

St. Rita of Cascia School

"The Peacemaker"



August, 2017

Dear St. Rita Family,

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year at St. Rita of Cascia School. Our Patron Saint, St. Rita, for whom our parish and school are named after, was a model of patience and peace.

St. Rita at a very young age wanted to become a nun. However, her parents wanted her to marry. She married and had two sons.

With time, her husband and sons died and then she entered the Augustinian Convent. She wanted her family to be more peaceful, to encourage peace in her village and to have patience and peace among the other sisters.

She asked the Lord to let her share in his suffering to help create that peace for everyone. Today, it is important that we all work for peace. First in our families, then in our school, our church, our community, our workplace and everywhere that we can.

At the end of our school day, the very last prayer we say is:

"St. Rita of Cascia, Pray for us."

We dedicate this year to St. Rita to carry on her great mission of peace in the world. Our monthly newsletter is called "The Peacemaker" in her honor.

God bless,

Mrs. Bette Faxon



Our school theme is
"We Are All
God's Children".

This includes all
people who are

created and loved by God: children, moms,
dads, teachers, principals, priests, neighbors
...EVERYONE!

"Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be
called Children of God." Matthew 5:9

Let us work together this year to give
thanks for all that we are given as children
of God. We need to follow the example of
Jesus and treat 'All God's Children' with love
and respect.

1st Pillar of our school mission: FAITH

Weekly Mass: Every Tuesday at 9:00 AM,
Our school masses are student led. Grades 1-8
attend weekly, Kindergarten attends monthly in
the beginning of the year & on Holy Days.
Preschool will have special prayer services to
participate in.

Prayer Through the Day: Each morning, we have
student led morning prayer reciting different
prayers each month along with the Pledge of
Allegiance. By the end of the year, every student
K-8 has had a turn to be the leaders on the
intercom. Before the lunch/recess hour, we pray
the "Grace before Meals" together. We end our
day giving thanks for all the blessings by reciting
"The Glory Be" and ending with St. Rita of Cascia
...Pray for Us.

PARENT HANDBOOKS ARE IN TODAY'S ENVELOPE.
HERE ARE SOME SPECIAL NOTES.



Schoolmessenger: We use our voice message system to send out reminders about events. When you see the school

number/or St. Rita come up on your caller id, pick up. It will also go to voicemail. Voice messages also go to your email and can be played back.

Please check your messages before you call the office. Most announcements for events are sent after office hours. We also use email for longer messages. You can add text messaging by letting the school office know you would like that option.



LUNCH: Please send a lunch and a drink for all the days of August.

Our school lunch program does not start until September. Please keep your lunch calendar handy to see what days you have ordered meals. It is very difficult for our office staff to get multiple calls each day to see if a lunch is ordered or to replace your lunch calendar.

Please provide a healthy lunch for students in (Preschool-8) and a healthy snack for students in Preschool-4 each day. We do not allow parents to bring restaurant meals unless it is a special occasion such as a birthday. We cannot refrigerate the lunches during the day. Pop is not allowed at any time. No glass containers please. **We have students with peanut or tree nut allergies, please help us keep our school snack and meal times safe for all children. Children who DO NOT have allergies are still able to bring items containing nut products.**

Please include a spoon or fork if needed and a napkin each day. We have an emergency supply but it is expensive for us to provide those on a regular basis.



BUS INFORMATION:

It is a good idea to have the students put their bus info inside their assignment planner for grades 3-4 or on a tag on the school bag for grades K-2.



PE started today. Please have the children bring their gym shoes and clothes in a drawstring or zippered bag to keep everything together. If they do not have an official school gym uniform, then they may wear a solid color pair of shorts and a solid color t - shirt. If a student has the official uniform, then they are expected to wear those every day. Students should bring their gym uniform on Monday and take home on Friday to be washed. Grades K-4 will have PE tomorrow.

YOU MUST LABEL all items of clothing.

75% of our students wear green polos. Mix-up in the locker room is very possible. You want your child to wear their own shirt, jumper, skirt or pants home.

PARKING LOTS: A SPECIAL NOTE WAS SENT HOME WITH EACH CHILD ON WEDNESDAY

The FRONT LOT is for faculty and staff only. There is one VISITOR SPACE for guests.

MORNING EXTENDED DAY parents should not park in lot. Please pull along the curb on the front circle close to the school.

NO CARS CAN ENTER THE FRONT CIRCLE BETWEEN 8:00 AND 8:25 – BUS ONLY.

PRESCHOOL DROP OFF IS AFTER BUS AT 8:25.... Please do not enter front circle before that time. At the beginning of the year, some busses are a little late.

BIRTHDAYS: Due to the number of children with food allergies. Parents may not send food treats for birthdays even for take home in the event a child would ride the bus.



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS
"Curriculum Night"

GRADES 6-8

Wednesday, August 30th at 7PM
Parents will go through the students' schedules to meet all the teachers.

Preschool- GR. 5

Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 7PM
Parents will meet the teacher and hear about the grade level curriculum.

Parents only. This is a night for the adults only please. Children will not be able to be in the classroom for the presentation.

Please do not ask the teachers about student progress or share confidential information at this night. This is only a short time and the teachers want to greet all the parents. If you have other information to share please call the teacher.

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FACEBOOK

is a great place to get up to date announcements. There is also an alumni page for St. Rita. Be sure you check to see it is the school for new information.



WHO SHOULD I ASK? There are times when you may have questions about something at school.

Office:

Questions about lunch, attendance, bus, financials, health records, and events are usually addressed to Mrs. Droeske or Mrs. Harner.

Teacher:

Homework, tests, field trips, classroom procedures, reading goals should be handled by the classroom teacher. Please send a note to school, you may call the office and leave a message for the teacher. The teacher will try to contact you during his/her planning period during the day. You may also send an email for easy questions. For more important matters of student progress or adjustment to the new year, a phone call is better.

Principal:

Questions about school procedures, curriculum, student health and safety should be directed to Mrs. Faxon. Please call the office.

Communication is important for everyone. For something related to the classroom it is best to contact the teacher first.

CALENDAR UPDATES are posted on our school website calendar. www.saint-rita.org