



St. Rita of Cascia School

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Week 11: Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Dear Parents,

We are very excited for our Home and School Halloween Party on Friday! It will be a nice big in-person family event. Please remember that all students must have a parent attend the event with them. Please don't forget to bring cash to purchase food. Please do NOT bring large bills. Food and drinks will cost between \$1-2 each.

Everyone should come in costume! Which costume will be the best? There will be prizes! Face paint, props (no weapons or blood), and masks ARE allowed at the dance. They are NOT allowed at school next Monday on Halloween.

Paper copies of report cards go home on Friday, and they will also be published digitally on School Speak. You do not have to sign and return them, as you will all be meeting with your child(ren)'s teachers for Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 3rd. Please do not forget to sign up for conferences ASAP. The links went out last week.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at the school office (630) 892-0200 or by email at hbaer@saint-rita.org.

Thank you, God Bless, Heather Baer

Have a little faith... Is it okay for Catholics to celebrate Halloween? Yes, Halloween originated as the vigil for the All Hallows celebration, we now call All Saints Day. This three-day celebration of Hallows Eve, All Saints, and All Souls originated in the 4th century. Initially celebrated on May 13, the feast was not associated with pagan harvest celebrations. The date was moved to November 1st by Pope Gregory III in the 8th century to correspond to the dedication of a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica. However, as part of a feast to honor the dead, Catholics should avoid the secular temptations toward violence and evil. Check out this article for more information:

[CLICK HERE](#) -Mrs. Heneghan

October/November Calendar of Events:

Friday, October 28th: 1st Quarter Report Cards Go Home & 7-9 p.m. Home & School Halloween Party in Parish Hall Enter Door 7 for the Party *Costumes, face paint, props allowed (no weapons, no blood)

Monday, October 31st: Halloween (flyer attached)

Tuesday, November 1st: All Saints Day All-School Mass, Special Celebrant Father Piasecki (K-8 attend) at 9a.m. (4th Grade leads this mass) - Parents, if you would like to attend this school mass, please park in the back, come to the front of the school, and ring the buzzer. The church doors will be closed and locked.

- 4p.m. Fall Sports Pictures in the School Gym Turn in Uniforms

Wednesday, November 2nd: Dia de los Muertos

Thursday, November 3rd: 11:30 a.m. Dismissal, No P.M. Bus Service, No P.M Extended Care 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 4th: No School

Tuesday, November 8th: **NO BUS SERVICE**, All-School Mass, (K-8 attend) at 9a.m. (5th Grade leads this mass) - Parents, if you would like to attend this school mass, please park in the back, come to the front of the school, and ring the buzzer. The church doors will be closed and locked.

Friday, November 11th: \$1 "Fun"d Day – Students can donate \$1 to be out of uniform, **NO BUS SERVICE in P.M.**

Sunday, November 13th: 9-12 Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Tuesday, November 15th: All-School Mass, (K-8 attend) at 9a.m. (3rd Grade leads this mass) - Parents, if you would like to attend this school mass, please park in the back, come to the front of the school, and ring the buzzer. The church doors will be closed and locked.

Wednesday, November 16th: 4-8p.m. Chipotle Restaurant Night at Orchard Road Aurora Location

Tuesday, November 29th: 5p.m. Home and School Meeting in Library

KINDNESS CHALLENGES:

- ♥ Volunteer your time to help at an event.
- ♥ Pay it forward when you are in the drive-thru line.
- ♥ Get outside, go for a walk, and spend a little time with God's beauty.

Our school theme:

"Be kind to one another." -Ephesians 4:32

