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# Regina Coeli School Newsletter

Celebrating 53 years of  
providing a Catholic education  
in historic Hyde Park

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## MID TERM SCHEDULE

For Grades 6-8

JANUARY 2010

Tuesday, January 19	Wednesday January 20,	Thursday January 21	Friday January 22
Periods 1 & 2	Periods 1 & 2	Periods 1 & 2	Periods 1 & 2
Religion	Vocabulary /Literature	Grammar	Spanish
Periods 7 & 8	Periods 7 & 8	Periods 7 & 8	Periods 7 & 8
	Math	Social Studies	Science

### RCS Evaluation Results

Dr. McNiff, Superintendent of Schools, upon the recommendation of District Superintendent, Mary Jane Daley, has approved the performance level of RCS and appointed me to another year as principal. As mentioned earlier, the Archdiocese has instituted a yearly evaluation process with a one year approval for principals.

A special thank you to all stakeholders-parents, teachers, clergy and students who met with Mrs. Daley upon which this evaluation was based.

### Getting Ready For the 2010-2011 School Year

In preparation for next year, we will be needing some information earlier than in the past. The school budget is in formative stages and is predicated on real enrollment numbers. Thus, we need to ask our families to indicate first preference before our open enrollment period begins in February.

We are presently working to determine next year's tuition rate, keeping in mind the state of the economy and the support of our parents. A registration packet will be sent home early next week to families with children in grades PreK through seven. We are asking that families reserve a placement for next year by returning confirmation on or before February 5.

We will hold an OPEN HOUSE for new and/or interested families on Monday, January 26 from 8:00AM-3:00PM. If you know any family interested in RCS, this is a great opportunity to see the school in operation.

Families interested in our PreK Program are urged to come and visit and sign up early as space is limited and spots are picked up quickly. Our program was closed out for several days last year in March!

Lastly, spread the word that RCS is a positive Christian learning environment in which students are supported to reach their potential. It is the place to be!

### Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Beginning this January the classes taking mid-term exams will be those in grades 5 and above. The reasoning for this include the opportunity to develop study skills that assist students with long term memory skills, building upon previous information, the benchmarking of skills necessary for student success over a period of time and actually finding out how well students have mastered material.

Another change in the testing pattern this year is the fact that New York State has restructured the timetable they use for determining performance. The state tests will be administered beginning in late April through June and students in grades 4, 6 and 8 will take assessments in ELA and Math. Grades 4 and 8 will also take Science. Grade 8 will also take a test in social studies. Grade 5 has already taken their state social studies test in November. Additionally, our eight grade students will take NY Regents exams in earth science, integrated algebra and the NYS Spanish competency in June.

Sincerely,

Eileen A. Kerins

### Up Coming Events

1/13/10 RCS School Board Mtg 7:00 PM

1/18/10 No School-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/20/10 Candy gram forms sent home for Valentine Day orders.

1/21/10 Ziti Dinner Meeting -7:00 PM Art Room

1/24/10 Pancake Breakfast

1/25/10 OPEN House-8:00-3:00 PM

### CRAZY CASH CALENDAR WINNERS

Week of January 5th-11th

January 5	# 0307	Joel Freer
January 6	# 0597	Anne & Dale Trost
January 7	# 0614	Taylor Mohan
January 8	# 0788	Eileen M. Tice
January 9	# 0152	Garrett J. Cronin
January 10	# 0898	Tracey G. Bodo
January 11	# 1589	Kelly R. Neer

Congratulations!! Look here weekly to see if you have won. Remember, it's not too late to join in the fun!





# Congratulations!

“School Days,” a poem submitted by sixth grader Jenna Sucato was selected to be published in an anthology, **A Celebration of Poets**, published by Creative Communications. Her work will be available when the book is published in about six months time.



Blood Drive—RCS—January 18th

8:00—1:30

RCS Gym

Come give a pint of life!

For details, Call Beata Zadlo

229-6458



Save the Date -

Friday, February 5th

5:30-7:30 PM

## First Semester Fund-raising Events



Event	Amount Raised
Golf Tourney	14,911.51
Great American Product Sale	3,592.40
Casino Trip	1,545.50
Goldbug Parties*	1,393.00
Crazy Calendar	4,380.00
Breakfast With Santa/Cookie Walk	1,883.50
Enjoy the City Coupon Book*	776.00
Barnes & Noble Night Gift Wrap*	122.75
Barnes & Noble Night Book Sales	777.80
Great Hudson Pedal	3,167.73
* New this year	
<b>Total so far</b>	<b>\$ 32,550.19</b>

## Mid Year Fund-raising Report

Thanks to the consistent support of our families, we take this opportunity to report how our fund drive is progressing toward our goal of \$60,000

The first semester events have earned more than half of our goal. Events scheduled for the second semester include the Coeli Fest (May), Ziti Dinner (February), Casino trip, Easter Blooms as well as Scrip, Bridge the Gap funds and additional Crazy Calendar sales.

We are so fortunate to have such a supportive community! Thank you for doing your part in helping us reach our yearly goal!

