



St. Rita School Principal's Page

Dear St. Rita Family,

With the start of the new month, I am hopeful that there will be more sunny days. Since February is the month of Valentine's and hearts all around, I would LOVE to see the big yellow sun in the sky. We did get outside on Monday & Tuesday and it did help the children to get fresh air.

This time of year is very busy at school. We are planning Catholic Schools Week activities, working on the Green & Gold Dinner, planning our Registration Drive for the next school year, holding Open House events for our current school families and planning Welcome Open Houses and tours for interested new families.

It is important that we work together to make these events successful. Please see the explanation about the "Wearing of the Green & Gold" for more information.

We are very proud of our school program and the success that our students achieve through the instruction provided by our dedicated teachers. Many new families come to us through the referral of current families, alumni and alumni parents. If you know of a family that is searching for a good school for their children to attend, please share the information about our Welcome Open House tours.

St. Rita School is blessed with a building that is well maintained and comfortable. We have beautiful grounds to enjoy. It is important that as families, we invite others to hear the good news of our school and especially of our Catholic, Christian environment.

Blessings and peace,
Bette Faxon

Catholic Schools Week

Jan. 28-Feb. 3rd

In today's envelope is a flyer to outline the special events planned for this year. Please plan to join us especially for the 10:15 mass on Sunday, Jan. 29th and the Open House on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 PM.



DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE



FRIDAY, FEB. 3RD

Please join us for this new social event to close out Catholic Schools Week. For all girls in our school and a special date: a father, grandfather, uncle, big brother. This is one more way that we can continue to Gather as God's Family.



PICTURE DIRECTORY FLYER

This handout is for St. Rita Parish members. The parish is doing a photo directory to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the parish. Fr. Oscar would love to have all parish families included.

Sign up in church after masses or call the parish office at 630-892-5918 for more information. Please do not call the school office we do not schedule the appointments

2017-18 Registration Parent Meeting

Thursday, February 9th 6:30PM
Parish Hall (cafeteria)

Every family needs to have at least one parent attend. Registration forms will be given out at the meeting. Parents will be asked to complete the packet of forms that night.

- A homework pass will be given for each child in the family.
- Drawing – a special raffle will be held to win a certificate for a free Registration Fee (value \$150.00). Must Be Present to Win! Only one winner.....
- Come hear about the new plans for next year for PreK.

In today's envelope is some information about our mini courses for the Spring called the Little Crusaders Learning Club.

Our morning friends can attend or other family or friends who have a child who could start PreK or Kindergarten at St. Rita in August.



Come to the Meeting

This meeting is for currently enrolled families. Please invite new families to join our school next year!



ANNUAL ST. RITA RAFFLE

This is the second mandatory fundraiser for our families with children in grades K-8. On Thursday, Feb. 2nd you will receive your packet of raffle tickets to sell or purchase (\$200.00).

The lucky winners will be drawn at the Green & Gold Dinner!

In order to hold a raffle, we have to apply to the City of Aurora for a raffle license. When I went to pick up the license at City Hall on Monday, there were two other Catholic schools who had also applied for raffle licenses. It must be Raffle Season for our schools. Fundraisers are a necessary way to support our schools.

God bless you for your support!



“Wearing of the Green & Gold Dinner”

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 11th.

What is this event?

It is our annual fundraiser for our Technology Improvement Program.

What does the name mean?

It is a St. Patrick’s Day themed event.
“Wearing of the Green” is an Irish saying.
Our Crusader spirit colors are Green & Gold.
SO.....put them together and you have the name of this event. It is also an old Irish saying that on St. Patrick’s Day everyone is Irish!

St. Rita is a very multicultural community. We have an Irish themed event with great food prepared by school parent Chef Tay who is of Philippine descent. How blessed we are to have so much diversity in our school. We are rich with the gifts of so many cultures and international traditions.

Our committee is busy preparing for the 2017 event. We have some fun things planned that are continuing from past events, returning from past events and some new surprises for all.

Please remember that the success of this event depends on the hard work of our parents. Last year’s volunteers and guests had a great time. Our chairpersons are in place and working hard
NOW we need you.

- First - we need you to come that night! In a family envelope soon you will receive a packet of four dinner tickets. We hope that every family will attend and bring 2 guests. Guests must be 21 years old to attend because we serve wine and beer.
- Next, we need you to join the fun and volunteer to work before the event, or a short shift at the event or for a special blessing to help with clean up!

My Irish grandmother always said:
“Many hands make the work light”

Watch the future family envelope for more information.

Next Committee Meeting is
Monday, Feb. 13th.
All are welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES
For school masses

Feb. 14th – no School mass this week

Feb. 28th – no school mass
Instead mass for the week will be on
Wednesday, March 1st for
Ash Wednesday.