



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER September 6, 2019

Dear Families –

I can't believe we are done with our 4th week of school! The year is flying by! Before we know it – Christmas will be here! ☺

Money Counters: The Parish Office is looking for money counters after Mass. The counters would count only four times a year and would be on a team. Contact Janet Roach at 217-204-5594, if interested.

Immunizations and Physicals: Notifications are going out soon regarding immunizations or physicals. Please provide us that information ASAP, if you are contacted. If a child does not comply by **October 15** with proof of immunization and/or physical requirements, then they shall be excluded from school until the school receives such proof. Thank you for making this a priority!

Vision and Hearing Screenings: On Thursday, October 10th, a technician will be at Our Saviour School to screen students for vision and hearing. Students in grades kindergarten, second, 8th, new students, and any students recommended by teachers will be screened for vision. For hearing, students in kindergarten, first, second, third, new students and any students recommended by teachers will be screened. Please refer to the handbook for questions.

Scholarships: Each year, one of our incoming Kindergarten or 1st grade students is a recipient of the Owen Cors Scholarship. This year, I want to congratulate Eli Noel. Thank you to Sarah and Brad Cors for this gift in honor of Owen Cors, their precious son.

This year, the Brad Schone family awarded several scholarships in memory of their husband, father, son, and brother, Brad Schone. The recipients of these scholarships were: Gemma DeFrisco, Adalyn Flynn, Landyn Flynn, Adelyn Griffiths, and Aleah Walls. Thank you to Schone families for this gift in honor of Brad.

Lastly, the Father Ken scholarships were awarded to two students: Seth Dober and Mia Rehberg, in loving memory of Father Ken.

Grandparents Day Mass: Grandparents Day Mass is Friday, September 20th. Mass is at 8:20 am, followed with some activities at the school. Please see the attached flyer for more information. The flyer will be going home next week.

Parent Club: The first Parent Club meeting of the school year is Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00 in the Science/Art lab. We would love for you to join us & learn about what we do for our school & how you can help!! You will earn service hours by attending & we will have refreshments:) **Be involved...Be helpful...Be the One to Shine Your Light**

Sports Boosters Apparel: The sports boosters are selling OSS t-shirts, long sleeve t's and hoodies. There are 2 new designs, including 'Shamrock Nation'. Routt apparel is available as well. Order sheets are available online at OSS and Routt home pages, and are due with payment in the main office by Friday, September 13 OR can be turned in at the booster's table at the Routt home football game that evening.

Boxtops and Shoparoo: Please keep cutting those Boxtops and using the Shoparoo app! These are programs that provide money to our school for various items for our curriculum and our classrooms. We appreciate those that are already participating in these programs and ask that if you aren't, to please consider. Thank you.

Student Safety/Bullying Awareness Presentations: For this school year, we are looking at providing Bullying Awareness presentations and Internet Safety/Social Media presentations for both our students and parents. We are planning to have the Bullying presentations for grades 4 – 8 on September 16 during the school day. We will have a parent night reviewing the presentation on Thursday, September 26th at 6:00 pm in the gym. These presentations will describe what bullying is/is not, what students can do if they are bullied, what others can do if they see bullying

occurring, etc. Emphasis will be placed on ending bullying with kindness and acceptance. Additional information for parents will include how to recognize if your child is being bullied, how to help your child at home, and how to work with the school to prevent further issues. We hope our parents will join us on September 26th! The Internet Safety/Social Media presentations will occur later in the year.

Attendance: Parents, please make sure that you call the office even if you have notified the teacher of your child's absence. It is best to contact the office and they can contact the teacher. Thank you.

The **Springfield Catholic Athletic Association (SCAA)** is searching for **5th and 6th grade girls basketball teams** to participate in a league this fall. Any 5th or 6th grade parents interested in putting a girls basketball team together to participate in this league, please contact Dale Lynch as soon as possible at 217-416-0085. They would like to start the season before the end of the month, depending on the number of teams entered, so are looking for final counts from schools as soon as possible. **As a reminder, the handbook states, "For recreational teams, the "Our Saviour School" and/or "Shamrocks" cannot be used unless permission is given from the principal AND all students for that particular grade level are invited to participate.**

Non-uniform for a cause: On Monday, September 9th, students can wear a non-uniform (see handbook for guidelines) for \$1.00 with the proceeds going to support our Parent Club.

Drills: We had our fire, tornado, and intruder drills with the police/fire department this week. Things went smoothly and we appreciate the assistance from the fire and police departments! I've attached a flyer from the fire department regarding an Open House activity on October 5th to kick off Fire Prevention Month!

Fine Arts Boosters: Support the arts in your school...Become a 2019-20 FINE ARTS BOOSTER! Your booster donation will go to supporting the following arts programming at both Our Saviour School and Routt: Music Classes, Bands, Choirs, Music Programs, High School Choir, Arts Activities/Supplies, Theater Field Trips, Web Design, and more! Contact the office if you would like to support this cause!

Volley for the Cure T-shirts: The 12th Annual Volley for the Cure match between Routt Catholic and JHS will be take place on Monday, Oct. 7th at the Routt Dome. The Freshman match will start at 5:00pm, with Junior Varsity and Varsity matches to follow. Admission for the night will be \$5. Again, this year, both schools are selling t-shirts for the annual event. Order forms are available through the players and coaches of both teams. Also, order forms are available on the Our Saviour School web-site and the Routt Catholic High School web-site. Orders and payment are due by Sept. 13th and the shirts will be delivered by October 4th. Merchandise must be ordered in advance - it will not be sold at the volleyball match. If you want to place an order, you can contact your favorite Lady Rocket or Lady Crimson, contact either school's main office about getting an order form or print an order form off of the Routt Catholic High School or Our Saviour Grade School web-site. As always, all proceeds will be given to The Mia Ware Foundation. Thanks for helping the Lady Rockets and the Lady Crimson in their efforts to assist The Mia Ware Foundation in the fight against breast cancer. See you on Oct. 7th!

Window Decals: If you are interested in purchasing an Our Saviour School Window Decal, please complete the form that went home in a previous parent letter, return it to the office by September 25th. What a great way to show our Shamrock pride!

MAP testing has started for Grades 3 – 8.

Mrs. Martin's class challenged us to "Be the One" like Saint Philomena by loving all babies and children. They provided many shout outs to their fellow classmates and other Shamrocks this week. Thank you Mrs. Martin's class!

Blessings,

Mrs. Stevie VanDeVelde

Dates to Remember:

September 9 – Non-uniform for a Cause – Donate \$1.00 and Wear Non-uniform – Proceeds to go to Parent Club
September 11 – Parent Club Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Art/Science Lab

September 14 – 15 - Catechetical Commissioning

September 20 – 11:30 Dismissal – No PM bus service

September 20 – Grandparents Day Mass – 8:20 a.m.

September 22 – Sacramental Prep for 2nd graders – 9:30 a.m. – Upper Convent

September 25 – Sports pictures for baseball, softball, cross country, golf, and girls basketball

September 26 – Advisory Board – 7 p.m. – Upper Convent

September 27 – Spirit Wear Day – Routt Homecoming Parade – 1:15 p.m.