



THE ST. ROBERT

# REPORTER

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Fueling the light of Christ through faith, service, and academic excellence.*

## WEEKLY EDITION

October 22, 2026

### Mrs. Bushey's Buzz

Dear St. Robert Families,

As we close out the first marking period, I'm amazed—as usual—at how quickly time flies! It feels like we were just learning new routines and settling into back-to-school life. Now those routines are in place, expectations and goals are set, and we're already a quarter of the way through the school year.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Parent-Teacher Conferences. One of the most important things we can do for our children is show them what it looks like to work together. Your time, your perspective, and your partnership matter. Since I first started teaching 26 years ago, conferences have always been one of my favorite parts of the year because they give us the opportunity to know the people behind the students we see each day. Many of you have heard me ask, "Tell me about you. What is your life like? What is your family like?" Those questions help me better understand your child and the family who loves them. As your principal, I want to build that relationship both ways. I hope I'm open enough about who I am that you feel comfortable knowing the person spending time with your child each day.

Growing up is hard. Children don't always have the words to explain what is on their minds or in their hearts. We learn so much about them at school, but *you* bring a perspective we simply cannot get from the classroom alone. When we share what we know, we can better support the whole child. Thank you for trusting us with your kiddos and for being part of that conversation.

This weekend is our Back from the Dead Cemetery Walk at St. Robert Cemetery! A guide will lead you through the candlelit cemetery to hear the stories of eight to ten saints who remained faithful to Jesus, even when it cost them their lives. I've served as a guide for the past couple of years, and it is a beautiful, peaceful, and powerful experience. This isn't a haunted trail—there are no scares or gore—but the stories include mature themes, so I recommend it for fifth or sixth grade and older. The first shuttle leaves the church parking lot at 6:15 p.m., and the last leaves at 8:15 p.m. There is no parking at the cemetery on Carpenter Road, so all guests must use the shuttle. The walk takes about 20 minutes, followed by a ride back to the church for warm cider and yummy fall treats. Please consider joining us!

Next Friday brings our PTO's Monster Mash! This season is busy, but what a fun opportunity to spend an evening with other St. Robert families. Be sure to get your RSVP in!

Thank you, as always, for the many ways you support our students and our school!

Have a great weekend!  
Mrs. Bushey

**UPDATED YEAR LONG  
CALENDAR LINK**

**SUBSCRIBE TO THE SRS  
GOOGLE CALENDAR**



### LOOKING AHEAD

**FRI., 10/23**

- No School

**MON., 10/26**

- Pumpkin Painting
- Poinsettia Orders due

**FRI., 10/30**

- ½ Day of School
- Monster Mash Family Dance

**MON., 11/2**

- NO Shorts begins

**FRI., 11/13**

- Thanksgiving Family Feast (note the date change)

### BUSING REMINDERS

- 10/30 - NO Take Home Buses

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:**  
CIRCUMSPECTION



**SAINT OF THE WEEK:**  
MARY, STAR OF THE SEA



**SONG OF THE WEEK:**  
OCEANS



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## LIBRARY NEEDS

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We have a large interest for students to check out books in the cooking and/or crafting genres. If you have any that you would be willing to part with, please send them in to become a part of our circulation!

We are also looking for people to read for us to "vet" the books for appropriate content. If you're interested please contact Amy Stimac at [astimac@strobertschool.com](mailto:astimac@strobertschool.com)

Thank you to all who bought and donated books for our Fall Used Book Sale! It was a HUGE success!

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## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

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**Pumpkin Painting** – The Student Council's Pumpkin Painting Party and Contest will take place in the Activity Center from 2:45-4:30pm on Monday, October 26th. Bring your pumpkin and we'll provide the paint. Pumpkins may be dropped off at the Activity Center the morning of the event. All students grade 4 and under must be supervised by an adult. Admission is \$3 per child and includes a snack. Pumpkins will be judged and winners announced at the October 30 Monster Mash. See you there!

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## PIP CREDIT REMINDER - END OF QUARTER 1

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With the end of the first quarter here, please take a moment to enter your PIP credit information for any school volunteering you have completed since April 1, 2026. Keeping your information up to date helps ensure that all eligible volunteer hours are recorded. [PIP Credit Form](#)

Thank you for your time and support of St. Robert School!

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## 8TH GRADE POINSETTIA AND WREATH SALE

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It is time for the poinsettia and fresh greenery sale that benefits the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C. Orders are due by Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>. Delivery date is December 4<sup>th</sup>. Flyers and order forms were sent home this week with your students, and the flyer is attached below.

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## LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEER PAPERWORK

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Volunteer paperwork that has been turned in to the office has been processed and email updates have been sent. All paperwork and Virtus training must be complete to be able to volunteer (including attending parties and special classroom events) during the 26/27 school year. **The last day to turn in paperwork or complete Virtus training in time to attend Halloween festivities is Tuesday, October 27.** Please contact Mrs. Bobalik at [secretary@strobertschool.com](mailto:secretary@strobertschool.com) if you have any questions.

[Background Check Form](#)

[Code of Conduct Form](#)

[Virtus Instructions](#)

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## HALLOWEEN INFO

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This is just a reminder that check-in for Friday's Halloween parties will begin at **9:00am** on the first floor by Mary's Room. Please stop at the Halloween Welcome Desk to sign in and receive a Visitor's Pass. **Only those who are listed on the Volunteer List will be allowed upstairs.**

·The parade will run from 9:15-9:45am. Parents should line up around the hallways.

