



CRUSADER COMMUNICATIONS

Happy Friday Crusaders!

Well, here we are back from our Thanksgiving break, and I pray that it was a restful and blessed time for you and your families. This is the time of year that we truly focus on being thankful and appreciating everything that God has given to us, but we must always remember that those sentiments should be acknowledged year-round. No one season should stop us from following our hearts and doing as God has asked us to do daily for those we come into contact with. As we approach the season of Advent, let's make sure to keep our focus on God, His word, and His plan for each of us...we are His children and celebrating His birth renews our faith and commitment to being the messengers of peace and love.

As we look forward into the month of December, we need to be mindful of a few major events, as well as information for SRM:

1. Please make sure that you are reading the Crusader News each week or any email that may come from SRM at any time, this also includes any alerts that we might send out.
2. Our 6th grade students will be fully immersed in Science as Mrs. O'Connor will be conducting with her students a "Cow Eye Dissection." We are so excited and impressed with what our students have been able to learn and immerse themselves in because of our dedicated and fantastic teachers, as well as gracious donors who have allowed us to acquire and improve our academic content and skills.
3. Friday, December 8th, there is NO SCHOOL per the Bishop in celebration of the Immaculate Conception (please attend mass as a family).
4. Wednesday, December 13th, the students and staff of SRM will be celebrating the Advent season with their Christmas Program that begins at 6:00 p.m.
5. Thursday, December 14th, we will be holding our Schoolwide Rosary. Parents are welcome to attend.
6. Our Christmas break will begin at the end of the school day, December 15th, 12:00 p.m. There will be NO afterschool daycare program on this day. Please take note of this so that all students will be picked up at 12:00 p.m. by a parent/guardian.

Blessings for a wonderful week to all of our SRM families!

Mrs. Hodges

- 12/4 Advent Service Project Begins
- 12/6 Student of the Month Assembly @ 8:15 a.m.
St. Nicholas Day
SRM vs. Kit Carson @ Soc Com
Girls @ 2:15 p.m. & Boys @ 3:15 p.m.
Choir Practice 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.
- 12/7 Pearl Harbor Day
Student Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.
- 12/8 No School, Holy Day of Obligation
Immaculate Conception Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 7:00 a.m.
- 12/11 Fire Drill @ 2:30 p.m.
- 12/12 Soccer League Tournament TBD
Santa visits @ 9:00 a.m.
- 12/13 Choir Practice 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.
Christmas Program, McHugh Hall @ 6:00 p.m.
- 12/14 Spirit Day, wear Christmas Sweater or Vest with Uniform Bottoms
Schoolwide Rosary, McHugh Hall @ 10:45 a.m.
Santa Fly Over TBD
Student Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.
- 12/15 Friday School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m.
Student Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.
No After School Child Care
- 12/18 Christmas Break 12/18-1/5
- 12/24 Sunday Children's Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 5:00 p.m.
- 1/8 School Resumes
- 1/9 Fire Drill 9:15 a.m.

The Advent Season is a good time to look for ways to help our neighbors in need. SRM's Advent Service Project focuses on helping the St. Brigid Community Outreach Center keep up with the needs in our own community.

Here is how you can help.

Please send as much as you can of the following items. **These are the items most in need.** Monetary donations may also be made in place of these items.



- ✓ **Peanut Butter (16 oz.)**
- ✓ **Cereal**
- ✓ **Tuna fish (7 oz. cans)**
- ✓ **Canned beans**
- ✓ **Canned meat: Spam, Vienna sausages**
- ✓ **Toothbrushes**
- ✓ **Toothpaste (travel size)**
- ✓ **Disposable razors**
- ✓ **Monetary donations allow the SBCOC staff to purchase specific items they need.**

This Service Project will run from December 4th – December 14th.
Thank you so much for your generosity.

Advent
*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

Advent will begin Sunday, December 3rd and ends Sunday, December 24th.

The **1st Sunday of Advent** symbolizes **Hope** with the “Prophet’s Candle” reminding us that Jesus is coming.

The **2nd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes **Faith** with the “Bethlehem Candle” reminding us of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.

The **3rd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes **Joy** with the “Shepherd’s Candle” reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

The **4th Sunday of Advent** symbolizes **Peace** with the “Angel’s Candle” reminding us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”



Save the Date:
Christmas Program
December 13, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.
in the McHugh Hall.



*Please have your child wear nice
“Christmas” clothes, unless otherwise
instructed by their teachers. Thank you.*

SRM Spirit Day

Thursday, December 14th!

Wear your favorite Christmas sweater or vest with your uniform bottoms!





**Save the Date
Christmas Eve
Children's Mass, 5:00
p.m.**

Our 5th grade students will be leading the mass and our Children's Choir, directed by

Mr. Alves, will be singing. If possible, please plan to join us at St. Brigid Church. Students may wear nice "Christmas" clothes!

All choir students are encouraged to participate.

December Crusaders

Xochitl A. ~ 12/1

Roman M. ~ 12/4

Rylee M. & Ms. Jessica ~ 12/5

Julietta C. ~ 12/7

Aidan B. ~ 12/14

Mrs. O'Connor ~ 12/15

Sebastian R. ~ 12/17

Jazzlynn C., Mrs. Leti & Isaiah S. ~ 12/18

Manreet K. & Penelope O. ~ 12/19

Mr. Ben ~ 12/21

Francesca C. ~ 12/22

Mrs. Vargas ~ 12/27

Riley R. & Casen W. ~12/29



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Rose-McCarthy Catholic School, an educational ministry of St. Brigid's Parish, prepares students to live productive Catholic lives as members of the Church and society.

PHILOSOPHY

St. Rose-McCarthy Catholic School is a Christ – centered community of faith, is dedicated to the education of children. With parents as primary educators, the faculty and staff facilitate the development of the whole child. In line with Church teaching and Gospel values, our school instills the expectation for each student to become a committed Catholic, concerned citizen, confident communicator, and competent problem solver. Our community of believers acts as the foundation for preparing students for life as members of Church, family, civic, economic, and global communities.

SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Students at St. Rose-McCarthy Catholic School are:

Committed Catholics who...

- Join in Christ's compassion
- Obey good values and morals
- Yield a solid understanding of our Catholic Faith and traditions

Concerned Citizens who are...

- Respectful in work and action
- Responsible for self and others
- Recognize and practice self-control

Confident Communicators who...

- Articulate through speaking and writing
- Attentively listen
- Actively use technology

Competent Problem Solvers who...

- Can organize effectively
- Can identify and analyze information
- Can apply and evaluate solutions

Enter to learn...Leave to serve!



Every Thursday is Spirit Day! Students are encouraged to show school spirit by wearing a Crusader t-shirt.

***SRM Crusader Shirts are available at
Central Valley Print Solutions, located at 802 N. Douty St., Hanford***

Call 587-5577 or email Janet Church at
janet@centralvalleyprintsolutions.com

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your child's picture to be posted on our social media
accounts email principal@strosemccarthy.com Students
are generally posted in groups and are never identified by first and last name.