



**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 Strength and Guidance**

Heavenly Father, thank you for your faithfulness throughout the generations. Your word says that, although people plan their course in their hearts, it is you who establishes our steps. Give me strength and guidance for everything that lies before me. Whatever I do today, your loving eye is on me and you have promised to guide me. Help me to fix my eyes on you as I run the race of life. Help me to walk by faith and not by sight. Strengthen me through your Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Amen

### **Message From the Principal**

Part of the reason why I enjoy working in education is because no two days are alike, and nearly every day brings something new. Something new could be in the form of a student saying or doing something funny or out of character, seeing a student have one of those moments when they finally “get it”, or a moment of friendship and camaraderie with my staff or parents of our community. However, some portions of the job become redundant, and we do these every year. With the beginning of the 3rd quarter on January 24, it is that time for parents to begin making decisions on registration for the 2022 - 2023 school year.

My staff and I are honored that you all have placed your children's education and safety in the St. Rose Catholic School staff's hands. As of this writing, half of our classes are at their maximum capacity with waitlists for the 2022 - 2023 school year. **Due to demand and budgeting purposes, families of current students planning on enrolling for the upcoming school year must register during the "Returning" student enrollment period as I cannot guarantee a spot after the "returning" student enrollment period ends.** Additionally, early

enrollment allows us to budget for the upcoming school year properly. **Please see below for information on registration, dates and timelines, and 2022 - 2023 Tuition and Fees:**

- **Registration Information:** Registration for the 2022 - 2023 school year will continue to be done electronically through your FACTS Family Portal. You will receive an email invite from Michelle Machado letting you know that registration is open, and you may register your child(ren). All currently enrolled students are guaranteed a spot for the 2022 - 2023 school year, provided they are registered during the "Returning St. Rose Catholic Student" enrollment period.
  - **I know that many of you are concerned about the potential of a “vaccine mandate”** for children to be able to attend school, and some of you have stated that you will likely choose to homeschool your children if this comes to fruition. Due to the uncertainty and the lack of clarity on what may or may not happen, I have added a caveat to the registration this year: **If a family registers and the vaccine mandate does happen, and the family decides to *homeschool* their children, we WILL refund their registration fees.** I do not want to see anybody not register and potentially lose their spot in a class due to fear of not being reimbursed. While registering this year, you will sign that you understand that you may be refunded registration fees **ONLY** if the mandate does happen and you decide to **homeschool** your children due to this mandate.
- **Dates and Timeline:** Registration will be broken down into tiers for both Preschool registration and K - 8th-grade registration:
  - **Preschool Registration:** \$200.00 per student
    - Returning preschool students: February 7 - 18 (current students guaranteed a spot)
    - Siblings of currently enrolled Pre - K through 8th-grade students: February 21 - 25
    - Open registration: February 28 - March 11 (non-current students and families)
  - **K - 8th Grade Registration:** Early registration rates of \$350.00 apply to all through March 18 and become \$400.00 on March 19
    - Returning currently enrolled Pre - K through 7th-grade students: February 14 - 25 (current students guaranteed a spot)
    - Siblings of returning students: February 28 - March 4 (brothers and sisters of current students who are not currently enrolled)
    - Open “Early” Registration: March 7 - 18 (non current families)
    - Regular Registration: March 19 - June 30
- **Tuition and Fees: Tuition for the upcoming school year will jump slightly with an increase of 4%. For grades K - 8, this tuition increase amounts to \$258.00 (Parishioner rate) and \$243..00 (Non-Parishioner rate).** Another way of looking at this is tuition increases, either **\$1.35 or \$1.43 per day/student**, based upon your child(ren) 's rate. For preschool students, this increase equates to roughly \$1.53 per day.

- **Financial Assistance:** Financial assistance is available to students in grades K - 8 on a limited basis. Most monies allocated for assistance come from donations and our Scholarship Drive during our Dinner Auction. Financial aid is given on a need only basis and can be applied for through FACTS Management Company, which is linked to our website under [Tuition Assistance](#). **The application window is from February 7 - March 18.** The process is as follows:
  - Family applies through a third party, FACTS Management Company.
  - After reviewing the application and required documents (you will need to utilize your most recent tax information), FACTS will recommend that the applicant at St. Rose Catholic School of tuition assistance be awarded. (Assistance is based upon tuition only, not associated fees).
  - After reviewing FACTS recommendations and confirming monies received through the Scholarship Drive and donations for scholarships, we will send out letters of tuition awards in mid-April.

