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# Regina Coeli School Newsletter

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This year we honored the consummate "volunteer" – Kathie Depew! As everyone here at Regina Coeli knows – Kathie is the first name on the list to assist our parish and school in any way that she is able. Her talents are many. She is a singer, as all who listen to the many liturgies she performs know well. She is a chef, as those who watched her whip up dinner and two breakfasts for the Hudson Valley Pedal can testify. She is a leader, as the parish as a whole sees in her dedication and facilitation of the Parish Council. She is organized as one can readily see from her busy schedule at home, and in the parish. She is the "go-to-person" for Youth Group, as well as assists with RCIA. Kathie Depew exerts her mark on all she does and on all with whom she works.

She is definitely a busy person and as all know, if you want to get something done, give it to a "busy person!"

Thank you Kathie for ALL you do for Regina Coeli/St. Paul.

## Golfers Enjoy A Stella Outing

This year's RCS golf outing, held at the McCann Golf Club in Poughkeepsie, was a rousing success. Golfers hit the manicured course Monday under magnificent blue skies for a day of super golf!

Special thanks to Andy O'Grady, Bill Sparks, Walter Jones, Mark Mohan, Diane Chieffo, and their "troupe of capable assistants" as well as the golfers, sponsors, parishioners and supporters of this exciting event.

Kathie Depew was our honoree this year. As Ann Woolsey said in her tribute, Mrs. Depew is the epitome of a volunteer who lives her Christian life in service to others.

Lastly, Andy O'Grady, the spirited Master of Ceremonies, kept the evening light and moving. The silent auction, fifty-fifty and raffled items provided one and all the opportunity to augment collections, take that chance and generally have fun!

It was a great day for RCS! Thanks!!!!

## Lunch Duty Helpers Needed

If you have some time to help us with Lunch/Recess duties, please contact the Main Office. We are in need of assistance on Thursdays in particular.

## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Yesterday's RCS Golf Tourney was another example of the team sense that makes RCS unique. The smiling faces of the happy golfers, as well as the banter and camaraderie evident during the dinner lent themselves to a sense of common purpose. Thanks to everyone who made this event possible. Whether you were able to be a sponsor, provide an advertisement in our gorgeous program, take a chance, come to the dinner, provide your time and talents or play in a foursome, your support is most appreciated.

Another highlight of the week was our smooth opening for the 2009-10 school year. We welcomed back the K-8 students on Wednesday and have launched a most productive start of classes. Our PreK students come to school on Monday. We welcome our new families and strive to support you at RCS; we heartily acknowledge our returning families and look forward to a super school year!

Lastly, I must acknowledge our students for their purposefulness in setting their goals for the year. We will be exploring several new options with them and they are eagerly rising to these expectations. What a treasure to have solid, motivated learners!

As always, thanks to our parents and benefactors for their ongoing support of RCS! Together, home and school can make a difference for the children of RCS!

Sincerely,

*Eileen A. Kerino*

Principal

## Up Coming Events

9/17 Fall School Pictures

9/22 Band Orientation Program Grades 3-8

9/23 Candlelight Dessert-Meet the Teacher Night at 7 PM

9/28 Teachers' Conference—NO School

## Wednesday is Candlelight

What is Candlelight Dessert? Candlelight Dessert is the time for parents to come to RCS and meet the teachers, visit the classrooms and learn about the program and expectations for the school year. The evening begins at 7:00 PM in your child's classroom.

After discussing the grade level expectations and program, parents are invited to come into the gymnasium. Here all the parents have a chance to meet other parents in the class, and chat while enjoying dessert by candlelight.

With the RCS community so gathered the RCS School Board will review our progress last year and discuss the goals for 2009-10.

Mrs. Patrice Savery, our Room Parent Coordinator, is coordinating this event.

See you on Wednesday, September 23rd!



## UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN UNDER WAY

Just a little reminder to those in our community who contribute to the annual UNITED WAY campaign that you can designate Regina Coeli School as a recipient of your donation. Please select this option on your form or ask your employer to do so for you.

## CYO Basketball Registration

If you have not already signed up to play basketball this year, CYO registration continues on the following dates:

Sunday, September 20 from  
8:30 AM-1:00PM

Monday, September 21 from 5:30-8:00  
PM

Intramural Programs open to all students:

Boys - Grades 3 through 11

Girls - Grades 3-5

Boys and Girls - Grade 2 (Basic skills clinic)



## 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?

## Win \$50!

## 2010 Crazy Cash Calendar

Attention RCS Families ONLY.....

Be a part of the \$50.00 Cash Prize "Bonus" Drawing

Return 10 Crazy Calendars by September 30th, 2009 and

Earn your ticket in the \$50 "Bonus" drawing!

## Scrip News

For families supporting our Scrip Program we have some new offerings: Aeropostale in \$25 denominations are now available; TGI Friday's cards in \$25 denominations are also here. Check [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) for more options. We order each Monday and can have your card by Friday!

## 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.



## Grading Policy in Effect for Report Cards

The Archdiocese has adopted a common Grading System for classes. Students in grades 4-8 are expected to take both mid-year and end of year tests. These tests will be posted on the report card for parents and will be reflected in the student's final averages. This is a change from last year when students in grades 1-3 were also included in this filing.

The Grading Policy allows the schools to determine the percentages the various component parts of instruction will be in determining a mark on a report card. For RCS the following grid will be used:

Grades 1-8	
Tests & Quizzes	50%
Classwork / Participation	20%
Homework	15%
Projects/Portfolio	15%

As part of the Student Information System (SIS) software we are currently using, all report cards will be generated by computer and printed in house for home distribution.

## Modified Sports Program Coming to RCS

Miss Wing and the new Student Government are working out details to begin an after school modified sports venue for grades 5-8 on Wednesdays. More details to follow....

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.

