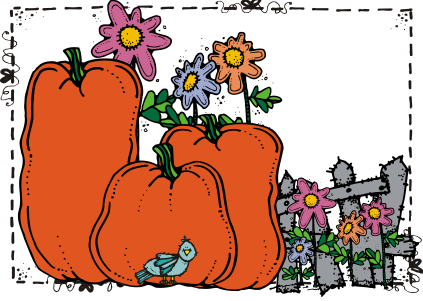


Principal's Page

October 2011



Dear Family,

During the month of October, the green leaves of summer start to turn to radiant colors of red, orange and gold. The change of seasons reminds us of the cycle of life. The month of October is designated by the church as "Respect Life Month". We realize that life is precious from the earliest beginnings at conception. All living beings are valuable and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. "Respect and love for life means respect and love for others." (RTJ, Oct.) This month we will continue our traditions of reaching out through prayer and good works to live that love more fully.

The calendar for the month of October is very busy....Please keep the calendar handy for special events.



Month of the Holy Rosary: October is also a month dedicated to Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary. The rosary is a traditional devotional prayer of the Catholic Church. In addition to the recitation of the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be and Apostle's Creed, we meditate on the events of the scriptures related to the lives of Mary and Jesus. Pope John Paul II encouraged us to pray the rosary for the intention of world peace. This year we will have an experience of prayer known as a Living Rosary on Fri., Oct. 21 we will start at 2:15. Please join us. If you are unable to come in person please consider joining us spiritually by praying from home or work.



Respect Life Month:

Each year St. Rita Parish sponsors a baby shower to provide needed items for young families at the Transitional Living Center and other local charitable organizations. St. Rita School supports this collection by having a baby shower at an All School Mass. We ask that the students bring in something such as a jar of food, baby powder, and disposable diapers for the collection. The gifts are brought up to the altar as part of our All School Mass. This year the Baby Shower will take place at the Oct. 25 School mass. Our parish MOMS group has been very helpful in the organization and sorting of all the items. I know that they would welcome all interested parents to help sort and deliver these precious gifts. A flyer will be coming soon with additional information.



Please remember.....

- ☑ Drop off time in the morning is 8:20
- ☑ Pick up time is 3:15
- ☑ Extended Day pick up is 5:00. A late charge is placed after 5....let's help our coordinators get home to their families.
- ☑ No School - Friday, Oct. 7th or Monday, Oct. 10th
- ☑ Students should always have a jacket or sweatshirt for outdoor recess. Weather can change suddenly.
- ☑ Shorts: The last day to wear uniform shorts is Tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 30

SPORTS REMINDERS: Safety First

- ☑ Brothers and sisters may not go to sports practices with the athletes. Only coaches' children will be permitted to be in the gym during practices.
- ☑ NO CHILDREN may be upstairs in the gym during practices. No exceptions.

CHESS SCHOLARS! Our new chess program begins on Wed., Oct. 5th. What a great way for the students to use those higher level thinking skills. The class is afterschool. Pick up is 4:20...



FIRE SAFETY MONTH

During October, our Aurora Fire Fighters come to visit our PreK-Gr. 2 students for safety visits. The visits will be on Friday, Oct. 14th. We are very blessed to have such great community workers in our city. THANK YOU AFD.



FALL FESTIVITIES :

YO YO ASSEMBLY- Thursday, Oct. 27th 2:15 parents and families are invited. Come enjoy a demonstration by a YoYo expert. Learn some new skills.....

Abbey Farms here we come...

Off to the Pumpkin Patch: Our PreK & Kindergarten classes will be going to the Marmion Abbey pumpkin patch on Friday, Oct. 28th. As for all field trips, our volunteers must have completed Protecting God's Children.

Happy Feet! Student Council Dance: Our 7th & 8th grade student council will sponsor a Fall fun dance on Friday, Oct. 28th afterschool. More details will be coming from the students.

BONFIRE! St. Rita parish will have the annual Parish Bonfire for all parish families on Friday, Oct. 28th. Students must be accompanied by adults to attend. This is a fun event for the whole family.

Jeans day for All: Friday, Oct. 28th - Add a touch of fall, fun colors.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES: The students in PreKindergarten and Kindergarten are allowed to wear costumes for their holiday celebration. We believe that fantasy and make-believe are still an important part of childhood. However, costumes should not depict any violent characters – please do not send toy weapons, swords or knives to school. Parties for these classes will be on Oct. 31st.

And then we continue: November 1st All Saints Day

ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION: This year in honor of our theme for "Saints by our Side" we will have a change to our fall celebrations for students. Following a special liturgy on Tuesday, Nov. 1st, the Home & School will host a donut/juice treat after mass. There will be special activities through out the day as we study our saints and heroes of the faith.

In Christ's peace,

Bette Faxon

Saint Questions: Whose feast day do we celebrate on October 1st ? Hint: Ask Mrs. Pietrie's class
Whose feast day do we celebrate on October 4th? Ask Mrs. Bialko and her PreK friends

Remember: Home & School Market Day – Tuesday, Oct. 4th

Upcoming Dinner Nights – TONIGHT! A & W in North Aurora

Friday, Oct. 21 Buona Beef in Montgomery