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# Regina Coeli School Newsletter

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

4337 Albany Post Road  
Hyde Park, NY 12538



## TBS Testing To Begin Next Week

In a change of policy, students throughout the Archdiocese of New York will take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills or ITBS Tests in the fall rather than in the spring as in the past. The reason for the change is to utilize this testing program to ascertain the strengths and learning strategies each student employs.

Students in grades 1 through 8 will take a core battery in the area of English Language Arts and Mathematics. Once the results are returned, classroom teachers will be able to use these findings to craft instructional programs geared to assist each of the students.

Parents can assist their children in taking these tests by expressing confidence that each person will do his/her best. A good night's sleep as well as a hearty breakfast will also help. We will share the results and findings as soon as they come back to us.

## SAVE YOUR CANS AND BOTTLES

The Eighth Grade will be conducting their annual Can & Bottle Drive on Saturday, October 17th from 9 am - 1 pm. The students will be collecting the cans and bottles in the front parking lot. All donations readily accepted!

Proceeds from the drive will be used by the class to help finance their class trip in the spring.



Winner of our \$50!  
2010 Crazy Cash Calendar Bonus Drawing  
Went to  
Mr. Michael O'Bryan  
Congratulations!!

## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

This Wednesday the RCS School Board will hold its quarterly meeting. An Executive Board Meeting will take place from 6-7 pm. At 7:00 the Board will welcome members of the RCS community to discuss program, progress and projects.

The RCS School Board also will welcome two new members, bringing the board to full membership. The Board is the "think tank" that crafts the strategies to keep RCS strong and viable.

Special thanks are extended to Donna Horn (President), Dawn Adams (Vice President), and trustees John Rovere, Kristin Biskup, Mark Mohan. Welcome to Jennifer Mund and James Hayes!

Sincerely,  
*Eileen A. Kerins*

## Up Coming Events

- 10/6 Planning Mtg. for Santa Express—7:00 PM  
Art Room
- 10/7 RCS Board Meeting—6:00 PM Executive Session;  
7:00 PM General Session
- 10/9 Dismissal at Noon
- 10/12 Columbus Day—No Classes
- 10/13 Respect Life Day—St. Martin de Porres School—  
Grade 8
- 10/16 Progress Reports sent home
- 10/17 Can & Bottle Drive—9AM-1PM RCS Parking Lot
- 10/26-10/30 Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/30 RCS Halloween Fling—6:00-8:00

## Attention Students

### IMPORTANT ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING SCHEDULED

Father Mike will hold a short meeting with all **present** altar servers in Grades 5-8 at 11:50 in the School Library on Thursday, October 8th.

Additionally, at 12:20, he will meet with all interested students in Gr. 4 and those students in Grades 5 - 8 who are not yet altar servers but are interested in becoming one.

Please plan to attend this important meeting.





## Great American Fundraiser Forms and Payment Due

Those ordering must return your order forms and payment by Friday so that your order can be processed for timely return.

## Clip Those Box Tops!

Get ready for the first BoxTop contest of the school year! Send in 50 boxtops and you will earn a No Uniform Today—NUT certificate for use on October 30th.



Boxtops can be found on a variety of products from General Mills cereals to Avery products to Ziploc items and many more.

Look for them everywhere! Be sure to put your boxtops in an envelope with **your name** and bring to the main office before October 23rd.

## Spotlight On

- Stop & Shop's A+ Bonus Bucks Program
- If you are not using scrip cards, please register your Stop & Shop card with RCS's ID #06582

RCS will benefit from your purchases.

## Swine Flu Update

As one hears daily on the news, all schools are working diligently to be pro-active with regards to the H1N1 virus. Daily cleansing is part of the program. All students have been instructed in the use of sanitizers, as well as the washing of hands.



An additional component of the Health Plan is to ensure that sick children do not re-enter the school before being free of a fever for at least 24 hours.

Mrs. Walsh must send home students who return to class before that time. We are also reporting to the Health Department the status of any cases.

The goal is simple...stay healthy and to prevent the spread of the germs that cause the flu. Your help is vital in carrying out these goals.

## Photos!

Parents, if you take pictures of any events, happenings, etc. would you kindly think to share them with Mr. Coluccio, one of our web masters. He would like to highlight all aspects of our day and appreciates your assistance. You can reach him at 889-8809 or send him e-mail at westpine@optonline.net

## Hannaford Helps Schools Campaign Swings Into Action

Attention all our Hannaford shoppers. Beginning September 6th and going through December 6th, Hannaford is again sponsoring their Hannaford Helps Schools program. When a shopper purchases 4 select items (from brands like Glad, Keebler, Kraft, General Mills, Kelloggs) the shopper will receive a coupon slip upon check out for \$3.00; 8 items = \$6.00, up to \$12.00. Kindly send these coupons to RCS Main Office, rather than the display kiosk. Last year, Hannaford sent RCS a check for over \$400. It is amazing how quickly these slips add up! Presently our "envelope" in the Main Office has a balance of \$24.00.

So win both ways—use scrip to purchase your Hannaford cards and purchase these items to collect your slips.

Have you sent in your slips today?

## RCS Mohegan Sun Casino Trip—Sunday October 25th

**Bus leaves RCS back lot at 7:00 AM and returns around 7:00 PM**

**Come and have a great day!**

**Fun on the Bus \$30 Bonus Package**

**6 Hours at the Casino**

**Cost: \$50**

**Contact: Kara Sweet 229-6692**

**Or RCS Main Office**

## Wanted! Part Time Music Teacher

RCS is in need of a Music teacher for our vocal music program. Candidates should have a music background. This is a day and a half position. If interested, please contact our Main Office.

## Regina Coeli Craft Fair, Santa Express, Coming Soon

There will be a planning meeting for the Craft Fair on Tuesday, October 6th at 7 PM. Please plan to come to the meeting to learn more about this event. Any crafter wishing to participate, should call 876-3442 in the evening for details and an application.



The RC Craft Fair is planned for Saturday, November 21st from 9AM to 3PM. The Craft Fair will feature vendors from throughout the Mid-Hudson region and beyond. There will be food available during the day, baked goods, and Santa's closet, which features new, economically priced merchandise.

Tickets will be available for purchase for one of the themed raffle baskets. Admission to the Craft Fair is \$2 and entitles the entrant to win one of the dozens of door prizes.

We hope you will join us at this fun event!

Don't forget to log onto the Regina Coeli School website at [www.reginacoeli-hydepark-ny.org](http://www.reginacoeli-hydepark-ny.org) to get the latest in photos of current events as well as download forms, newsletters, check upcoming events and so forth.

