

St. Rita of Cascia School "The Peacemaker"



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 (**Arrive at 8:20**), go to sleep at a reasonable time and have everything for school each day with them (homework, lunch, gym clothes, etc.)

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

Halloween Fun for ALL!



Our 5th annual Trunk or Treat night was a fun night for all. The weather was perfect. Thank you to our committee and our school staff for organizing this fun event. The 8th grade parents did a great job with the bake sale and the new addition of "Walking Tacos". In order to continue this fun event, I will need some new people to join the committee. A special thanks to Mrs. Droeske and Mrs. Harner who have been helping but now I need to have more parents help with the errands.

Class Celebrations:

Preschool and Kindergarten had a great time with their costume parade. We always enjoy seeing them. Preschool – Grade 5 had a good time with their parties. Everyone had a treat provided by the Home & School. We provide the same treat to be sure that we are Allergy Friendly so everyone can be safe and included. Thank you to our Home & School Officers, our Room Leaders and our parents for providing the treats and fun activities. classes.

NOTE: Please do NOT send in other food treats for the classes for any class party days 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

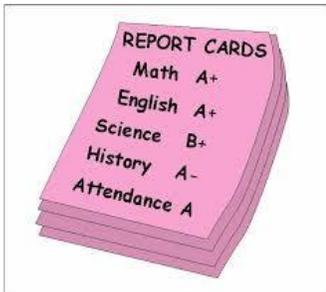
NOVEMBER 2

As Catholics, we start the month on Nov. 1st by celebrating the feast of All Saint's Day. Our school mass this morning had a beautiful lesson about various saints. The classes all do lessons and some do projects

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 2nd, 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 we love 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. 2nd. For the first and last quarter parents will be sent a print copy of

the report card. For the 2nd & 3rd 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-Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teachers Conferences:
Thursday Nov. 8th

Check today'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 these grades, check on your conference form 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.

PreK Conferences will be held at the end of the second quarter.



FALL BOOK FAIR

Nov. 7-8th

The Home & School hosts the book fairs each year. 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 our "Lights, Camera, Read" program. 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. We were very close on that goal for September but we were at 97%. We really hope that our October results will be at 100%. We will know soon.

BABY SHOWER

God Bless you for all the beautiful blessings for the babies of our Aurora Community. The school collection brought over 356 items and the parish collection was 116 items for a grand total of 472 items. Can you imagine how grateful the parents are for this help! Our St. Rita community has supported God's children for many years.



Thank you to Mrs. Czerak, Mrs. Rentz who and volunteers the sorting and delivering this year. We really need additional volunteers to help with this wonderful gift collection.

Happy Thanksgiving



THANKSGIVING BREAK – No School

Wednesday, Nov. 21

Thursday, Nov. 22

Friday, Nov. 23

NO AFTERSCHOOL EXTENDED DAY ON
TUESDAY, Nov. 20th

Feliz Dia de Ação de Graças



Please remember those who may need food for the holidays. Donate to our parish food collection each Sunday in the gathering space.



45th Annual St. Rita Turkey Tournament:

The St. Rita Crusaders have hosted this Invitational Boys Basketball Tournament for 8th 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. 15th and runs through Monday, Nov. 19th. 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 just 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 remember our goal for sports for our children. We want the students to learn new skills, develop team values and have fun. 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.