

THE WOLFPACK WORD

Redemptorist St. Gerard School, Est. 1945



IMPORTANT DATES

October 5 :

End of the 1st 9 Weeks
No Bus Services
End of Fall Ticket Fundraiser

October 8:

No School for Students
Teacher Conferences and
Report Card Pick up 12-3 PM
(No appointment needed)

October 9

8th graders field trip to Cristo
Rey

October 17:

Mass at 8 am (Feast of St. Gerard)

October 19:

Honor roll program 9:00 am
Invitations will be sent home
PreK field trip to pumpkin patch

October 23:

Muffins with Mom 7:30 – 8:00 am
in the cafeteria

October 24:

School pictures (dress uniform)

October 25

Family night

October 26

Spirit Day
Back to School Dance \$2
PreK-3rd – 12:00 – 1:00 pm
4th – 8th – 1:15 – 2:15 pm

October 31:

PBIS/Club Day
Door Decorating Contest – Winnin
Class gets a pizza party

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2018

*“Cultivating Scholars with Pride and
Passion”*

Fall is here, and RSG is on the move!

Fall is always a special time for me. It brings back wonderful childhood memories—fall festivals and fairs, trips to pumpkin patches, changing of the leaves, dressing up for Halloween, the cooler weather, and football! I remember good times with friends and family at school and at home. Those memories are some that I cherish. Our life has seasons as well. The autumn of life is a strange mixture of nostalgia, blessings, and potential. It yields the harvest of seeds we've sown throughout life and braces us for colder days to come. When our life's autumn arrives, we look back, think about those cherished moments, and better understand the way God led us; but we still have work to do—the best and fullest. It's a good transition time.

Fall is often seen as a transition or time for change. This is a time to embrace all of the changes happening around us, and thank God for all of the blessings he has bestowed upon us and the beauty He has provided for us. Here at RSG, it is a time for change for us as well. We have new students, a new Assistant Principal (Dr. Jennifer Bynum), new programs, and a renewed spirit. We are in full gear for Fall. We have wonderful new things planned for this month and this school year. I hope that you, as a member of our Wolf Pack Family, join us in this celebration of change and the beginning of Autumn at RSG.

In this time of Autumn, we pray:

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of seasons. As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting sun remind us to take time to rest. May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of Your creation. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is You who give us the breath of life. May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others. May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of Your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal. We praise You, God, for Your goodness, forever and ever. Amen.

“Prayer for Beginning of Autumn,” www.faith.nd.edu

Aimee Wiles, Principal

IMPORTANT EVENTS AT RSG THIS MONTH:

NO BUS SERVICES – OCT. 5

East Baton Rouge Parish does not have school Friday, October 5. Therefore, there will be no bus services. Please make transportation arrangements for your child to be brought and picked up from school.

Ticket sales for Fall Fundraiser are due in the office also on Oct. 5th.

Report Cards – NO SCHOOL OCT. 8TH

Report Cards may be picked up on Oct. 8th from 12- 3pm. You do not need an appointment. Please look over the report card with your child. Teachers will be available from 12-3 pm to discuss your child's progress. Any fees still owed will need to be paid at that time.

8th GRADE FIELD TRIP TO CRISTO REY

Students in 8th grade will be visiting Cristo Rey Baton Rouge Franciscan High School on October 9 from 7:45 – 11:00 AM. All school fees must be paid and permission slip forms must be returned in order to attend the field trip.

Mass – October 17 for Feast of St. Gerard

Students will be attending mass Wednesday, October 17 at 8 AM for the Feast of St. Gerard Magella, our school's patron saint. Please make sure your child has on their dress uniform.

1st Nine Weeks Honor Roll Program

Honor roll students for the first nine weeks will be recognized Friday, October 19 at 9 AM in the gym. Invitations will be sent home.

Muffins with Moms

Moms are cordially invited to a "Muffins with Moms" gathering Tuesday, October 23 from 7:15 – 8:00 AM in the cafeteria. Thanks to all moms for your support.

School Pictures

Students will take pictures Wednesday, October 24th. Please mark your calendar. Information will be sent home about ordering pictures. All students should be in dress uniform for pictures.

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Family Night

Our first Family Night of this school year will take place on Oct. 25th from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Please come and join us for some learning time with your children. Door prizes will be given away.

