

# WHAT'S HAPPENING at ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

October 16, 2009

*St. Rita Catholic School is committed to teaching authentic Catholic Christian doctrine, nurturing each child in a holy and safe environment by promoting the highest standards in education and self-discipline.*

## LOOKING AHEAD:

Oct. 19-Woodland Alters Forms Due  
Oct. 21- Cookie Dough Order Pickup  
Oct. 27- H1N1 Influenza Vaccine  
Oct. 28- Report Cards  
Oct. 28-30- Grades 5-7 Woodland Alters  
Oct. 30- All Saint's Day Activities  
Nov. 1- CJ Open House  
Nov. 5-Conferences 2-9pm

## WOODLAND ALTERS

The trip to Woodland Alters for students in grades 5-7 is quickly approaching. **The raffle tickets and raffle money must be turned into Mr. Hand by Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.**

## H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINES OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>



On October 27<sup>th</sup> the H1N1 vaccine will be offered here at St. Rita. A packet of information and a permission slip came home earlier this week. If you would like your child to receive the vaccine please complete the permission slip and return to the school office by October 21<sup>st</sup>.

## COOKIE DOUGH PICKUP



For the students who participated in the cookie dough fundraiser, the pickup day for cookie dough will be Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:00-6:00 pm.

## NOTE FROM MRS. MURPHY: FLU SEASON



It is Flu season. I am sure you have read many news articles concerning Flu outbreaks from across our country. In order to keep our school up and running, we need your help. We have received a couple reports of students with the regular flu here at St. Rita. The students are recovering at home. **I am reminding everyone to keep your children at home if they are sick and/or running a temperature.** Please have family members use good hygiene. Remember to cover coughs and disinfect areas where someone has been coughing. Doctors still say the biggest preventer of sickness is good hand washing techniques (at least 15-20 seconds with warm soapy water).

So far we seem to be alright with the flu situation. We are making sure that every child is sent home if he/she is sick. We disinfect the rooms daily. ***If your child is diagnosed with the flu, he/she will not be permitted to return to school without a doctor's release.*** This will keep everyone as healthy and safe as possible.

If we work on this together, I think we will make it through this season without having to close for a few days. Thank you for all your support.

## What's for Lunch??

Eating lunch is a very important way to stay healthy. Recently we have noticed some children are throwing away too much of their lunch. Our school lunch menu is posted on our website at <http://www.stritadayton.org/cafetaria.html> Please review the lunch menu with your child. If he or she does not like the item on the menu then a packed lunch from home is advised. We frequently and strongly encourage children not to waste food and to drink their milk in order to stay well. Your help is appreciated with this concern, especially during the cold season.

## POPCORN FRIDAY'S

Can you spare some time to help with POPCORN sales, setup and bagging during Friday's only, between 8:30 and 1 pm? Popcorn sales benefit all St. Rita students.



Due to the price increase of popcorn supplies, the price of popcorn will increase to \$0.50 for the small bag and the large bag will be \$1.25.

## CJ Class of 2014

### CJ Open House, Sunday, Nov. 1, 1-4 p.m.

Check-in begins at 12:40! Guest speaker, **Kathy McEuen Harmon**, Executive Director of Financial Aid and Student Success for the University of Dayton, will present: *Why CJ Graduates Experience a High Level of Success in College.* The day's program also includes a tour guided by student Eagle Ambassadors, a tuition assistance session and opportunities to personally meet teachers, coaches and CJ families. Visit [cjeagles.org](http://cjeagles.org) for more information, or contact J.P. Gregory '02, admissions coordinator, at 461-3740 x210 or [jgregory@cjeagles.org](mailto:jgregory@cjeagles.org).

### High School Placement Test Sat., Nov. 21, 8am-1pm

The HSPT is recommended by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and required by CJ for admission and consideration for the Catholic Leadership and Heritage Scholarship. Students must register by Friday, Nov. 13 by calling Mrs. Jeanne Spitzig at 461-3740 x249 or [jspitzig@cjeagles.org](mailto:jspitzig@cjeagles.org). Pizza party following the test!

### **CJ Youth Girls Basketball** **(5th-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Try-outs**

**Sunday, Oct. 11 & 18 @ CJ gym**

Athletes are expected to attend both try-outs and MUST be accompanied by an adult. There is no fee to try out. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes before your grade's schedule time in order to register: 5th and 6th grades: 3-4:30 p.m. 7th and 8th grades: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Visit [cjeagles.org](http://cjeagles.org) or contact Tony Greene at 231-4493 for more information.

## UNIFORM REMINDER

Parent's, if your student needs to wear something to keep them warm during the day, it **MUST** be according to the uniform policy. Students may wear the St. Rita logo sweatshirt, fleece pullover, or fleece vest from Point Printing or Casual Image, or a plain blue cardigan sweater. Parents, please be aware that our uniform vendors do sell long sleeved red polo shirts.

**Students are not permitted to wear other jackets or sweatshirts in school during the day.** If students wear items that are not uniform code they will be required to remove them and receive a demerit for being out of uniform.

Please review the uniform policy from the Parent Student Handbook with your student to help your child be in uniform and to avoid a disciplinary notice for uniform violation.

Casual Image, our uniform vendor, has informed the school that they are accepting phone orders with credit card payment for any item they carry. They have received several orders lately and are excited to serve our families. They will process the order within a few days and deliver to school if necessary. Please call Casual Image at 832-7969 to order any needed uniform items.

## REPORT CARDS



First Quarter ends October 21<sup>st</sup>. Report Cards will be sent home on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> with students whose fees are current (i.e. tuition, special afternoons, cafeteria, library) If your student owes money please pay now. If you have questions, please contact the office.

## CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences will be held on **Thursday, November 5, 2009 from 2-8:50PM.** Please call the office at 277-8978 to schedule a conference with your child's teacher(s). **Students will be dismissed early at 1:40PM.** Special Afternoons (our after school program) is available for a \$12 fee up until 6PM. If you are not a regular at Specials and need this service, let the office know by Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Dismissal Procedures

We want to thank all the parents who are working with us to keep our children safe by following the dismissal procedures. It is very important that parents picking up students in cars in the south parking lot follow the appropriate traffic patterns. We realize this takes patience to get through the car line but safety is most important when it comes to our children. If we have parents not following the traffic pattern it creates traffic problems and safety issues for everyone.

## Volunteers Still Needed

If you have not yet signed up to volunteer for our school and are interested in helping with some special events throughout the year, (Recess monitoring, serving popcorn, or helping with one/one tutoring primary students in reading or spelling) please let us know. We **still** need your help and appreciate any time you can share.