·Parties will run from 9:45-10:55am.

·**Students who leave before 10:55am must be signed out at the Halloween Welcome Desk on the first floor by Mary's Room.**

Please refer to the Halloween Directives later in this newsletter for more information. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

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## CHARGERS WRESTLING

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Just in case you missed it, there is another chance to register for the Chargers wrestling team (ages 4-14). Your next chance to register is Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> in the St Marys gym in Mt Morris at 6pm. See the attached flyer for more information.



# WRESTLING

## **Chargers Wrestling Team—Registration**

**We are currently enrolling athletes ages 4 to 14  
for the folk style wrestling season.**

**Registration will take place, Monday, October 26, 2026, at 6:00 pm,  
at St. Mary Catholic Church in Mt. Morris in the gym.**

**Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate for registration.**

**\$115.00 Registration Fee**

**This includes a singlet.**

**Our team will be practicing in the gym at St. Mary Church in Mt. Morris:**

**11110 Saginaw Street**

**Mt. Morris, MI 48458**

**Practices are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:45-7:15 pm,  
starting Monday, November 2nd.**

**Questions or can't make it to registration; email us at  
ChargersWrestlingTeam@gmail.com or  
contact Coach Tony Vance at 810-691-9659**

**This is not a school or church sponsored event.**





# ST. ROBERT 8TH GRADE

## Poinsettia and Fresh Greenery Sale

### ORDER DETAILS:

| ITEM                     | PRICE   | HOW MANY |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| Poinsettias 7.5" Red     | \$25.00 |          |
| Poinsettias 7.5" White   | \$25.00 |          |
| Poinsettias 7.5" Pink    | \$25.00 |          |
| Poinsettias 7.5" Marble  | \$25.00 |          |
| Noble Fir Wreath 22"     | \$35.00 |          |
| Door Charm 28"           | \$22.00 |          |
| Evergreen Porch Pot      | \$45.00 |          |
| Hanging Basket           | \$35.00 |          |
| Cedar Garland (25' coil) | \$45.00 |          |
| Large Swag               | \$25.00 |          |

**Please prepay via Zeffy, check or cash**  
**\*make checks payable to**  
**St. Robert School**

**TOTAL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

8th Grade Seller: \_\_\_\_\_



**All Orders due: Monday, October 26th**

**Order Pick-Up: Friday, December 4th**

(Pick up in the SRS Music Room)



**All Proceeds Benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip  
to Washington, D.C.**

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

# MONSTER MASH

HALLOWEEN COSTUME & DANCE PARTY  
**FRIDAY, OCT. 30TH | 6-8PM | ACTIVITY CENTER**

\$5 PER PERSON OR \$20 PER FAMILY  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

PIZZA AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE (SEE BELOW)

COSTUMES MUST FOLLOW SCHOOL HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES

STUDENTS 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AND UNDER MUST HAVE PARENT OR CHAPERONE PRESENT

PLEASE RSVP BY 10/22

GAMES &  
PRIZES!



COSTUME  
CONTEST!

## MONSTER MASH RSVP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Attending Only, No Dinner

Option 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Dinner (1 large pepperoni pizza & breadsticks for \$15)

Method of Payment (Circle One): ZEFFY CASH CHECK (made payable to St. Robert School)

Amount Included: \_\_\_\_\_



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# HALLOWEEN SCHEDULE

7:30 AM

Students arrive at school

9:00 AM

Parents Sign in by  
"Mary's Room"

9:15 AM

Parade around school

9:45 AM

Classroom Parties Begin

10:55 AM

Parties End - Dismissal

Please sign out students by "Mary's Room"

Make sure to check out the PTO  
Coffee Bar by the upstairs  
elevators open from 9-10:45am!



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# HALLOWEEN DIRECTIVES

## Costume Guidelines (Preschool-8th Grade)

- Costumes must be life-affirming (e.g., Disney characters, athletes, community helpers).
- No masks, weapons, or violent themes (no blood, war, or death depictions).
- No makeup, hair dye, or nail polish applied at school.
- Costumes should be simple and easy to wear; complicated ones should stay home.
- Inappropriate costumes will be replaced with regular school clothes from Angel's Attic.
- Students not in costume may wear jeans and a Halloween or spirit wear shirt.





HOSTED BY  
ST. ROBERT MINISTRY OF MOTHERHOOD GROUP

# ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY

JOIN OTHER PARISH FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN FOR A  
POTLUCK AND GAMES TO CELEBRATE THE MEN AND  
WOMEN OF HEAVEN!

KIDS COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT!

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AT 2-5PM**

**ST. ROBERT ANGEL HALL**

**RSVP TO SARAH GATICA  
BY. OCT. 27TH  
(810) 701-2921 OR EMAIL  
ST.ROBERTMOM@GMAIL.COM**

**PLEASE BRING A \*\*NUT-FREE\*\*  
DISH TO PASS.  
FIND THE POTLUCK SIGN-UP:  
[WWW.PERFECTPOTLUCK.COM/FFXP7998](http://WWW.PERFECTPOTLUCK.COM/FFXP7998)**