

# SAS OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

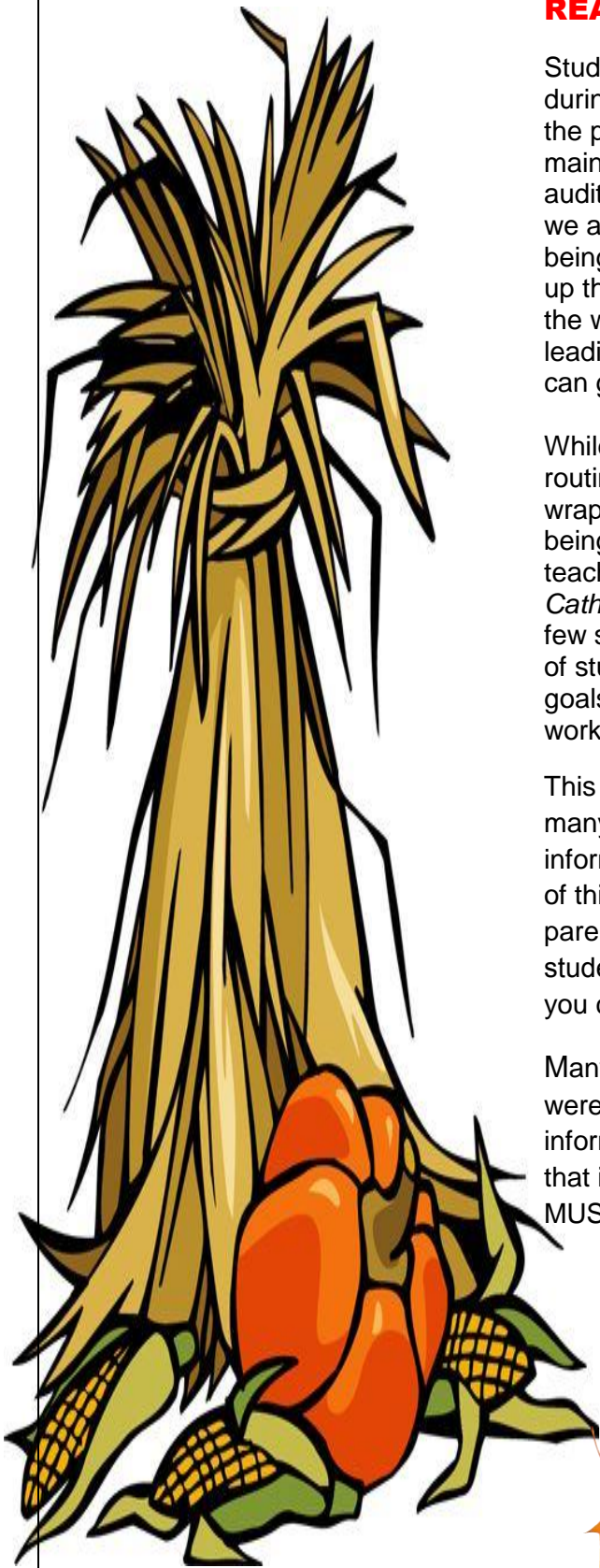
## READ ALL ABOUT IT.....

Students loved the “renovated” auditorium and were finally able to enjoy it during their gym classes. The front and back stairs were updated over the past weeks, and new, all-weather, rugs were also placed in all of the main entrances. A new steel door was installed in the kitchen, and the auditorium’s double doors are in the process of being replaced. However, we are not done, yet. The step leading to those auditorium side doors is being leveled to ease access to that entry way. If you have been picking up the children, in the afternoon, you surely must have seen and heard the work that is also being done to remove the step to get to side stairs leading to the kitchen. The overall process will ensure that students/staff can get to the stairs more easily.

While the upgrading is being done, the students have settled in their daily routine. The MAP fall testing, which began a couple of weeks ago, will wrap up on Thursday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. All of the students, in grades K-8, are being assessed. Once the testing is completed, data will be used by the teachers to guide instructions so students’ needs are met. Last spring, the *Catholic School Office* recognized St. Anthony School as one of the very few schools in the **Archdiocese of Boston** with the highest percentage of students who scored above the growth rate and met their projected goals. We are very proud of such great accomplishments and are working hard to improve our scores even more.

This year, we are implementing a new program, **Ren Web**, to handle the many needs of our school. Attendance, schedules, student/family information, medical alerts, gradebooks, and communication are all part of this new program. Once the transition of all of the data is complete, parents will be able to log in and update their information and/or view students’ grade (for those in grs.2-8 only). We will email you the link so you can create a username/password.

Many thanks to all of you who participated in the VIRTUS training. If you were not able to make it, please check the RCAB website for information on training being offered by other parishes. Keep in mind that if you selected to volunteer for the PTO, or plan to chaperone, you **MUST** have a CORI and VIRTUS.



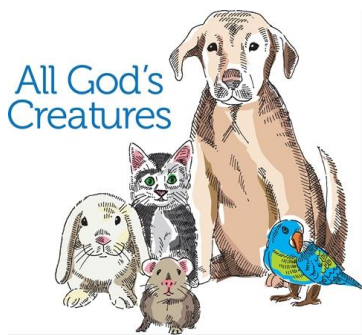
## **BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING PRESENTATION**

On **Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30pm**, we invite you to attend a presentation on the various forms of bullying, by *Dr. Elizabeth Englander*, Executive Director of Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC), at Bridgewater State University. This is a "parents only" event so students will not be allowed.

## **ST. FRANCIS FEAST DAY/BLESSING of the PETS**

To mark the Feast of St. Francis, the Patron Saints of Animals, Father Jairo will be blessing family pets, on **Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30PM**.

The ceremony will take place in the school parking lot. We hope that everyone will participate in this special celebration.



## **TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DAY/NO SCHOOL**

On **Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**, our teachers, and others from local catholic schools, will be attending a workshop by Harvard's professor, Kim Marshall, on "unit planning and differentiated instructions."

St. Anthony School will be closed that day so please plan accordingly.

## **COLUMBUS DAY/NO SCHOOL**

There will be no school on **Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**, in observance of Columbus Day.



## **PTO MONTHLY MEETING**

It is scheduled for **Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 6:30PM**. We will be discussing the *Halloween Dance* and other upcoming events. We hope you will join us. It is a great way to meet other parents and help with the many events that the PTO plans throughout the academic year. Please note that the meeting is for parents only.

## **SCHOOL PICTURES**

O'Connor Studio will be taking students' pictures on **Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**. Students may wear their own clothes, as long as they are appropriate. Order forms will be sent home during that week.

## **WEAR PINK**

Since October is *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*, we will be having a "Pink" NUT Day on **Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The cost is \$2.00, but you can donate whatever you wish. Money collected will be donated to *The Ellie Fund*. As always, your support is very much appreciated.



## **HALLOWEEN DANCE**

Mark your calendars! Our PTO is sponsoring this very popular event, on **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30pm to 9:30pm**.

As usual, students may wear their costumes; however, to keep everyone safe, masks and props are NOT allowed. Please note that the dance is only for SAS students and immediate families. **No exceptions will be made!**

## **HALLOWEEN NUT DAY**

Students will have a FREE NUT DAY on **Wednesday, October 31**. Ripped/torn jeans, low-waist pants and shirt/T-shirts with inappropriate language will NOT allowed.