



## CRUSADER COMMUNICATIONS

Good Monday Crusaders!

I hope you all enjoyed the extra day off and were able to attend mass with your families on Friday as well on Sunday. The Advent season is such an important part of our faith and we are blessed to be in such a setting where the celebration is integral to daily school life, which then should continue in support of our daily family life. In reference to Advent season, the students and teachers have been working so hard in perfecting their Christmas program pieces and they cannot wait to be able to share the fruits of all of their hard work with their families. Please join us Wednesday, December 13th, at 6:00 p.m. for this beautiful celebration that has been prepared for all to enjoy. Doors to the hall will open at 5:45 p.m. for guests to get their seats for the event. Please know that when the event is over, a parent must sign out their student with the teacher. Students have been instructed to wait with their class until a parent has officially signed them out to go home. Thank you!

Here is the listing of major items for this week and a sneak peek into the weeks to come:

1. **Dec. 24th - 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass** is SRM's Children's mass TOO! Please make sure that you have noted this special occasion for our students, families, and choir members. Choir members are expected to be at this mass to sing and we have students who will be lecturing and serving for the mass as well. Students should be in their very best Christmas attire for mass.
2. **OFFICE HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK** - The office will be **CLOSED** Dec. 18th through Jan. 2nd. It will reopen on Jan. 3rd, with normal hours. Emails will not necessarily be responded to on a normal basis, as an FYI.
3. School resumes Jan. 8th, 2024 normal time and uniform, with Jan. 15th being another day off in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday.
4. **Colima Drive Thru Dinner** - Parent sign ups to help with the event for service hours will be taking place on Wednesday, Jan. 10th at the next Parent Club meeting. An email has been sent out already about the ticket sales, but a friendly reminder that the money from sold tickets or any unsold tickets will be due to the office by Thursday, Jan. 18th.

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas program this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Hodges

- 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.  
Student Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  
Advent Service Project Ends
- 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 & Christmas Eve Mass St. Brigid Church @ 5:00 p.m.
- 1/8 School Resumes
- 1/9 Fire Drill 9:15 a.m.
- 1/10 Parent Club Meeting, McHugh Hall @ 6:00 p.m.
- 1/11 Student Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.
- 1/12 Friday School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m.
- 1/15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School
- 1/17 Student Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.
- 1/18 Intruder Drill  
Student Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.
- 1/19 Friday School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m.
- 1/25 Student Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.

# **STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

## **November 2023**

**Transitional Kindergarten – Mateo P.**

**Kindergarten – Ryan T.**

**First Grade – Alexis R.**

**Second Grade – Sinai S.**

**Third Grade – Itzayana O.**

**Fourth Grade – Ellie T.**

**Fifth Grade – Reynaldo S.**

**Sixth Grade – Jemah L.**

**Seventh Grade – Jose B.**

**Eighth Grade – Sebastian R.**

## **Congratulations Crusaders!!**



# St. Rose-McCarthy School's



## Drive-Thru Dinner

with *Mariscos Colima*



### Your Choice of:

- ❖ Burrito with small chips (chicken or asada)
- ❖ 3 Tacos with rice & beans (chicken or asada)

## Thursday, January 25th, 2024

### 4:00pm – 6:00pm

### Tickets are only \$15



Treats and Beverages will also be available  
at the Drive thru pick-up:  
Side gate of McHugh Hall  
(Enter on Harris Street, exit on Florinda)

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 4<sup>th</sup> – December 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Thank you so much for your generosity.

*Advent*  
*A Season of Hope  
& Expectation*

**Advent will begin Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and ends Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.**

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.”



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**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.*



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## SRM Spirit Day

Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>!

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



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

Our 5<sup>th</sup> 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 students are encouraged to participate.

Choir students are required to attend.

## 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!***



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***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](mailto:janet@centralvalleyprintsolutions.com)

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