



**SAINT ROSE**  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

*Pursuing excellence in faith, knowledge, and virtue.*

**St. Rose Catholic School Mission Statement**

Saint Rose Catholic School partners with parents to provide a high-quality Catholic education with academic excellence in a faith-filled community for children in preschool through eighth grade.

**Prayer for the Start of the School Year**

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonders of our being for mind, body, and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for the understanding; and peace and zeal for their spirits.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

**Message from the Principal**

It is hard to believe that the last day that students were physically on the St. Rose Catholic School campus for in-person instruction was March 12, 2020. These past five months have been perhaps the most tumultuous time that any of us can remember. Since March 12, our world, nation, state, county, and community have dealt with continuous challenges including distance learning, COVID - 19, loss of jobs or income, social change and unrest, the polarization of political parties, and uncertainty about the beginning of the new school year among others. I anticipate the need for flexibility and understanding to be at the forefront of our minds; our students and parent population, my staff, and myself.

Typically for my Welcome Back to School newsletter, I would be laying out the changes that we should look forward to for the upcoming school year, a set schedule and school calendar, and a particular direction for the year. **Unfortunately, 12 days before school officially begins, we are still at a fork in the road; distance learning to the left and**

**in-person learning on the right.** Yesterday, I reached out to the San Luis Obispo County Office of Public Health to inquire about our waiver's status to Resume In-Person Instruction. The county representative that I spoke to informed me that "all waiver applications are in the process of being reviewed." Take that as you will, but **I am primarily planning for distance learning as, at a minimum, that is assured if we do not get the waiver. Once again, as soon as I get any more information regarding this, I will let you know.** I appreciate your support and all that are calling the office to ask if there is anything you can do to help us along with the waiver process. It is out of our hands, and we are awaiting news from the county just as you are awaiting news from the school. The only assurance at this time is that preschool students will begin on campus on August 25, 2020.

Regardless of whether or not we resume in-person instruction on August 25, this year is sure to bring many new changes for our school and school community. I anticipate many community and school events that we usually participate in to either be canceled or postponed to a future date. I have seen a turnover of students over the summer, unlike any I have ever seen before. I anticipate this to continue this year with new friends coming into our school community and some old friends staying at home to attend a home school program or remote learning for the school year. I would like to address some of the known changes.

### **Known Changes for the 2020 - 2021 School Year**

**Distance or In-Person Instruction:** There is the potential that this may start one way and transition to another way during the school year as the COVID - 19 pandemic and associated protocols are continually changing. Most information regarding school policy or protocol on these items is located in our [2020 - 2021 School Operations Plan](#) (in-person instruction) and our [2020 - 2021 Distance Learning Plan](#) (distance or remote learning).

- **Distance Learning Preparation Days:** Please be aware that due to COVID - 19, we will not be holding our regular Back To School Night in early September. Back to School Night is where families can hear about the upcoming school year from classroom teachers and find out the steps to partner with their children's teachers in the educational process. All teachers will be holding daytime and evening Distance Learning Preparation Days (unless we receive the waiver before these sessions). **Please note the times on our school website calendar and later in this document. I cannot stress the importance of attending one of these sessions. Your children will not have the tools necessary to begin distance learning if a parent does not attend one of these meetings. K - 5 teachers will send invites or include them in their Welcome Back letters, 6 - 8th-grade invites are located here:**

- Topic: SRS Middle School Distance Learning Preparation  
Time: August 20, 2020 9:00 am - 11:00 am OR 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98176711005?pwd=cU10Mm9aOFN6OVYzVE5sWWp6d09TQT09>

Meeting ID: 981 7671 1005

Passcode: 6s91MH

- **School Calendar:** The year's school calendar hinges on many things such as learning via in - person or distance models, county and state regulations for gatherings, etc. Please be aware that items may change or be postponed and check frequently.
  - Minimum Days: If we are distance learning, please disregard the "minimum days" listed on the school calendar. We set most minimum days so that our staff can meet and collaborate. As our synchronous instruction for some groups ends at 1:45 at the latest, my staff will meet weekly at the 2:00 hour on Tuesdays. If we are in - person, minimum days will carry forth as they are on the school calendar.
  - The school office staff will update the calendar weekly for the following week. Once again, I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause; however, there are too many variables right now to set the calendar in concrete correctly.

