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Regina Coeli School Newsletter

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Celebrating 56 years of
providing a Catholic education
in historic Hyde Park

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The story of the origin of the Christmas creche rests with the very holy man, St. Francis of Assisi. In the year 1223, St. Francis, a deacon, was visiting the town of Greccio to celebrate Christmas. Greccio was a small town built on a mountainside overlooking a beautiful valley. The people had cultivated the fertile area with vineyards. St. Francis realized that the chapel of the Franciscan hermitage would be too small to hold the congregation for Midnight Mass. So he found a niche in the rock near the town square and set up the altar. However, this Midnight Mass would be very special, unlike any other Midnight Mass.

St. Bonaventure (d. 1274) in his Life of St. Francis of Assisi tells the story the best: It happened in the third year before his death, that in order to excite the inhabitants of Greccio to commemorate the nativity of the Infant Jesus with great devotion, St. Francis determined to keep it with all possible solemnity; and lest he should be accused of lightness or novelty, he asked and obtained the permission of the sovereign Pontiff. Then he prepared a manger, and brought hay, and an ox and an ass to the place appointed. The brethren were summoned, the people ran together, the forest resounded with their voices, and that venerable night was made glorious by many and brilliant lights and sonorous psalms of praise. St. Francis stood before the manger, full of devotion and piety, bathed in tears and radiant with joy; the Holy Gospel was chanted by Francis. Then he preached to the people around the nativity of the poor King; He called Him the Babe of Bethlehem

Although the story is long old, the message is clear for us. Our own Nativity scenes which rest under our Christmas trees are a visible reminder of that night when our Savior was born. May we never forget to see in our hearts the little Babe of Bethlehem, who came to save us from sin. We must never forget that the wood of the manger that held Him so securely would one day give way to the wood of the cross. May we too embrace Him with all of our love as did St. Francis.



Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your support expressed last week on behalf of the RCS Community. The gathering of shoppers both at the Barnes & Noble on South Road as well as on line made RCS Day at B&N a wonderful success. As always we enjoyed meeting with everyone and putting the finishing wrapping touches on the gifts. Special thanks to Sydney, band members Samantha Miscedra, Charlotte MacKay and Geno Coppola as well as favorites, the Beckers and Company who entertained during the evening!

Thursday evening was sheer delight as our band set the tone for Christmas and we watched our delightful Pre-Kers capture the audience with their renditions, followed by melodic renditions by the subsequent choruses culminating in the dramatic finale. Kudos to Mrs. Wise and Ms. Varuzzo for their skill in producing such an awesome evening!

As we approach the celebration of Our savior's birth, may I extend the collected thanks from all at RCS for your consistent and continual support of what we do on a daily basis at RCS. **May you all enjoy a most Blessed Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year!**

As always, thanks for all you do to make RCS the place to be!

Sincerely,

Eileen A. Herins

Principal

Up Coming Events

12/20 RCS School Board Mtg. 7:00 PM Library

12/22 Last FULL Day of Classes

12/23- 1/2/12 Christmas Recess

1/3/12 Classes Resume

1/6 First Friday—Mass at 9:00 AM

8th grade Dance 6:30-8:30 PM

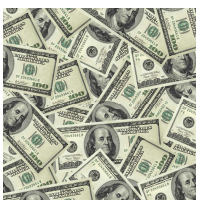
1/13 Dismissal at Noon; Staff Development

1/16 Martin Luther King Day—No Classes

Blood Drive 8:00-1:00

1/30-2/3 Catholic Schools Week

CRAZY CA\$H Calendars DUE



YOU NEED TO BE IN IT, TO WIN IT

DRAWINGS START

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST

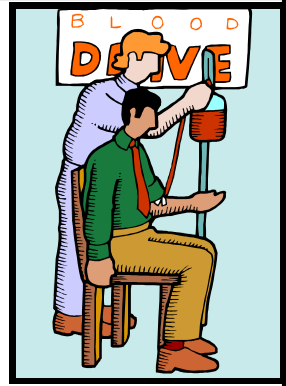
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR STAN-
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GOOD LUCK!



Keep the Date Open Monday, January 16th

BLOOD DRIVE 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In the RCS Gymnasium
To make an appointment, call Beata Zadlo at 229-8589 X225 or visit
RedCrossBlood.org



Know the facts:

The American Red Cross is the primary blood supplier in Dutchess County. 99% of the blood supplied in the county's hospitals come directly from the American Red Cross.

One in three people will need blood sometime in their life.

Only 4% of the eligible population actually donate blood. Can You?

Come join us as we practice the martial art of Tae Kwon Do!! No experience is necessary. We will learn about power, speed, focus, balance, control, and have fun doing it. It is also great exercise for anyone. The classes are every Tuesday after school from 3:15 - 4:45 for any student in grades 2 - 8. Past Tae Kwon Do students are most welcome to come back!

*The next session begins:
Tuesday, January 3rd*

Please wear your uniforms (sweat pants and T-shirt if you are just starting). Anyone can wear a uniform, but all upper belts need to wear a uniform to spar. This style of ***Tae Kwon Do is a Non-Contact Martial Art.***

If you are interested, please fill out the bottom of the page to join or to continue the class. The price of a session is ***\$50***. The parent signature gives permission for attending class and staying after school.

I'm looking forward to kicking with you!

Ann Dombroski,
5th Degree Blackbelt

P.S. - Parents & Students, come join the Thursday Tae Kwon Do Class! We start kicking at 6:30 and finish our workout at 8:00.

Student Name _____

Phone # _____

Parent Signature _____