Spirit Day – Back to School Dance \$2

Show your school spirit by wearing our school spirit T-shirt with a pair of jeans and tennis shoes; school spirit t-shirts may be purchased through the school office. Join us for our back to school dance on Friday, October 26th. PreK-3rd dance will be from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Students in grades 4th – 8th dance will be from 1:15 to 2:15. The cost of the dance is \$2. Concessions will be sold. In order to attend the dance, students may not have any disciplinary infractions.

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October Door Decorating Contest

Students will be participating in decorating their classroom doors for the month of October. The best decorated classroom door will receive a pizza party.

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!!

Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS)

Student behavior is a growing concern. As a school, we want to be proactive in teaching our students positive behaviors. Redemptorist St. Gerard is participating in "PBIS". We are using this program to help our students have a safe, positive learning environment and to provide consistency in all areas of our school.

You will see expectations posted throughout the building. Teachers will be using lesson plans to explicitly teach rules to our students for all areas of the school (cafeteria, playground, classroom, etc.). To reinforce these rules, your child/children will be receiving WOLF bucks. These WOLF bucks will be "cashed in" for rewards once a month.

We want you to be a partner in helping us make our school a more positive place for our children to learn. We are including the behavioral expectation matrix attached to this letter. To ensure that you as parents and your child/children as students are aware of the school expectations; we ask that you review the matrix in its entirety with your child/children. Additional ways to be involved are: using the expectations in your home, making sure your child/children are dressed in their uniforms, reminding your child/children each day before they leave of the expectations, making sure that your child/children come to school on time every day, as well as asking them if they followed the rules that day and if they received any WOLF bucks.

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 bars and the continental almonds, \$2 per item. Students are asked to collect pre-orders with payments and submit to the school. The fundraiser will start on Oct. 15th and last until Nov. 15th. Look for the packet to go home on Friday, Oct. 12th and see what goodies students will receive for selling the most chocolate!

High School Open Houses

St. Michael the Archangel High School will host its Open House on Thursday, Oct. 25 starting at 4:30pm.

Catholic High School will host its Open House on Thursday, Nov. 8 starting at 4:30pm.

OUR FACULTY FOR 2018-2019

Pre-K4:

Wanda Moore
Yolanda Williams
Tosha Sideboard, Aide
Cristina Sosa, Aide

Kindergarten:

Amy Brown
Elaine Soileau
Gisele Gosserand, Aide
Cindy Rivet, Aide

1st Grade:

Chantel Terrell
Lolita Duperon
Karisha Brown, Aide

2nd Grade:

Lakisha Collins

3rd Grade:

Jowava Thompson
Lindsey Guillot, Aide

4th – 8th Grade:

Ashley Nivens (Math)
Lisa East (Math)
Delores McClay (ELA)
Catherel Barber (ELA)
Vonetta Harris (Science)
Keisha Fleming (Social Studies)
Renetta Glover
(Science/Social Studies)

Religion:

Lori Gregory

Art:

Jonovan Duvold

PE:

Brittany Percell

Computer/Library:

Pamela Gauthier

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

Order your Spirit Gear

Visit the spirit store to purchase sweatshirts, drawstring bags, duffle bags, T-shirts and much more. 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 2018-2019 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.

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!

MRS. GLOVER’S 4th GRADE SCIENCE CLASS



Students in Mrs. Glover's class participated in collaborative groups as they learned about the plant life cycle. Throughout the instructional process, students planted their own individual plants.

COACH PERCELL'S KINDERGARTEN P.E. CLASS



Students in kindergarten learned about space during P.E. by using a parachute.

WELCOME DR. JENNIFER BYNUM, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



I am excited to serve as the Assistant Principal. This is my 15th year in education. I graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in Elementary Education. In addition, I hold a master's of Science from Nicholls State University and a doctorate degree from Southeastern Louisiana University in Educational Leadership.

As the assistant principal, I will work to support students academically, socially, and emotionally. I believe in the potential of each student, and realize we are not just preparing them for the next grade, but for the future.

I am looking forward to supporting the students, staff, and community of Redemptorist St. Gerard. I believe in open communication and a strong home to school connection. Please feel free to contact me with any celebrations or concerns you may have. It is exciting to think about all that we will achieve working together. Let's make this year great!

Dr. Jennifer Bynum
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