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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

Walk Way Over the Hudson to Open This Weekend

Be part of the historic Hudson Valley's celebration of the longest pedestrian walkway when the Walk Way Over the Hudson officially opens for all.

Friday night festivities include:

- 7:00 PM Out of the Shadows illumination of bridge
- 8:00 PM Fireworks over the bridge

Saturday festivities include:

- 9:00-11:00 AM Marist College Crew recreates the famous Poughkeepsie Regatta between Roger's Point and the Mid Hudson Bridge
- 11:00-noon Official Grand Opening (by invitation only)
- 1:00 PM Tying the Knot between the city of Poughkeepsie and the Town of Lloyd.
- 1:30 PM Walking on Air Grand Puppet Procession
- 2:30 PM Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome flyover
- 3:00 PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- 5-9 PM Night Circus Light Show and Airwave dances

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

What a great Candlelight Dessert we had last Wednesday! It was heartwarming to see all of you here to meet with the teachers and validate the program for the upcoming school year. The partnership between school and home is the key for building a strong school and a robust program.

We also witnessed what students can do, given the opportunity to stretch and be heard. Many students took up the challenge to run for office and state their cases. Our Student Council elections took place on Friday and we now have a slate of officers who will be working under the tutelage of Miss Wing as they collaborate with each other in seeking ways to make RCS even better.

Just yesterday our teachers met with their colleagues in Dutchess and Ulster Counties to address the realm of Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying as well as to cross pollinate best practices at the grade level and subject areas.

These are just a few of the ways we see the spirit of RCS come to the fore and make Coeli the "place to be!"

Thanks for all you do to make this possible!

Sincerely,
Eileen C. Kerins

Up Coming Events

- 10/2 First Friday Mass at 9:00 AM
Eighth Grade Dance-6:30-8:30 PM
- 10/4 Pro Life Sunday-National Life Chain-Rte. 9 2:00-3:30 PM
- 10/6 Planning Mtg. for Santa Express-7:00 PM Art Room
- 10/9 Dismissal at Noon
- 10/12 Columbus Day-No Classes
- 10/13 Respect Life Day-St. Martin de Porres-Grade 8

Hyde Park Go Home Drill This Friday

All Hyde Park students riding Hyde Park buses will be dismissed at 2:30 PM on Friday, October 2nd to be part of the district's annual Go Home Drill. This drill activates bus pick up of students in the schools as a simulation should there be a need to remove students from school due to an emergency or other reason. **Students should be expected to arrive home about one-half an hour earlier than regular time.**



Student Council Elections 2009-2010

President: Liam Tice

Vice President: Thomas Biskup

Secretary: MacKenzie Martinelli

6th Grade Representatives: Patrick Bubel, Jenna Sucato, Jeremy Waters

7th Grade Representatives: Carolyn Cookingham, Nickolas Damante, Cara Leydon

8th Grade Representatives: Daniel Beahan, Deidra Elston, Gregory O'Keefe

Pompey Delafield, the Town of Hyde Park Supervisor will be here on Thursday at 1:00 PM to preside over the installation of these officials.

Congratulations to EVERYONE who had the courage and leadership to run for office this year!!

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



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

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?

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

IMPORTANT ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

Father Mike will meet 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 Grades 4 - 8 who are not yet Altar Servers, but interested in becoming one.



Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Spotlight On

- Office Depot—When you shop at Office Depot ask that your purchase be credited to RCS.
- Our School ID Number is 70072989 or just mention Regina Coeli School

SAVE YOUR CANS AND BOTTLES - The Eighth Grade will be conducting their annual Can & Bottle Drive in October. Proceeds from the drive will be used to help finance their class trip in the spring.

More details will be forth coming.

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.

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!

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

Don't forget to log onto the Regina Coeli School website at 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.

