

THE WOLFPACK WORD

Redemptorist St. Gerard School, Est. 1945



IMPORTANT DATES

October 2-5 :
1st 9 Weeks Assessment Week for
4th-8th grades

October 4:
StopIT Program begins

October 5:
1st order of sweatshirt order forms
due

October 6: **No School**
(Professional Development for
Teachers)

October 9: **No School**
(Faculty/Staff Retreat)

October 9-13:
Fire Safety Week

October 10: End of the 1st 9 Weeks

October 11:
Report Cards go home
BRFD Presentation to Pre-K – 2nd

October 13:
Blessing of the Pets Prayer Service

October 16:
World's Finest Chocolate
Fundraiser begins (goes through
Nov. 3)

October 17:
Mass at 9am

October 25:
School Pictures

October 26:
Family Night at 5:00-6:00pm

October 27:
Living Rosary Prayer Service

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2017

*“Cultivating Scholars with Pride and
Passion”*

Prayers for those in need!

Over the past year, our community has dealt with many tragedies from natural disasters. Many of us are still dealing the repercussions of the Great Flood of 2016. We understand completely what our neighbors to the west are going through after Hurricane Harvey. We want to keep them in our prayers, as well as one of our Redemptorist families that lost their home to a fire recently. We are doing what we can in our support to help these families rebuild and overcome the obstacles ahead. Please keep them in your prayers!

St. Francis' Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Sincerely,

Aimee Wiles, Principal

NO SCHOOL on OCT. 6 & 9

The school will be closed on Oct. 6th & 9th for teacher professional development and retreat.



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IMPORTANT EVENTS AT RSG THIS MONTH:

STOPit App

The Diocese of Baton Rouge is implementing a new program this year to help deter discipline issues such as bullying, violence, threats, etc. The program is called STOPit. More information will be sent to you later this month about this program. To let you know a little about this program, it is an app that can be used on cell phones or on computers where students/parents can anonymously report major discipline issues, like bullying, assault, hazing, etc. To learn more about this new program, please check out their website:

<http://stopitsolutions.com/stopit-solutions-education>.

Red Ribbon Week

National Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. Red Ribbon Week began after the kidnapping, torture and murder of DEA agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena in 1985.

This year’s theme is **“Your Future Is Key, So Stay Drug Free”**. The week of October 21-30, the students will be engaged in many activities that focus on drug prevention. Although we’re celebrating National Red Ribbon Week, we will also bring awareness to Domestic Violence, Cancer Awareness and Character Education. Join us, as we educate our students, your child in the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Remember it takes a village to raise a child.

Please watch for upcoming activities as we gear up for Red Ribbon Week!!

Campus Ministry Events this Month

October is an important month in the Catholic Church where we honor many important people. The feast day of St. Francis of Assisi will be celebrated at our prayer service on October 13th with the blessing of the pets; each student is asked to bring in a small stuffed animal (small enough to fit into a shoe box) that will be donated to children for Christmas. On October 17th, we will have mass to honor the feast day of St. Gerard Magella. In honor of Mary, the mother of Jesus, we will hold a living rosary on October 27th during our prayer service. Throughout this month, we honor Mary, as well as the Right to Life and the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.

School Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 6:30am-3:00pm

Helping Hurricane Victims

Just as others gave to us in our time of need, it is now our duty to help out those who are now in need from the destruction of Hurricane Harvey in Houston/Lake Charles area and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. We are collecting supplies needed (below) for Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana. We will collect items until October 9th. The supplies that are needed are as follows:

Soap	Shampoo	Deodorant
Combs	Brushes	Tooth brushes
Toothpaste	Dental Floss	Sunscreen
Shaving cream	Lotion	Hand Sanitizer

Fire Safety Week: Oct. 9-13

Each year, we teach our Pre-K- 2nd grade students about fire prevention and fire safety. Our local Baton Rouge Fire Department will come speak to our students on Oct. 11th about fire safety. Please talk to your child about fire safety in your home as well. We recently had one of our own families experience a fire in their home, so it is important for you to go over your own fire safety plan as well.

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

This year, one of our school-wide fundraisers is World's Finest Chocolate. We will be selling the milk chocolate almond bards and the continental almonds, \$2 per item. Students are asked to collect pre-orders and payment and submit that to the school. The fundraiser will start on Oct. 16th and last until Nov. 3rd. Look for the packet to go home on Friday, Oct. 13th and see what goodies students will receive for selling the most chocolate!

Report Cards

Report Cards will go home on Oct. 12th. Please look over the report card with your child and contact the teacher if you would like to discuss your child's progress in their class.

School Pictures

Students will take school pictures on October 25th. Please mark your calendars. Information will be sent home about ordering pictures closer to the picture date.

