

# St. Rita of Cascia School

## *"The Peacemaker"*



**SEPTEMBER READING GOAL:** 100% of the students completed their "Camping Out with a Good Book" goal. The whole school prize will be an extra out of uniform day for HALLOWEEN.! See below.



Dear St. Rita Family,

Our first quarter of the school year is finished. During the first quarter, some of the work has been a review to rebuild skills from the summer break. Now, we move along with many new skills each day. It is so important that children have good attendance, are on time for school (8:20), go to sleep at a reasonable time and have everything for school each day with them (homework, lunch, gym clothes, etc.)

Where has the time gone. It seems like the children just entered the building for the first day of school. October is coming to a quick ending. We have a few more activities before we say good-bye to October and welcome in November.

Each November, we look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving at the end of the month. As we prepare for the holiday of Thanksgiving, let us remember that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. The word Eucharist is translated "Giving Thanks". Coming to weekly mass and receiving the gift of Holy Communion is a great reason to be Giving Thanks.

God bless you with His peace,

*Bette Faxon*

### Happy Halloween.



Tomorrow is our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Trunk or Treat evening. Thank you to our committee and our school staff for organizing this fun event. Be sure to stop down by for our bake sale and beverages.

#### HALLOWEEN

Tuesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> will be a jeans and gym shoes day for everyone. Wear fall colors – orange, black, yellow and green. The Preschool and the Kindergarten children should bring their costume to school. They will change for their parties. Please remember that children should not bring any items along that would display any violence.

#### PARTY TIMES:

Preschool and Kindergarten will have a costume parade to share with the other children before the parties begin. Preschool – Grade 5 will have their parties from 2:00-2:45. Grades 6-8 will have a treat at 2:15 in their homerooms. Thank you to our Home & School Officers, our Room Leaders and our parents for providing all the treats to our classes.



NOTE: Please do NOT send in other food treats for the classes since we need to be very safe for our allergy students.

We are not trying to take the fun out of the party, but we are trying to keep out the risk for our students from a serious medical reaction.

NOVEMBER 1

## All Saints All Souls

NOVEMBER 2

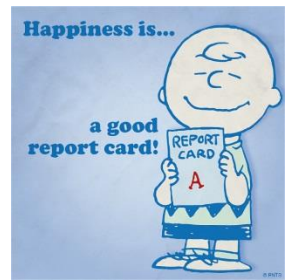
As Catholics, we start the month on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> by celebrating the feast of All Saint's Day. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. This year it will be on Wednesday and the children will attend the All School Mass. We will not have mass on Tuesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Parents and family are always welcome to attend our school masses. As Catholics, we are expected to attend mass each week end and on the Holy Days of Obligation. On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we remember those we have loved and who have died on the Feast of All Souls Day. It is also celebrated as Día de los Muertos in many of the Latin cultures.

One way to honor those people is to offer a mass for them. Our school mass intentions are a good time for you to remember and pray for family members. If you would like to have a mass said for your family member, please call the parish office (630-892-5918) to make that arrangement with the parish secretary.

It is good to remember and talk about our ancestors with the children. When we talk about our loved ones from our family history, we keep their memories alive in our hearts.

**REPORT CARDS will be sent home on Fri., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.** For the first and last quarter parents will be sent a print copy of the report card. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter please look at the online grades at Schoolspeak.



**NOTE: Gradebooks are temporarily turned off so that teachers can work on the report cards.**

**Parent/Teachers Conferences:**  
Thursday Nov. 9th

**Check next week's family envelope for your appointment for the parent conference.**

Appointments are scheduled according to the order in which they are returned to school. We try our best to accommodate your request. Please keep to the appointments that are assigned to you. Please be on time for each appointment as the teachers have many parents to see.

**Students in grades 6-8 are expected to attend the conference.** For students in the middle school department, check to see to which teacher you are assigned. It might not be homeroom teacher.

