

# ST. FRANCES OF ROME SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

## DEAR ST. FRANCES OF ROME FAMILIES:

After a few successful weeks of school and braving the heat it is a pleasure to see that our students are still smiling when they enter the gates of St. Frances of Rome each morning!

I would like to thank all our parents in their effort to make sure our student car pool and afternoon pick ups are running smoothly. The number of tardies have reduced since the start of school and I encourage you to continue to work with us to keep it at its lowest.

Next week you will have the chance to meet with your child's teacher to get a stronger grasp of classroom expectations and rules. As a primary educator and as partners we hope this time only helps in focusing on the growth of our students.

With full days of school in session our students have begun with Art, Computers, Library, PE and electives for Junior High. Your child's STAR scores and AR login information is included in this

packet, please help us build great readers and login to the AR website to understand how you can assist your child in achieving their goal. I will be explaining the program in greater detail at Back to School night.

Our annual standardized testing, ITBS, for grades 2 through 8 will commence on September 19, 2011 until September 30, 2011. Please DO NOT schedule doctor appointments or vacations during this time. Please make sure your child gets adequate sleep, has a nutritious breakfast and is brought to school on time.

As we prepare for Fiesta enclosed herewith is the sign up for Fiesta hours and donations for baked goods in lieu of hours. We appreciate all the help we can get and strongly encourage you to complete your hours so you are not assessed a \$25 fee per incomplete hour. Hours may not be transferred amongst families without written permission from the office. Thank you again for all

your help in making this a successful event.

Gradelink is up and running. Please use the opportunity to review your child's performance in class. If you have not received your Gradelink password please contact the school office.

Picture Day is September 12, 2011 starting at 8:30 am. Order forms will be sent home this week. The money and order form need to be brought in on picture day.

Due to the high temperatures in the past few days we have had "NO PLAY DAYS" at school. Please send a water bottle with your child and light snacks for recess to help them keep cool. If your child is prone to nose bleeds please let the child's teacher and the school office know.

Thank you again for your support to our school and I look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night.

Best regards,

Mrs. Arellano.



## Back to School Night: September 15, 2011 7:00 pm

We will begin in church followed by visits to the classrooms. There will be two 15 minutes sessions so you can have the chance to visit multiple classrooms.

This is an evening to learn about your child's classroom environment, the expectations of the teacher and meet with your child's classroom parents. We would like the teacher to meet with all the parents so please DO NOT hold private conferences with your child's teacher as this time. See you there.

## HELP US SAY THANK YOU

*To commemorate the anniversary of September 11, each year the Student Council of St. Frances of Rome visits the local Fire and Police Stations. We bring them baked goods in a small way to say THANK YOU for all that they do.*

*To help us make this a memorable event again, please bring your donation of baked goods to take to our heroes. They love home made goodies so please try not bring store bought goods.*

*All donations will be accepted on the morning of Friday, September 9 in the classrooms. Thank you for your generosity.*



## BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS:



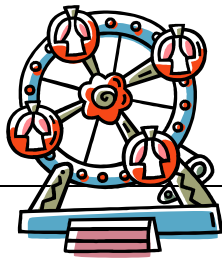
The students who AR tested during the summer will be honored at our first Breakfast of Champions to be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 8:30 am.



## PIZZA SALE AT BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:

The 8th grade class will be selling Pizza and drinks at Back to School night for \$3 for a slice and a drink, \$1 for each additional slice.

Please support our 8th graders raising funds for Washington DC.



## BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

Buy your discounted bingo tickets for Fiesta at Back to School Night. Join us for three days of fun and lots of prizes!

## FIESTA RIDE TICKETS:

Buy your Discounted fiesta ride tickets at Back to School Night before we sell out! You save up to \$25 and the school earns more on ticket sales.

## RECYCLING DRIVE

**ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR RECYCLING DRIVE FOR CANS AND PLASTIC BOTTLES. PLEASE WASH AND SEND YOUR RECYCLABLES TO THE SCHOOL. THE CLASS WITH HIGHEST COLLECTIONS WILL RECEIVE A FREE DRESS DAY!!**

