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Dates to Remember

The students are in the midst of campaigning for Classroom Representatives. The inauguration of the Student Council will take place during the All-school Liturgy on October 3, 2006.

High Schools will be visiting to recruit students in Adamski Hall on the following dates:

- ◆ Friday, Sept. 29, at 1:30 PM Pius
- ◆ Friday, Oct. 6, at 1:30PM Marquette & DSHA
- ◆ Friday, Oct. 13, at 1:30 PM Thomas More

November 3, 2006 is the date for testing in the Catholic High Schools. You will receive information when the high schools visit us. Ask your student!!

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Mrs. Sanford's Section

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was a true joy to open this school year with Orientation Day: well-planned, well-staffed, and so informative for our parent community! It was a day that promised us a future of organized activities, substantial parent supporters and volunteers, and many successes. I am grateful for and overwhelmed by the willingness and energy of both the School Advisory Committee and the Home and School Association to work together for the benefit of all our students!

Back-to-School Nights were also extremely well-attended. Thanks to the many parents who demonstrated their willingness to do their part in the St.

Roman Parish School equation for success: Success for all students = 1/3 teacher input + 1/3 student input + 1/3 parent input.

We are off to a wonderful start with project Start S.M.A.R.T., Project Lead the Way, teacher aids and assistants in the lower levels, and a qualified staff that combines both experience and expertise.

Finally, we look forward to the dedication of our treasured mural on Sunday, October 8th, at the 11 A.M. Mass. Watch the Wednesday folder for the details.

God Bless St. Roman Parish School in 2006 - 2007!



Notes from Teachers and Students

News from K-4

We are off to an exciting and busy year in K4! I would like to introduce our new full time K4 aide, Julia Fons. She comes to us with 6 years of aide experience working with K4 and K5 children. Mrs. Fons is very excited about her first year at St. Roman's, and we are so happy to have her in our classroom. We also welcomed Amanda Mills, who is an Early Childhood field-work student from Alverno College. Ms. Mills will be working with the K4 students once a week for a few hours until December.

News from Kindergarten

"Hats Off To Kindergarten"
 Yee Haw! We're having a rootin' tootin' good time in the Kindergarten Corral. We started off the year with our Wild West theme and it has certainly started off with a bang. With Project Start S.M.A.R.T. in full force, we have Mr. Wimmer and Mrs. Gawrysiak both working full time to make K/5 filled with Friends, Facts, and Fabulous Fun!!!! As the year progresses we will keep you updated on "What's Up in Kindergarten."

News from First Grade

We are beary excited to have four new students in first grade. Mary Welch, Angelina Gutierrez, Joseph Baricevic, and Ethan Myers. Welcome to them and their families.

We also have a new teacher in first grade. Mrs. Shelley Kosewski is teaching part of the day with Miss Kozup this year. How exciting for all the children. The children were beary excited about celebrating Johnny Appleseed Day Tuesday, September 26th. They will read stories, eat apples, make pictures, do apple math, and much more.

News from Third Grade

Third graders remembered the Fifth anniversary of 9/11/01 sharing patriotic stories, playing "I Love America" Jingo, and eating red, white, & blue Twizzlers.

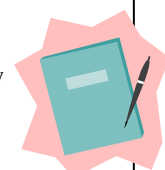
Room 203 also enjoyed being special Third Grade Angels sending a "Happy Recovery" class book and prayers to injured St. Jude Fifth Grader Bobby Rice.

News from Fourth & Fifth Grade

Once again the fourth, fifth and now the third grades will be celebrating Johnny Appleseed Day in Adamski Hall on September 26th. We love to watch the movie which portrays Martin Short as Johnny Appleseed. Entertainment will be provided by Room 211 performing their crazy talents based on the book The Best School Year Ever. Afterwards, students will enjoy caramel and chocolate sauces over apple slices. Johnny would be so proud!!

News from Project Start S.M.A.R.T.

Small groups of students from second and third grade gather up their pencils and notebooks and make their way down to my classroom every morning and spend 50 minutes exploring all that math has to offer. (You can see their current graphing projects hanging throughout the hallway.) While they are learning math in 210 the other half of their class is reading and writing in small groups with their classroom teacher. This is just one part of Project Start S.M.A.R.T. In the afternoon you can find third, fourth, or fifth graders looking through magnifying glasses at insects and plants as the continue their study of living things. Room 210 is an exciting place to be!
 Mrs. Kozik
 Math and Science Specialist