**Facts Management Company: As stated last school year, we are transitioning to Facts Management Company for our Website (including grade books and communication with families), Student Information System, and Financial Management.** I apologize for the horrible timing of this; however, we began this process in November of 2019. It has been quite a burden on my office staff, and we are going through growing pains as some of you have had growing pains setting up your tuition withdrawals. I am confident that in the long run, we will be much better off with Facts than we have been with Beehively. Every school that utilizes Facts has excellent things to say about them.

A few items have come up with Facts that I want to clarify or speak to:

- **Facts Tuition Management:** Email invites came out in late July and again in early August to set up your tuition management schedule. **Please be aware that turning in your registration to the school office does not mean you are registered with Facts. Additionally, the sooner you get set up, the better as you will have more options for your August payments.** If you are having trouble, please reach out to Facts customer service or contact Maria Navarro at the school office. Again, please be patient as this is new for us as well.
- **Facts Student Information System:** This portion of Facts is what the school uses to email school-wide or classroom specific families, digitally hold your registration information, access grade books from the staff and administrative side, etc. As a parent, you will not have access to this side of Facts, however, there are a few items that we have learned that I want to share or clarify with families.
  - **If a student is not registered, their family will not be receiving classroom specific emails sent through Facts as the family information is not in the system.** Families who, for various reasons, are not enrolling, or have not yet registered one or more of their children but want to remain in touch with the school will still have access to the school website (more on this later) and are **put on a separate bulk list to receive my emails and essential communications.** Doing so is more work on my part and my office staff part but I am making this compromise due to the unsettled times. However, I will not ask my teachers to individually email families whose children are not registered with

classroom information, as there is already more than enough work on their table with the current situation. If you would like to keep up on this, please ask a friend to keep you in the loop.

- Our grading policy has not changed and, once again, can be found in the [2020 -2021 St. Rose Catholic School Parent Handbook](#) and in the [2020 - 2021 Middle School Handbook](#). Please be aware that as we learn a new grade book and system through Facts, there may be a few hiccups. Again, changing systems is challenging in the best of times, and I would say that many of us would agree that this is not the best of times.
- In the coming weeks, our current [website](#) will be down as our Facts website goes up. We will communicate with you when we anticipate this happening. Next week my staff will be working with Facts to familiarize themselves with the system and how to utilize it best. Once again, great timing, eh? The new website will have the same information and more but on a new and improved platform.

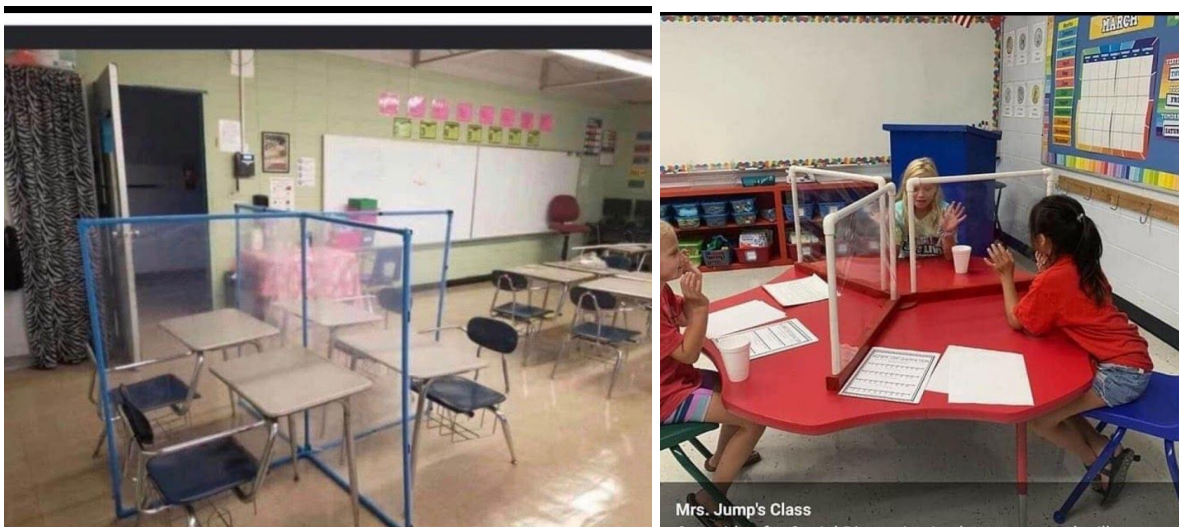
**August 24, 2020, Distance Learning Pick Up Day:** While I hope we don't have to do this, I have scheduled August 24 as the date for teachers to have all of your items ready at school for you to pick up to begin distance learning on August 25. **You must pick up the materials as your children will need them on August 25. Items to be picked up will be placed in front of your children's classrooms by 9:00 A.M.** (6th-grade room 6, 7th-grade room 7, 8th-grade room 8)

