



SRM NEWS

December 5, 2022



CRUSADER COMMUNICATIONS

Two weeks before Christmas break and a lot to squeeze in. Congratulations to our third graders who received their first reconciliation. We pray for their journey towards their First Holy Communion in the spring.

Our Christmas program is on Wednesday, December 14, in the hall. Please join us for this fun evening of song.

Please keep in mind that the 15th and the 16th are half days. On the 16th there will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE. Please make note.

STAR Scores- Window 2

Overall, our students did very well on their STAR testing which we did just before Thanksgiving. Ninety percent of the students grew in their scores or maintained their score from window one. If students maintained their score, it does not mean they are not growing, but means they need to continue to sharpen their specific math and reading skills. The algorithm for STAR testing is so complex, when we look at scores, it is not always black and white so we have to really look at scores and skill patterns to see where we can bolster our teaching!

Have a great week!

Ms. Manzo

From the VPs Desk

I hope everyone had a blessed and restful break. It was a blessing to be back with our students last week and I look forward to the little time we have together before Christmas Break.

Our students have been working hard this Advent season learning about the meaning of Advent and ways we can pray and repent during this time of preparation. Our middle-school science students have been working very hard on STEM Module projects where they get to perform tasks based on what they have learned so far this year. Eighth graders are currently working on a STEM Carnival project where they will be incorporating concepts of forces and motion into their own engineered carnival games and exhibits. This will be a fun project to share with the rest of the students and families!

Teachers have been working hard as well as we unpack the data from our last STAR testing window, and we will move forward with refining current action plans and continuing to develop student readiness. We will begin practice for our Christmas Program next week, Mr. Sullivan has been rehearsing the music with our students during music class and I look forward to them sharing their talent with you on December 14th.

Please do not forget to review the needs for St. Brigid's Community Outreach Center for our Advent Project. They are currently seeking donations for those who are less fortunate in our community. Thank you for your selfless donations and setting a good example for our Crusaders!

Have a blessed week,

Mr. Jess Ramos

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 12/6 St. Nicholas Day
- 12/7 Pearl Harbor Day
Student of the Month Assembly @ 8:00 a.m.
- 12/8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m.
Students & Staff Only
Soccer League Tournament at Soc Com @ 12:00 p.m.
- 12/9 School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m.
- 12/12 Fire Drill @ 2:30 p.m.
- 12/14 Santa Visits
Spirit Day – Wear your favorite Christmas Sweater or Vest with Uniform Bottoms
Christmas Program, McHugh Hall @ 6:00 p.m.
- 12/15 Schoolwide Rosary @ 11:00 a.m.
Student Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.
Choir Practice 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., bring a home lunch
- 12/16 School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m.
Santa Fly By
Student Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.
No choir and no afterschool childcare
- 12/19 Christmas Vacation (12/19/22-1/8/23)
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Mass @ 4 p.m.
- 1/9/23 School Resumes
- 1/10 Fire Drill @ 8:15 a.m.
- 1/11 Parent Club Meeting – Sign up for Colima Work Hours
- 1/12 Student Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.
Choir Practice 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., bring a home lunch
- 1/13 School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m.
- 1/15 Sunday Children’s Mass @ 8:00 a.m. – Wear your school uniform
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School
- 1/18 Student of the Month Assembly @ 8:00 a.m.
- 1/19 Lockdown Drill @ 10:45 a.m.

- 1/20 School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m.
- 1/26 Colima Drive Through Dinner 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- 1/27 School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m.
- 1/29 Catholic Schools Week Begins
- 1/30 Book Fair Begins
- 2/1 Pieology Fundraiser
- 2/2 Student Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.
Choir Practice 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., bring a home lunch
- 2/3 School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m.
Grandparent's Day
Talent Show
- 2/8 Student of the Month Assembly @ 8:00 a.m.
- 2/9 Student Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.
Choir Practice 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., bring a home lunch
- 2/10 School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m.
- 2/14 Valentine's Day Class Parties @ 2:00 p.m.
- 2/15 Parent Club Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- 2/16 Fire Drill @ 10:45 a.m.
Student Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.
Choir Practice 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., bring a home lunch
- 2/17 School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m.
- 2/19 Children's Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:00 a.m.
- 2/20 President's Day – No School
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday
- 2/23 Student Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.
Choir Practice 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., bring a home lunch

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 November 28th – December 14th.
Thank you so much for your generosity.

Advent
*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

Advent will begin Sunday, November 27 and ends Saturday, 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.”





SRM Spirit Day

Wednesday, December 14th!

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



Save the Date:

Christmas Program

December 14, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

in the McHugh Hall.



Please have your child wear nice

“Christmas” clothes, unless otherwise instructed by their teachers. Thank you.



Save the Date:
Christmas Eve Children's
Mass, 4:00 p.m.

Our SRM Choir students directed by Mr. Sullivan will be singing. If possible, please plan to join us at St. Brigid Church. Students may wear nice “Christmas” clothes.

The Meaning of Candy Canes

The candy cane reminds us how much Jesus loves us all, it is meant to be shared.

Shaped like a shepherd's staff.

Reminding he's with us, flip the cane upside down, see the "J" for Jesus.

The white stripes show our savior,
sinless, pure and true,

the red stripes stand for his blood, shed for me and you.



DECEMBER CRUSADERS

Xochitl A. & David W. 12/1

Alyssa G. 12/2

Roman M. 12/4

Rylee M. 12/5

Mrs. Jamie 12/6

Julietta C. 12/7

Aidan B. & Everett J. 12/14

Sebastian R. 12/17

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

Manreet K. & Penelope O. 12/19

Mr. Ben & Samuel W. 12/21

Francesca C. 12/22

Mrs. Vargas 12/27

Riley R. 12/29

Liam T. 12/31



Cold Weather Uniform Reminder:

OUTER WEAR

School jackets are encouraged, not required. Jackets must be solid **blue or black**. Flannel shirts, or jackets with insignias or logos are not allowed. Scarves must be simple Christopher plaid, hunter green, white, black, or navy blue in color. Sweaters or official school sweatshirts may be worn in the classrooms.



FRIDAY MASS AND SCHOOL LITURGIES UNIFORM

- ❖ All students are expected to be in their complete school uniform for Friday Mass and School Liturgies.
- ❖ Girls are to wear skorts and boys must wear long pants.
- ❖ SRM sweaters may be worn in chilly weather. **Sweatshirts may not be worn in the Church.**

Please write your child's name inside their jackets, sweatshirts, and sweaters.

Friday School Mass

*Mass begins at 8:15 a.m. Please have your child dress in their formal uniform and be sure they arrive to school on time. **Parents & Parishioners, please do not sit with the students, use the pews located behind our student seating.***



God Bless You!

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 Street***

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

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