The Parent Teacher conference is a time for you to receive information about your student's progress in school. Please share relevant information about your student with the teacher. Teachers appreciate hearing about parent concerns. It is also nice for teachers to hear that you as a parent appreciate the hard work they put in for your student.

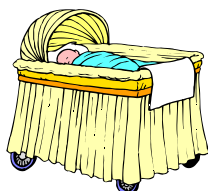
**FALL BOOK FAIR:** Nov. 7-9<sup>th</sup>  
A special thank you goes to Mariela Castro for organizing our Home & School Fall book fair. Books are still a wonderful way for all of us to spend some leisure time. You may want to help your children complete the monthly goal for "Camp out with a good book".

Our goal is to have all students in the building complete the reading so that we get 100%. Please be sure to encourage the children to read and parents please complete the teacher's form and return to school so that the children get the proper credit.

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### BABY SHOWER

God Bless you for all the beautiful blessings for the babies of our Aurora Community. The school collection brought over 358 items and the parish collection was 382 items for a grand total of 740 items. Can you imagine how grateful the parents will be! Our St. Rita community has supported God's children for many years.



*Psalms 127:3  
Children are a gift from the Lord;  
they are a reward from him*

Thank you to Mrs. Czerak . Mrs. Rentz and the volunteers for helping with this special service project



### **Family Literacy Night** **Wed., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM**

For 23 years we held our Bedtime Story Hour, which was a special evening. Now it is time to try something new this year. It will be for students in Preschool – Grade 4 and their families.

At our family literacy night, there will be several activities to do with your children. There will be some story areas, some hands-on activities, a photo area and more surprises.

OUR THEME: "Camp out with a Good Book!"

Wear your favorite jeans, a camping shirt or hat. Think about the great outdoors – camping gear, fishing gear, tents. A signup sheet will be sent home soon after our plan is complete.

Mark the Date: Wed., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM





## 44<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Rita Turkey Tournament:

The St. Rita Crusaders  
have hosted this

Invitational Boys Basketball Tournament for 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys from many of the area Catholic and private schools. It is a great way for parents to do concessions and earn fish hours and see an exciting game. It begins Thursday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and runs through Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. It is March Madness, St. Rita Style.



Thank you to all of our coaches, assistants and volunteers for all the hard work for our fall sports program. The students learned new skills and had a great fun. A special word of thanks to our Athletic Director, Kelly Bennett, our assistant AD, Dave Lentz and the entire sports committee for their hours of time dedicated to our program. Alumni Parent, Mark Pawlowski is our Tournament Coordinator.

**\*Students who want to attend games at our gym or any gym must have a parent also attend the game with them and supervise them. Students should not be on cell phones during the game. Students may not be dropped off and picked up. This is a league rule for safety.**

## AURORA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS LEAGUE PRAYER



HEAVENLY FATHER,

**WE ASK YOU TO BLESS  
ALL OF THE  
PARTICIPANTS IN THIS  
GAME.**

**HELP US TO BE HUMBLE IN OUR  
VICTORY OR BRAVE IN OUR DEFEAT.**

**BLESS OUR COACHES WITH WISDOM  
AS THEY INSTRUCT US**

**WE ASK THAT OUR SPECTATORS BE  
ENCOURAGING TO ALL WHO COMPETE  
TODAY.**

**MAY ALL WHO ARE HERE BE MINDFUL  
THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS PRESENT  
WITH US.**

**AMEN**

A number of years ago, when I was on the Aurora Area Athletic Committee, the Principals asked that a prayer be developed to be said at all the games. It was believed that it would set a tone in our gyms that the sports program is about the children in our Christ centered schools. I offered this prayer as a model that everyone in the League would read before every game. Every gym has a banner with this prayer. I think it time to review our goal for sports for our children. The children in the game are following the heart of the message but unfortunately there are times when people in the stands do not. Parents are expected to be respectful at games, practices and in the parking lot before and after. Children learn more from what they see than what they are told to do. Please remember that the Lord is always present in our midst.