- Some families may need to borrow a school-owned device during distance learning. **Please borrow a device only if you genuinely need a device as we have fewer devices than students.** Middle school families should complete the [google form survey](#) that Ms. Visbal sent out on August 11 in regards to needing to borrow a Chromebook, and elementary families should email Michelle Machado at [mmachado@saintrosecatholicsschool.org](mailto:mmachado@saintrosecatholicsschool.org) for needing to borrow an iPad. **Please do this on a need only basis and come to the office to sign a device agreement form and sign out a device on August 24 as they will not be left in front of the classrooms.**
- **Parent Handbook, Middle School Handbook, and Online/Live Streaming Instruction Agreements:** Please see the end of this document for these three agreements. Typically, these would be due back to the classroom teachers by the end of the second week of instruction. Due to the current conditions, **please sign and complete the appropriate agreements and bring them to the school office on August 24, 2020.**
  - Please note that the Online/Live Stream agreement is a Diocese of Monterey form. The short version is that you are giving your child permission to be on Zoom with the knowledge that their face and voice will be visible to the classroom teacher and classmates as they would in a regular classroom setting. The difference is that we are using an online platform and may record sessions for the classroom teacher and student use only (absent students may be able to access these recordings to make up work). **These potential recordings will not go beyond our private school community.** Additionally, this document states that students may not screenshot or take pictures of their screens, and as a parent, you will support and help enforce this policy at home.

**Student Digital Devices:** In June, we decided to split our school technologically. When we began looking at 1 : 1 devices or class sets of devices in 2015, we were very hesitant to use two platforms (iPad and Chromebook). At this point, I am confident that we are ready to handle two platforms and that all school-owned iPads will be transitioned to the **elementary school where students will be 2 : 1 on iPads and middle school students will be 1 : 1 on Chromebooks.** We placed an order for these Chromebooks in early July with a late July arrival date scheduled for school. Unfortunately, a chip used in the making of the Chromebooks comes from China, and it appears that they are as scarce as toilet paper was in March, and Lysol wipes still are. Currently, these Chromebooks are scheduled to arrive in mid to late September, hence my request that only those families who NEED a device ask for one for pickup on August 24.

**Family Requirements:** At this point, I am putting most items on the "family agreements" to the side as it pertains to BINGO, Volunteer hours, etc on hold. As with last year, we will make adjustments to these as we gain more clarity on the upcoming school year. I want to thank all of you who have reached out to ask if they can help either myself or the school during this difficult time. It is very much appreciated, and the community feel of our school is why I am so dedicated to St. Rose Catholic School. I have received PPE and cleaning equipment, hours looking over and making suggestions and edits to my unanticipated summer handbook work, and more.

- **Volunteer opportunity: If you are interested in helping out at this point, please reach out to your child(ren)s teachers to see if they need anything.** Last week I purchased 700 feet of PVC pipe, 36 clear shower curtain liners, multiple connectors, and shower curtain rings so that the staff could start building see-through partitions in the classrooms to help with social distancing. If you are interested in helping with that or donating some additional supplies for this project, please reach out to your classroom teachers.



*Samples to give an idea of what teachers may be looking for!*

**New Family Orientation/Volunteer Orientations:** Traditionally, these meetings are scheduled for the first week of the school year. At this point, I am going to **postpone** these until I have more clarity on whether we will be in - person or distance learning. Once we have begun school and have settled in, I will reschedule these events, which will most likely have to be virtual.