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<p style="text-align: center;">News from Middle School</p> <p>Welcome back to the new school year. It doesn't seem possible that summer is already gone. Middle School Literature has hit the ground running. The sixth grade is busy with their first adventure novel. Seventh grade is learning about Fables/Tales and American Folklore. The eighth grade is busy in the middle ages with Robin Hood and King Arthur.</p> <p>On October 8th at the 11:00 AM Mass the school children will dedicate our beautiful mural to St. Roman Parish Community. We need many volunteers to help us make this a memorable occasion for our children, school families and parishioners. If you can help, please contact me (Mrs. Jasinski) in room 214 or Mrs. Sanford.</p> <p>We would like to involve all our students and their families in our Mural Dedication. It will be a time to remember. Thank You. Have a great September.</p> <p>Mrs. Jasinski Middle School Literature</p>	<p>Parents, recently I read an article regarding how to help our children/students be successful at studying and doing their homework.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Schedule a specific time each day that's just for homework—nothing else. ◆ Keep homework materials well organized and accessible so time is not wasted looking for them. ◆ Communicate expectations and priorities clearly and specifically. Then stick to them. ◆ Identify a specific location that works best for your kids to do homework. It should be quiet, well lighted and comfortable, with appropriate work surfaces. ◆ Minimize distractions. Lots of kids will insist that background music, or the TV, helps them study. That is unlikely. ◆ Set a good example. When your child sits down to homework, turn off the TV and get out a book or magazine of your own to read. <p>The above probably is common sense to most of you. Yet, as teachers, we are often asked what can be done at home to help the</p>	<p>student be more successful with their school work. In most cases it is a matter of hard work through practice over and over and over again. This practice, and the environment you create from the list above will help your child be more successful.</p> <p>Mr. Behlendorf</p> <hr/> <p>At the end of last year, we were challenged by the Milwaukee Rescue Mission to raise money for them to buy one new computer for their residents to use, many of whom are homeless and unemployed. The entire student body, under the leadership of Student Council, conducted a "Penny Challenge," as a way to meet that challenge. Meet it we did! In the end, we raised \$1,521. This enabled the Mission to buy, not one, but two computers!! They were of course very grateful, but WE know that the blessing is ours through the opportunity to give. The computers will have a small plaque on them, indicating that they were made possible through the generosity of St. Roman Parish School. Of course, this we did, as all things, "for the greater glory of GOD!" – <u>Amen</u>.</p> <p>Mr. Danner</p>
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Athletic Association



The Athletic Association welcomes everyone back for another exciting sports year. Football, Volleyball, and soccer are in full swing. We encourage all to come out and cheer on your favorite St. Roman team. The football schedule can be found on the St. Roman web site; Volleyball schedules are on the Parkview Parochial site; Soccer schedules can be found at www.eteamz.com/bvpsl under the handout section. Homecoming for our football team will

be on October 14th. Basketball season is just around the corner and any athlete wishing to play must be registered by October 1st. The basketball coordinator must have his team numbers in well before the season begins and no new players will be accepted once the teams are full.

Concessions are now open for volleyball games and the sign up sheet is hanging by the concession window by the gym. Concessions is

a great way to meet St. Roman parents, get service hours, or work off your concession duty for parents of athletes.

We are still missing many uniforms from all sports and ask if parents would please check their children's drawers and closets and return any stray uniforms they might find.

If you have any questions or concerns involving athletics, Please call Brad at 405-4927.

Home & School Association

Welcome. The home and school board has been very busy planning events and organizing new activities. We have had a lot of help and I would like to thank those who have been working since last year on their efforts to get our school year started. First, I would like to thank Sue Venus our outgoing president, who organized the candy sale and our Culver's days. I

would also like to say thanks to Scott Warren for his continued efforts with the Entertainment books and his constant restocking of the juice and water machines outside of the gym. I would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who stopped by the Home& School table on Orientation day to sign up as volunteers through out the year. We will be calling you as those activities

approach. What a great way to get to know new people and get involved our school. Our first Home& School meeting is on October 11th at 7:00 PM in Adamski Hall. Please mark your calendars and attend.

Cindy Balistreri, H&S



School Advisory Committee

In early August, the School Advisory Committee (SAC) hit the ground running! Divided into subcommittees, the nine SAC members are focused on: marketing the school, engaging more volunteers, researching and writing grants, and welcoming our MANY new families to the school community. In coordination with Home & School Association (HSA), the efforts to reach our goals were kicked off with an upbeat and re-organized Orientation Day. Thank you to all for making it a smooth-running event.

The Marketing team is never short on ideas to recruit new students and promote our slogan "It's All Here!" The team works diligently to spread the school's good news within the parish and neighborhood. At ComeUnity weekend, the team promoted the school to all parish members. To market the school to the neighborhood, one goal is to get a large outdoor banner. If you know someone who can underwrite the cost of a banner (under \$300), please contact Patty Fortune, Carol Beecher, Shelly Steffen or Cindy Frisch.

The Volunteer Coordinators are making sure everyone has the oppor-

tunity to be involved in their child(ren)'s education by volunteering. On Orientation Day, many people signed up to share their time and talent. Thank you to all! If you have not signed up to volunteer, there will be plenty of opportunities to participate in this rewarding (and fun) experience. Please contact Patty Nogalski or Kim Welch.

The Grant team is doing an outstanding job of researching and writing grants for special projects and capital improvements. We are happy to report the team is half way to the goal of securing the funds to buy new computers for the IMC (library). If you know of any possible funds or grants, please inform Mary Pitrof or Joann Simmons.

And last but not least, thanks to Renee Lalko and her New Buddy committee who did a wonderful job welcoming our new families and partnering them up with veteran families. We hope all of our new families embrace the community atmosphere we have here at St. Roman's. If new families have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Renee Lalko at 281-7234.