

It's Elementary

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From The Principal's Desk

Dear St. Walter School Families,

We hope you enjoy this edition of *It's Elementary*, focused on many of the highlights of the first quarter. Our students ended the first quarter of this year very successfully. They showed strong growth in faith, academics and service. In the days ahead, we will continue to grow in faith and academics, and be engaged in our commitment to serve others as we partner with our parish and the many service projects sponsored by our Student Council. We look forward to sharing our many gifts with others. We are very grateful to you, our families, for our greatest gift, your children, and for your enthusiasm and support of the mission of our school and parish.

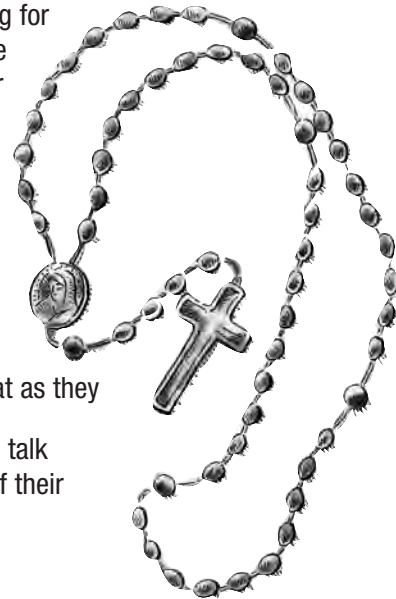
May the continued beauty of this fall season, and the blessings of Thanksgiving bring joy to you and your families.

Mrs. Mary Lloyd
Principal

Third Graders Learn to Pray the Rosary

Learning the Rosary was both fun and inspiring for the third grade students when they hand-made their own string of rosary beads. Crafting their own rosary helped to make learning the treasured prayers even more precious and aided the students in better understanding the lives of Jesus and Mary as told through the Mysteries.

St. Paul tells us to "pray unceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17) from childhood into adulthood. Our third graders are doing just that as they incorporate the Rosary into their everyday life. Father McGeean stopped by their classroom to talk to them about their lesson. He blessed each of their rosaries and told them to pray often.



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Early Childhood Fall into Autumn Activities!

Pumpkin Patch

The 4-year-old preschoolers and kindergarten classes enjoyed a beautiful autumn day at Sonny Acres at the annual pumpkin farm field trip. The young learners delighted in fall activities including a festive play area, spooktacular haunted house, and a bumpy hayride.

Kindergarteners had a great time exploring the old farm. They were given a tour where they learned the history of the pumpkin farm, its buildings, and equipment. They also learned about the different types of pumpkins and corn that is grown on the farm. As they left, each student picked a small pumpkin to take home to remember the special outing.



Pumpkin Painting

Three-year-old preschoolers and their parents enjoyed a day filled with fun activities at the class Halloween party. The day included pumpkin painting, special Halloween games, a good Halloween tale and a special treat at snack time.

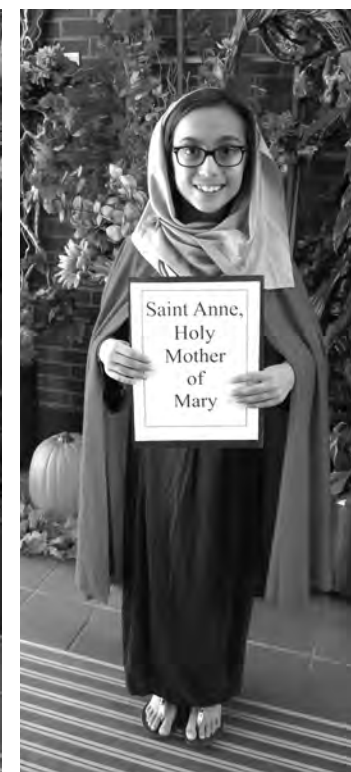


The Saints Come Marching In...

The first of November brings a day of honoring Catholic Saints. St. Walter School fourth graders donned haloes, wings, beards and saintly garb at the liturgy commemorating the Feast of All Saints, also known as All Saints' Day.

The annual event is part of the school's faith formation program. Students are encouraged to research their patron saint or a saint that has a particular significance in their lives. In this way, the project becomes meaningful and memorable.

We congratulate the fourth grade students and their teachers and aides, Mrs. Liz Mazza, Mrs. Meghan Hanika, Mrs. Rachel Cipriano, Mrs. Julie Olzen, Mrs. Jane Malouf and Mrs. Joan Figley for leading us in liturgy in this exceptional way.



Halloween Science

Our 3 and 4-year-old preschoolers are celebrating this festive season with some science lessons! The little investigators got hands-on with science activities during a weeklong special Halloween-themed program. They learned about the life of a bat and spider. They experimented with pumpkins, discovering whether they would float, and examined their texture and shape.

Preschoolers studied the growth cycle of the pumpkin learning that it takes a long time for the great pumpkin to grow so big. The science lesson was really fun and exciting when they sang silly songs about the bats and spiders.



Close Encounters of the Chemical Kind!

Fifth graders were wowed at a recent science assembly where a chemist conducted various experiments dealing with chemical reactions. Electrifying displays of fire and liquid nitrogen thrilled the fifth grade audience.

Students had the opportunity to conduct their own experimentation in chemical reactions where they created springy Superballs.

The special assembly taught students the basics of solids, liquids and gasses and inspired them to realize that science is cool!



Buddy Program Kick-Off

The St. Walter School Buddy program is underway and first and eighth grade students are finding it a fun and rewarding experience. The program provides support to the youngest of the primary grade students and is a highlight each year for first and eighth graders. Partnered with a first grader, eighth graders model leadership, provide assistance at liturgies, and offer an opportunity to be an older friend to the young students.