Pre-K4:
Wanda Moore
Yolanda Williams

Kindergarten:
Amy Brown
Elaine Soileau

1st Grade:
Chantel Terrell

2nd Grade:
Lakisha Collins

3rd Grade:
Lolita Duperon
Pamela Gauthier

4th – 8th Grade:
Ruth Oliver (Math)
Lisa East (Math)
Delores McClay (ELA)
Catherel Barber (ELA)
Vonetta Harris (Science)
Sha-reka Alridge (Social Studies)

Religion:
Cassandra Will

Art:
Jonovan Duvold

PE:
Brittany Percell

Family Night

Our first Family Night of this school year will take place on Oct. 26th from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Please come and join us for some learning time with your children.

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

Sweatshirt Order Forms are Due by Oct. 5th

Our first order for sweatshirts are due by Oct. 5th. Please note that we do have Youth XS size for the little ones; if you would like to see the different sizes, stop by our school office. The order form is located on our webpage (at the bottom of our homepage); payment is due with the returned order form.

Parent Service Hours

Parents are required to complete 20 service hours for the 2017-2018 school year. According to our handbook:

*Redemptorist parents Pre-K thru 8th grade are expected to be active and involved. We have a special service hour binder in the office that parents must sign to receive credit. **NO credit will be received if parents do not sign in the office. Parents (or grandparents or older siblings) are asked to give 20 hours of service to the school each year.** The remaining hours can be fulfilled in other ways. The Home and School Association will offer service hour opportunities as well that can begin as early as July 5, 2017, to count toward the current school year. Other service hour opportunities include landscaping, painting, cleaning, maintenance, tutoring, helping on field trips/activities, substituting, working athletic events, and donating paper (1 ream of paper = 2 service hours). **Service providers should fill the binder in the office to document their volunteerism.***

Pre-K4 -8th grade parents who do not complete ALL 20 volunteer hours by May 1st will be assessed a \$100.00 fee. The service hour fee is based on hours of work not performed or not reported.

If you would like to give reams of paper as your service hours (1 ream of paper = 2 service hours), please bring the paper to the office and fill out the appropriate form with the school secretary.

Welcome Ms. Gauthier!

Since the beginning of the school year, our 3rd grade has grown to over 30 students. In order to give our students the best education, we have decided to split the 3rd grade into two classes. We are happy to announce that Ms. Pamela Gauthier will begin this week as our additional 3rd grade teacher. Welcome to the WolfPack, Ms. Gauthier!

School Updates—Check out our website!

Please check our website for updated information. Our website can be accessed at www.rsgbr.org. Important information can be found there, such as:

- School calendar (located under “Calendar” tab)
- Parent/Student Handbook (located at the bottom of our school homepage)
- October Events calendar

Please also visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/redemptoriststgerard which will have a feed of events and happenings at the school. Please “Like” the page to follow us. More info to come about our twitter page #3655strives!

See What Great Things are Happening at RSG!

THE UPS MAN SHOWS UP AND SHOWS OUT



James “Big Brown” Joseph visits the students of Redemptorist St. Gerard and oh, how they were excited! As a graduate of Redemptorist High School and a former member of the Harlem Globetrotters, James “Big Brown” better known as the UPS Man spoke to the students on making good grades and good choices in life. Big Brown asked several students what is their dream. Students responded as to becoming a professional basketball player, football player, engineer, etc. He informed the students in order to achieve their dream you set small attainable goals, work hard, study hard and read more, learn math, science and social studies. He also told students they must learn to respect their teachers, their parents and all adults. Big Brown said, “You must learn to say, “Yes Mam, No Mam, Yes Sir, No Sir” when adults are speaking to them. Big Brown emphasized that when students as well as adults learn respect, many doors of opportunity will open.

James “Big Brown” Joseph is a native of Pointe Coupee Parish and was recently recognized as the 2017 Jim Casey Award Winner Community Service Award Winner. This award is given to an individual for their dedication to community service. The award, created in 1995, is named in honor of one of UPS’s founders and its long-time CEO. Joseph has spread so much love around Louisiana in his 22 years. James “Big Brown” Joseph credits a strong role model – his mother, Lillie Joseph who passed away in 2006. Thank Big Brown for remembering us!!

3RD GRADERS GIVE BACK – FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES

One of our students, Michalyn Brooks, recently suffered a horrible tragedy; her family lost everything to a house fire. When her classmates heard about the devastation she faced, they asked their teacher, Ms. Duperon, if they could do something to help. That “help” turned into a school-wide fundraiser, where the entire school and faculty raised money for the Brooks family. We want to thank all of you that helped out in donating items and funds for the family.

