May 3, 2018

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| Tomorrow is the OOU day for SCRIP/Schwan’s purchases during the month of April. |

Teacher Appreciation Week

Don’t forget your teachers the week of May 7th through May 12th!!  The SEC committee always provides a lunch during that week and we are looking for donations for giveaways during that lunch. If you would like to donate gift cards, flowers/plants or other items that we can raffle during the Teacher-Appreciation Lunch, it would be greatly appreciated by SEC and mostly our great teachers!!  Donations will need to be sent to the office by May 4th marked for SEC.  Let’s show our amazing educators how much they are appreciated!!! Please note—volunteers to cover recess duty and the lunchroom during the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon are needed. Contact the school office if you are willing to volunteer.

**Prayers for Peace**

During the month of May, we will be asking the Blessed Mother to join us in our prayers.

The children will have the opportunity to pick up a rose petal, say a small prayer and place it in a large vase next to the statue of Mary near the office. Let’s shower the world with our prayers in May!

Save the date! On Saturday, May 12th, for just $10.00 our students are offering to hand wash your car! What a great service—just in time for Mother’s Day too! Please see the included flier for details!

Earth Friendly Lunch Did you know that throwing away five less items per day would keep 1,825 items out of the trash every year? For a family of four, that adds up to 7,300 items! On Friday, May 28, the St. Rita School Tablesetters will host an “Earth Friendly Lunch” in connection with our study of the social justice principle of “Care for God’s Creation.” Please do your best to help your child pack a lunch that causes as little impact to the Earth as possible. Some things you might consider trying are: reusable containers, a reusable lunch bag, cloth napkins, organic produce, or reusable silverware. We realize perfection is not possible. Just use this as an opportunity to discuss this topic with your child and do what you can. If your child plans to take hot lunch that day, we will talk about properly disposing of trash and compostable material. “We must protect creation for it is a gift which the Lord has given us, it is God’s present to us; we are the guardians of creation.” -Pope Francis

**Congratulations** to 8th grader, Riley N.! Riley won First Place in the RAMAC Laws of Life Essay contest, earning her an invitation to a special awards ceremony, as well as a cash prize. We are so proud of you Riley!

**Open Gym Fun Time:** Tomorrow evening 8th grade will host an open gym event for students in grades 2-7 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Ice cream sundaes, games and fun will be available! The cost is $10.00 per student.

**Last Call**…Families wishing to order 8th Grade Graduation Photos or First Communion Photos from Ms. Covelli have until Monday, May 7th to turn in their payments and orders.