

# Panther's Beat

**OCTOBER 26, 2017**

**TOMORROW, October 27 is a 12:00 NOON dismissal with After Care available. Students who will be staying may wear their gym clothes and are to bring a brown bag lunch to school.**

## **CONGRATULATIONS...**

to our eighth grade class on winning **1<sup>st</sup> PLACE** in the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Roselle Catholic High School Scholastic Olympics.

Thirteen Catholic schools from Union and Essex Counties took part in these Olympics. The Olympics are an academic competition which stimulates education interest in our youth.

Saint James is delighted to announce that SIX of our eighth grade students brought home awards!

Each 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner received a \$1,500 scholarship for their freshman year if they decide to attend Roselle Catholic High School...



**Goda Pocius - 1st Place - Current Events (girls)**



**Grace Roethlin - 1st Place - History (girls)**



**Steven Rotolo - 1st Place - History (boys)**



**Sophia Ilagan - 1st Place - Science (girls)**



**Yvonne Agyapong - 2nd Place - Mathematics (girls)**



**Christopher Lopez - 3rd Place - Science (boys)**

...winning a total of \$9,000 in scholarships. We're so proud of this accomplishment, and the scholarship and teamwork it represents.

## **HALLOWEEN PARADE FOR HUNGER**

All parents, guardians, and relatives may join us to watch the Halloween Parade for Hunger on **Tuesday, October 31**. The children are asked to bring in a nonperishable food item (*be sure to read the Student Council Spotlight*) to contribute to the less fortunate. These items will be collected before the parade.

All students will be permitted to wear their costume to school. The students need to be able to maneuver freely while using the restrooms. Any type of casual clothes may be worn under their costume if needed. **The parade will begin at 1:30 PM.**

Anyone coming to the parade MUST park in a space on the church parking lot and NOT in the dismissal area. The parade route will begin in the Safety Zone moving to the lower parking lot and around the front of the building. Please follow the directions of the volunteers helping outside. In case of rain, the children will enjoy their own parade inside the Gym.

The Pre-K parents and guardians will be receiving a letter from their child's teacher to explain their Halloween celebrations.

Students will be dismissed at the regular time, in the regular fashion. No early dismissals. PLEASE cooperate for the safety of all the children.

- **No face painting.**
- **No masks or weapon props.**
- **No scary costumes.**

## **STUDENT COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT**

During our Halloween Celebration, we will again sponsor a PARADE FOR HUNGER. Student Council will use the donated items to make Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed to families in our area who are in need. As we celebrate Halloween let's remember those who are less fortunate. On or before Halloween please send to school the item assigned to your child's class along with a \$2.00 donation which will be used to purchase turkeys.

**Pre K 3 – canned peas & carrots**

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**Kindergarten – canned peas & carrots**

**Grade 1 – canned cranberry sauce**

**Grade 2 – box stove top turkey stuffing mix**

**Grade 3 – box instant mashed potatoes**

**Grade 4 – canned turkey gravy (no glass jars please)**

**Grade 5 – canned turkey gravy (no glass jars please)**

**Grade 6 – canned cranberry sauce**

**Grade 7 – canned sweet potatoes**

**Grade 8 – box instant mashed potatoes**

## **TECHNOLOGY FEE**

Full payment of the Technology Fee should have been made by September for students in grades K-8. Please send in the \$100.00 fee by October 20.

## **EIGHTH GRADE HAPPENINGS**

The Eighth grade will be selling pretzels, delivered fresh from the Philly Pretzel Factory on Friday, November 3. The cost of the pretzels will be one dollar. Order Forms must be in no later than the Tuesday, October 31. An order form is going home in the brown envelope today.

Please send exact amount with your order. Thank you for your support!

## **SCHOOL MASS**

Please join us on Wednesday, November 1 at 9:00 AM, for the Solemnity of all Saints Day. Sixth graders will be the leaders of Mass. ALL students in Kindergarten through Eighth grade are to be in **FULL DRESS UNIFORM.**

## **PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES**

On Thursday, November 16 and Friday, November 17, we will be holding Parent – Teacher Conferences for Kindergarten through Eighth grade.