The buddies first outing was at the DuPage Children's Museum where they explored the many exhibits geared toward math and science and is designed to encourage students to develop critical thinking.

The buddies are looking forward to more field trips, seasonal parties and special luncheons and events that help create a special bond and a lifetime of memories between the students.



Extra-Curricular Activities

Many extra-curricular activities have begun at St. Walter School. Studies have shown extra-curricular activities to help with developing time management skills, critical thinking, teamwork and social skills. Students often develop life-long relationships with their peers and learn how to lead others, as well.

Some clubs may still be accepting members. Interested students should stop by Mrs. Wojda's office for information.



Academic Clubs	Service Clubs	Special Interest Clubs	Fine Arts Clubs/Choirs
Lego Club Math Club Engineering Club Library Club/Page Flipper	Student Council Altar Servers Scouting	Chess Yearbook	Band Children's Choir Drama Club Concert Choir Hand Bell Choir Piano

School Board News

24TH ENDOWMENT GALA – MASQUERADE BALL

Saturday, February 4
Belvedere Banquets, Elk Grove Village

GOLDEN RAFFLE

Tickets have been sent home to all school families. Tickets are only \$20.00 each. Purchase or sell all 5 tickets and you will be eligible for the bonus drawing and a chance to win \$1000!

Grand Prize: \$20,000 CASH!

1st Prize: \$1000

2nd Prize: \$500

Early Bird – The 1st Early Bird Drawing was held in October. We congratulate the Buhrfeind Family who won with ticket number 0054. Purchase at least 1 ticket by Thursday, December 15 and you will be eligible for the 2nd Early Bird Drawing and a chance to win to \$500. The Early Bird Drawing will be held at the Christmas Concert on December 17.

The **Golden Raffle** and the **Endowment Gala** benefit St. Walter School and the St. Walter School Endowment Fund. If you would like more raffle tickets to sell to co-workers, friends or family members, please contact the school office. To find out how you can help with this year's Endowment Gala or to donate an item to the auction, please contact Kris Campton at 630-251-4272 or email her at campton01@att.net.

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News & Notes

Find Your Textbook at the Roselle Library!

The Roselle Library has copies of all non-consumable textbooks for **Grades 3 - 8 at the reference desk**. If your child forgets a book, the Roselle Library can come to the rescue!

Asbestos Management Plan

Please be advised that the Asbestos Management Plan for St. Walter School required by 40 CFR 763.93 and the Illinois Asbestos Abatement Act is available for inspection during normal business hours by representatives of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Illinois, the public, including teachers, other school personnel, and their representatives, and parents at the following location: 201 W. Maple Avenue, Roselle, IL 60172.

During 2015, St. Walter School underwent the required asbestos re-inspection process. The results of that are included in a document available from the school office. If our school conducted an asbestos removal project, that information is also contained in the asbestos management plan.

If you would like a copy of the asbestos management plan or other asbestos management documentation, please contact the school office at 201 W. Maple Avenue, Roselle, IL 60172. We will provide a copy within 5 working days after receipt of a written request for inspection. The school may charge the reasonable cost of making any copies requested.

If you have any questions about the school asbestos management plan or its contents, please contact the principal, Mrs. Mary Lloyd, at 630-529-1721 or Richard Kaffka, the school asbestos designated person, at 708-334-0585.

After Hours Building Access

We ask our families and students to please **not return to the building on Tuesdays after 3:30 pm**. Religious Education classes are in session, and students may not interrupt these classes for forgotten books or materials.

We also ask that students and parents not enter the school building after our main office has been closed. This includes the late afternoon, on weekends and before and after Masses on Saturday and Sunday.

All staff, maintenance personnel and parish volunteers have been instructed to deny access to the school building when regular staff is not present. Thank you for your cooperation.

Save on Your Tuition Bill Through Our Shopping Certificate Program

St. Walter School offers you the ability to purchase gift certificates from a number of popular retailers through the Shopping Certificate Program.

A percentage of the savings earned by purchasing gift certificates through this program is passed along to St. Walter School. As a participant, you decide where the savings go – Your Family's Tuition or SWS Endowment Fund.

A list of participating retailers, along with an order form, can be found on SchoolSpeak. Just click on the 'Forms' tab located on the homepage. You can also order Shopping Certificates directly online. Please feel free to call us if you are interested in online ordering.

Orders sent through school can be placed by 3:00 PM on Fridays most weeks. You will receive your gift cards the following Thursday.

Weekly Grocery Shopping – Caputo's, Meijer, and Walmart gift cards are in stock and available for purchase in the Main Office.

Parent Teacher Conferences

November 21 and 22.

Parents, please schedule your conference on SchoolSpeak

Sign-up available:

November 2, 9:00 am - November 17, 12:00 noon

Our staff looks forward to meeting with you. If you need assistance, please email or call Mrs. Wojda at wojdac@stwalterschool.com or 630-529-1721.

Guiding Hands Award Nominations

Nominations for St. Walter School's 2017 Guiding Hands Award are being accepted through the close of school



Friday, November 18. This annual School Board award recognizes a person or married couple who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the growth and philosophy of St. Walter School. It is the highest honor given by the school and will be presented at the school's Endowment Gala on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

Application forms are available online via SchoolSpeak, through the school office or by calling Mrs. Wojda at 630-529-1721.

PLEASE NOTE: St. Walter School's current administration, faculty, staff, School Board members and spouses of School Board members are not eligible for the Guiding Hands Award.