**School Uniforms:** Some of you have purchased school uniforms through the link on our website. Those will be coming in shortly before or right at the beginning of school. Many were hesitant to order in late July or early August due to the situation, and I don't blame you. If we were to return to in-person instruction on August 25 and don't have your uniform or full uniform, we would be very flexible due to the circumstances. We will re-open the store as soon as we get clarity when it looks like we will be returning onto campus.

**PTO and SAC Board:** I would like to thank both our Parent Teacher Organization and our School Advisory Council for their help and support during the school year and during the summer. Our office has a clean and modern new look thanks to PTO and our SAC Board offered support and advice through last year's distance learning and waiver application meeting. Thank you once again to all members of both of these boards.



*A new look at the front desk....*



*...principal's office and staff room!*

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

#### **August:**

**18** Distance Learning Preparation: Kindergarten @ 6:00 PM, 1st grade @ 6:30 PM, 2nd grade @ 7:00 PM

**19** Distance Learning Preparation: 3rd grade @ 6:00 PM, 4th grade @ 6:30 PM, 5th grade @ 7:00 PM

**20** Distance Learning Preparation: Middle School @ 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM

**21** Distance Learning Preparation: Kindergarten @ 8:30 AM, 1st grade @ 9:00 AM, 2nd grade @ 9:30 AM, 3rd grade @ 10:00 AM, 4th grade @ 10:30 AM, 5th grade @ 11:00 AM

**24** School Office open 7:30 - 4:00, Distance Learning "Pick Up" Day 9:00 - 4:00

**25** First Day of School, New Family and Volunteer Orientations Postponed TBA

**26** New Family and Volunteer Orientations Postponed TBA

**September:** As we gain clarity on the situation, September will be updated.

**7** No School/Labor Day

**8** PTO Virtual General Meeting @ 6:00

**14 - 25** Virtual STAR Testing times and dates TBA

On August 17, 2020 St. Rose Catholic School fourth grade student Sawyer Bridger will be the "Kid Intern of the Day" on the Tom and Becky Show on KJUG, 98.1. I've been listening to the show for years on Monday mornings and it's always refreshing to hear a child's perspective on questions that are posed by the hosts. If the opportunity presents itself, tune in Monday morning at 7:30 to hear what Sawyer has to say!



### **The St. Rose Catholic School Experience**

This summer, I interviewed more families that I usually do. One of the questions I always ask a prospective family follows along the lines of "Why are you interested in St. Rose Catholic School"? While I will not address all answers, I frequently hear positive responses such as

- I was raised Catholic or in a faith-based family, and I would like the same for my child.
- I love the small school setting where there is a feeling of safety and attentiveness by the staff and administration.
- My friends' children go here, and they have been pleased with the school.
- There is a sense of community that is not present at other schools.

This list goes on and on. At that point, I usually tell families about the school, my experience as a teacher and administrator at the school, and my experience as a parent. I agree with everything that most state; however, there is so much more. St. Rose Catholic School incorporates faith and morals with high academic standards. Our small school size allows faculty to know all students and better address their needs and "partner with parents." Our community is second to none. We welcome students of all faiths, socio-economic classes, ethnicities, and backgrounds, and support their development to become positive influences on those around them.

In looking back on last February's Parent Satisfaction Survey, I am reminded of what makes St. Rose Catholic School a place where 99.06% of you said that you would "recommend St. Rose Catholic School" to other families. A few highlights include:



- 98.33% of respondents stated that they strongly agree or agree that "St. Rose offers appropriate and challenging academic programs".
- 99.12% of respondents stated that they strongly agree or agree that "St. Rose teachers engage my child(ren) daily in the educational process".
- 99.09% of respondents stated that they strongly agree or agree that "My child(ren) is happy at school."
- 99.10% of respondents stated that they strongly agree or agree that "Spiritual values are reinforced at St. Rose".
- 100% of respondents stated that they strongly agree or agree that "St. Rose helps my child(ren) develop an appropriate set of ethics and values".
- 97.25% of respondents stated that they strongly agree or agree that "Appropriate safety and security measures are in place."
- 100% of respondents stated that they strongly agree or agree that "School administration and faculty foster a sense of community at St. Rose".
- 99.08% of respondents stated that they strongly agree or agree that "The overall approach to classroom management and discipline works well for my child(ren)."