*According to data received from our 2020 - 2021 Parent Satisfaction Survey, 127 of 128 respondents stated "Yes" to the question "Do you feel that the education received at St. Rose Catholic School is worth the tuition cost?"*

### **New Items/Upcoming Events**

**Grades/Report Cards:** Our second quarter ended on January 21. Typically, teachers complete grades by the following Wednesday and report cards are digitally mailed out one week after the end of the quarter. **Due to the high numbers of student absences due to COVID protocols, I am pushing back the quarter two grading due dates from staff. As is the nature of the protocols, I cannot identify the date that we will send report cards home.** Please be patient with us in this matter, and they will come out in due time.

**26th Annual St. Rose Catholic School Dinner Auction:** As previously stated, due to the early January Diocesan protocols that prohibit large group gatherings due to the COVID 19 surge, we have had to move our live Dinner Auction from Friday, February 25 to a virtual Auction on Saturday, February 26. I'm sure that moving the auction to a virtual platform was disappointing news for many of you, myself included. However, due to the nature of the event being planned and run 100% by volunteers, the logistics included, and the uncertainty of when "large group gatherings" will once again be allowed, we felt that this was the best course of action. Those of you who "attended" last year's virtual auction saw that it can still be a fun event, and I encourage you to join pods or watch parties for this event. **For information about this event, please see our [website](#).**

**Catholic Schools Week: The week of January 30 through February 5, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week.** During this week, schools observe the week with Masses, assemblies

and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members to celebrate. Once again, this year’s celebration has been altered by COVID. Please see the school calendar or the chart below to find out the theme and activities on each day:

Day	Theme	Activity	Description of Activity and Theme
Monday	Mismatch	Student vs teacher trivia at flagpole Award for best mismatch class	Wear the craziest mismatch outfit. Please follow the school free dress code.
Tuesday	Pj and Crazy Hair Day	Movie with buddies	Wear your favorite pajamas with the craziest hair. Clothing should follow the dress code. Students will also watch a movie with their big/little buddies. Food will not be shared during this time.
Wednesday	Heroes or Villain		Dress up as your favorite hero or your favorite villain. You can also have a friend do it with you. Please remember to wear a proper Covid mask indoors. Costume masks will only be worn outside.
Thursday	Sports day	Field Day	Dress up as your favorite sport’s team. Please note that tight clothing such as yoga pants, leggings, and compression wear is not permitted. Field day will take place in two rotations with K-4th from 1:15-2:00 and 5th-8th from 2:00-2:45.
Friday	Formal day	Mass	Students may wear their uniforms or formal free dress. Ladies may wear a dress and/or blouse with a skirt. (Shoulders must be covered by sleeves, a jacket, or sweater.) Boys should wear a collared shirt with dress slacks. Dress shoes can be worn.

**Household “Items” Brought to School:** Please remember that if students bring items from the household to school, there is always the risk that that item may be lost, broken, etc. I know that a lot of children like to bring items from home, but I hate to see when these good intentions go south. Recently, the popular item we’ve been seeing amongst our lower grade children is Pokemon trading cards. While I know they love to share them, talk about them, and trade them, we’ve seen some go missing or be torn over the past few weeks. Due to this, I’m going to ask that students leave their Pokemon cards at home.

## Old Items/Reminders

**PTO General Meetings:** What is the PTO, you might ask? How do I get involved with the PTO? These are questions I hear from time to time. I'll do my best to answer some of these questions right now.

The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is an independent organization for parents and teachers with its operating budget. The PTO aims to benefit the education and development of all students and staff and foster communication with families, and host community-oriented events. All families are already members of the PTO; however, **if you want to get more involved with PTO, you may reach out to Irene Huggins (PTO President) at [ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org](mailto:ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org) or Jennifer Roden (PTO Vice President) at [jnnfr5746@yahoo.com](mailto:jnnfr5746@yahoo.com).**

Until the time feels right to have PTO General Meetings in person, we will be hosting them on Zoom at the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3527193171?pwd=ZHZtY0ZCOXVjSTO3cG1HOVMrZWlWQT09>

Meeting ID: 352 719 3171

Passcode: 8052380304

**Our next PTO General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15 @ 6:00.**

## February Dates to Remember

Please remember that these dates or times may have to change between the writing of this newsletter and the time of the event. Always be sure to check out our up to date calendar located on our [website](#).

