MINISTRY OF MOTHERHOOD (MOM)** – The St. Robert MOM group exists to develop relationships and foster community among mothers in the Flushing area. We seek to support and encourage one another to deepen our relationship with Christ as we live out our vocation as mothers. We hope you will join us as often or as little as your unique family schedule allows! The Play & Pray Group begins on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am in Mary's Rm. Please email [st.robertmom@gmail.com](mailto:st.robertmom@gmail.com) with questions, interest or to be added to the email list for future events.

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

Sunday, 9/18	St. Robert 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 11:30am-2pm, School Open House
Monday, 9/19	8:30am-2pm, 8 <sup>th</sup> to Cathedral Mass 9-10am, 2+1
Tuesday, 9/20	Fall Picture Day
Wednesday, 9/21	<b>Early Release Day</b> <b>12:45pm Dismissal</b> 1-3pm, Teacher PLC Meeting (Media Center)
Thursday, 9/22	8:30am, Mass 6:15pm, GCCS Night – Volleyball (Powers)