Both days are a NOON dismissal for ALL students with After Care available. Students who will be staying are allowed to wear their Saint James gym uniform and are to BRING a brown bag lunch to school.

## **HSA NOTES**

We have had an exciting start to the school year! We continue to plan for this school year events and activities. Please join us for our next meeting in Hatcher Hall on November 6th at 6:30pm. Meetings typically last about an hour and childcare will be available. We will begin planning for our biggest fundraiser in May. The agenda will be available on the HSA website a week prior to the meeting.

Please check the HSA tab on the website for additional information about upcoming events and contact information by clicking [here](#).

## **School Directory Update**

The directory will list the students' name, parents' names and email address. Information will be obtained from the school office. If the office has the incorrect information for any of these items please update as soon as possible. If you OPT OUT, you must download the form from the HSA page and send to the office no later than November 3rd.

### **Field Trips**

The Home and School Association sponsored a the field trip to Liberty Science Center on October 11<sup>th</sup> for Grades 4 to 8, and to the Crayola Factory on November 2<sup>nd</sup> for Grades 1 to 3. We are able to provide these trips from your continued support during HSA events. Thank you to all the families for making these trips possible for the students.

### **Middle School Dance**

Thank you to Mrs. Battista for co-chairing the Middle School Dance on October 13<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to Mr. Battista for providing the music and to all of the chaperones for the evening. Without your continued support and assistance the evening would not have been possible. The next Middle School Dance will be held on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the next dance will be Winter Wonderland.

### **Family Breakfast**

Thank you to Mrs. Eileen Vesey for chairing the School and Parish family breakfast. Well over 100 breakfasts were served. It was wonderful to see so many Saint James families and faculty Sunday morning. We would also like to thank alumni [Adelina Pinho](#) (Class of 2017) and [Rianna Cordeiro](#) (Class of 2016) for volunteering to assist during the breakfast. We would also like to thank all of the adult and student volunteers for their assistance. The next family breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Cupcake Fundraiser**

Our cupcake fundraiser ended on October 20<sup>th</sup> with over 700 cupcakes sold!! Cupcakes will be delivered to the school on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Niki Manahan for coordinating this fundraiser and to our local vendor Delightful Cake Kreations for making this possible.

Our top 5 students for our Cupcake Fundraiser are: Vincent Ferreira 5th grade, Madalyn Polinger 3rd grade, Kyla Burdin 4th grade, Lillian Fiesta 1st grade and Isabella Fiesta Pre-K 4. Thank you to our top 5 students' job well done!

### **Clothing Drive**

The clothing drive ends tomorrow. Thank you to all the families that have dropped off items. We appreciate you cleaning out your closets. Keep delivering your bags to the convent. Our scheduled pick-up will occur the first week of November. If you missed the opportunity to donate items during our fall clothing drive save them for the spring. Our next clothing drive will occur in April 2018. Thank you to Niki Manahan for coordinating this event.

### **Trunk or Treat**

This Friday the HSA will host Trunk or Treat in the school parking lot from 7pm-9pm. We look forward to seeing all of the families at this event.

### **David's Cookies**

The HSA will be hosting a David's Cookies fundraiser. Please check the brown envelope for additional details.

## Pasta Dinner Theater

HSA will host the Pasta Dinner Theater on November 11<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm. Come out and enjoy a *Summer Camp Mystery* show starring our very own students as the cast. Please check your child's brown envelope for more information. A 50/50 Cash prize raffle will be drawn the night of the show. The 50/50 cash prize to date is \$509. The more tickets we sell the larger the prize and the more money we have to purchase GRAND prizes for the basket bonanza. So please SELL... SELL... SELL!

## REMINDERS...

- Wednesday, Nov. 1 & 8 Volleyball Practice
- Sunday, Nov. 5 – Daylight Savings Time – TURN BACK THE CLOCK
- Monday, Nov. 6 & 8 Volleyball Practice
- Please continue to send in your empty ink cartridges.
- After Care phone number: 201-248-4177