I am proud to be starting my 24th year of being involved with this remarkable St. Rose Catholic School community. Thank you for your support and encouragement in the past and through this pandemic. As always, my door is open for questions, comments, and feedback from our community.

Thank you again,



Trevor Knable



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# HOW WE DEVELOP REMARKABLE GRADUATES

## STEP 1

### BEGIN WITH FAITH



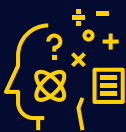
40+ SCHOOL MASSES, PRAYER SERVICES, AND RETREATS ANNUALLY.



100% OF PARENTS FEEL WE HAVE A STRONG CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT.\*

## STEP 2

### ADD KNOWLEDGE



OVERALL, OUR K-8 STUDENTS RANK IN THE 80TH PERCENTILE IN NATIONAL STAR MATH TESTING.



99% OF PARENTS AGREE TEACHERS ENGAGE THEIR CHILD IN LEARNING DAILY.\*

## STEP 3

### PRACTICE VIRTUE



1,200+ HOURS OF SERVICE BY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS.



100% OF PARENTS BELIEVE WE HELP CHILDREN DEVELOP STRONG ETHICS & VALUES.\*

## STEP 4

### GUIDE WITH CARE



SMALL CLASSES (17:1) ALLOW FOR GREATER INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION.



30% OF FACULTY HOLD A MASTERS OR DOCTORATE.



100% OF PARENTS SAY THEIR CHILD HAS A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS/HER TEACHER.\*



## STEP 5

### WATCH THEM EXCEL

UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY SAINT ROSE GRADS IN THE LAST 10 YEARS.

\* BASED ON 2020 PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS.

**Saint Rose Catholic School Family Handbook**

**PARENT HANDBOOK AGREEMENT 2020 - 2021**

We have read the Saint Rose Catholic School Parent Handbook and discussed it as a family. We agree to abide by the rules, regulations, and the policies outlined in this handbook.

**PLEASE PRINT STUDENT NAME (S):**

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**SIGNATURES:**

Parent / Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON AUGUST 24, 2020.  
REPORT CARDS WILL NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO STUDENT UNTIL  
AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL.

**St. Rose Catholic School Middle School Handbook**

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**DIOCESE OF MONTEREY**  
DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**Permission Form for Online and/or Live-Streaming Instruction**  
**2020-2021 School Year**

The Diocese of Monterey Parish & School Operating Corporation, also known as and referred to as “Diocese of Monterey,” and the Diocese of Monterey Catholic Schools are adjusting their academic programs to include online and live streaming instruction. It is the School’s expectation that all students attend their online session at the scheduled time during distance learning. During in-person instruction, the School may live-stream instruction to students who have opted for a remote learning program.

Such synchronous instruction may be recorded by the School in order to provide the same course content to any students who are not able to attend the live session either in person or remotely. Because the course content is being recorded by the school, there is a possibility any child/children’s identity/identities (name/face) and voice will be also be recorded during the instruction.

**To protect the privacy of all students participating in the School’s distance learning program, students and all others (except the school as set forth above) are strictly forbidden from taking screen shots or recordings of the class, the instructor, or individual students during synchronous or asynchronous instruction.**

I give my permission for my child(children) listed below may participate in online classes, which may be recorded, that may result in my child(children)’s name and/or face and voice being identified during the recording. I also agree to partner with the School in enforcing the prohibition against taking screen shots, making private recordings of the class, or otherwise recording the instructor, or individual students. This prohibition extends to everyone in your child(ren)’s family.

Name of Child(ren)	Grade

By signing this release, I hereby release and forever discharge the Diocese of Monterey and its affiliated entities, its officers, agents, and employees and volunteers from and against any and all claims, damages or suits which may arise from participation in, review of or otherwise related to the livestream courses outlined above. I understand and agree that if I wish to revoke my permission given in this Permission Form, I must do so in writing and inform the school. Otherwise, it will remain in full force and effect until the end of this academic year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

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Signature

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Date

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