### **February:**

- 1: PJ's and Crazy Hair Day
- 2: Heroes or Villains Day, Girls and Boys Home Basketball Games
- 3: Sports Day, Girls and Boys Home Basketball Games
- 4: Formal Day, Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Mass @ 8:30, Faculty Meeting @ 1:00
- 6: Family Mass @ 10:00
- 7: Preschool Registration for Returning Students Begins, PTO Board Meeting @ 8:15
- 9: Girls and Boys Basketball Away Games
- 10: Girls and Boys Basketball Home Games
- 11: Donuts with Dad @ 7:30
- 14: K - 8 Registration for Returning Students Begins, Valentine's Day Theme Free Dress, Second Quarter Middle School Academic Awards
- 15: PTO General Meeting @ 6:00
- 16: Buck A Jeans Day, Girls and Boys Home Basketball Games
- 17: Girls and Boys Basketball Home Games, SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30

- 18: Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, 8th Grade Free Dress, WCEA Pre-Visit, Faculty Cluster Meeting @ 1:00, Preschool Registration for Returning Students Ends
- 21: Preschool Registration for Siblings of Returning Students Begins, President's Day/No School
- 22: Girls and Boys Home Basketball Games
- 24: Girls and Boys Away Basketball Games
- 25: Gospel Awards at 8:30, Mass with Bishop Danny @ 10:00, Mass Attire, K - 8 Registration for Current Students Ends
- 26: First Reconciliation @ 1:00, 26th Annual St. Rose Catholic School Dinner Auction (Virtual) @ 5:30
- 28: Preschool "Open" Registration Begins, K - 8 Siblings of Current Students Registration Begins, CVPL Basketball Tournament TBA

### **Did You Know**

St. Rose Catholic School is up for re-accreditation in March of 2022. Technically, we were supposed to have had our accreditation visit in March of 2021; however, COVID put that on hold. What is "accreditation" you may ask? Accreditation is the process for evaluating and assuring the quality of educational institutions and programs.

WASC and WCEA accredit St. Rose Catholic School. WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) is the accrediting body for the western region of the United States. WCEA (Western Catholic Education Association) aims to advance quality Catholic education for all students in member schools through an accreditation process that promotes faith formation, the rigor of educational excellence, and continuous school improvement. My staff has been working on our accreditation process and report for the past two and a half years and are looking forward to our accrediting team's visit and, hopefully, recertification of our accreditation for another six years.

### **Meet the Staff**

Once again, thank you to our Leadership Class for spearheading the effort to introduce all our the school staff to the larger St. Rose Catholic School community!

*Jeannine Visbal: Meet Ms. Visbal, aka Ms. V, St. Rose's 5th grade teacher! This is Ms. V's eighth year teaching at St. Rose but her first year teaching 5th grade. Ms. V enjoys teaching at St. Rose because of how it feels like a family. She especially loves teaching at Catholic schools and upper grade levels. Ms. V likes the color blue, boating, going to the beach, baking, playing with her dogs Toby and Woodrow. Something you might not know about Ms. V is that she went to nine schools before graduating high school.*



*Stefania Knight: Meet Mrs. Knight, Saint Rose's Youth Choir Director! This is Mrs. Knight's first year serving as the official choir teacher but she has helped Mr. Warren, St. Rose's prior choir teacher, throughout the past few years with music ministry. Mrs. Knight decided to become the choir director when she saw the dedication all of the staff and students have. She believes that choir is about working together, sharing, teamwork, and learning from others. Mrs. Knight loves going to concerts and her favorite color is green. Something you may not know about her is that she is a video game enthusiast.*



*Audrey Roza: This is Mrs. Roza, St. Rose's Vice Principal, Leadership teacher, and Kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Roza has been teaching Kindergarten at St. Rose for seven years, but this is her first year as the Vice Principal and Leadership teacher. Mrs. Roza grew up attending Catholic schools, and found a love for the faith. She started teaching at a Catholic school in Arizona, then came to California and found St. Rose. Even though the drive to St. Rose is far, Mrs. Roza says that being involved in such a great school with great families is worth it. Mrs. Roza enjoys adventures, concerts, making crafts, and traveling back to Arizona. A fun fact about Mrs. Roza is that she has never been stung by a bee or broken a bone!*



Thank you again for your support and efforts in making the St. Rose Catholic School community such a great place for my staff to educate your children!

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