



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 Lent

Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.
Amen

Message From the Principal

We are now two-thirds of the way done with the 2022 - 2023 school year. It is hard to remember if we've had a year with more "rainy day" schedules, especially following the early part of September when we had "rainy day schedules" due to heat and air quality. Regardless of the situation, I am always happy to see and hear from the children daily. This has been a challenging year for me, personally and professionally, and, at times, I felt tired, demoralized, and even questioned myself.

Recently I have had a string of people outside of our school community offer words of encouragement and remind me of how well our students behave, show respect, and conduct and carry themselves:

- A prospective family: during an intake interview for enrolling their child at St. Rose Catholic School for the 2022 - 2023 school year, when asked the question, "why St. Rose as opposed to other schools," they answered that it was due to their interactions with our

middle school students during the Harvest Festival. They said how much our middle school students helped their children and how attentive they were to our guests.

- The onsite director at NatureBridge Golden Gate: when our 6th-grade students were leaving their three-day, two-night field trip, the director pulled me aside and let me know that our 6th-grade students were among the top two or three most well-behaved groups they have had all year.
- A substitute teacher: a substitute teacher stated how impressed they were with the children and said our students were some of the best they've ever seen in 15-plus years in education. They went on to say that the children were always open to volunteering, said thank you and please, and always finished the Pledge of Allegiance with "May God Bless America."
- Last Friday, I was taking a dump trailer load of brush from the back of the schoolyard. I kindergarten student said, "Mr. K, why are you destroying God's creation?" I didn't know what to say and told him we were trimming the bushes to clean up the yard. He was adamant that I should not be destroying God's creation.

When I hear stories like this, I can refocus myself and know that we are helping parents enrich our students and provide them with a solid foundation to grow upon. However, we do have areas of growth that we are always looking to work on. Education and life constantly evolves, and being open to change and adjusting accordingly is essential.

Our hiring committee has begun conducting interviews for vacant positions for the 2023 - 2024 school year. These vacant positions include:

- Part-time Spanish instructor: [Posting and Job Requirements](#)
- Full-time Middle School Math / Social Studies: [Posting and Job Requirements](#)
- Full-time Teacher's Assistant: [Posting and Job Requirements](#)
- Part-time Middle School Math: [Posting and Job Requirements](#)
- Part-time Middle School Social Studies: [Posting and Job Requirements](#)

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about these positions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Some, such as part-time jobs, could be combined to make a full-time position if an applicant is qualified.

"I love Saint Rose because of the great teachers teach us all about God, and even though I am not Catholic, I still like going to church, learning about God, and being included" - 3rd Grade Student Emerie Westerling as quoted for our 2022 - 2023 school yearbook.

New Items/Upcoming Events

27th Annual St. Rose Catholic School Auction: We are excited to once again be back "in person" for our dinner auction, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2023, at the Paso Robles Inn. Unbelievably, the event sold out in about four weeks! We need volunteers to help with the event, which is a great way to take care of service hours. If you want more information about volunteering for this event, don't hesitate to contact our auction chair, Jennie Sturgeon.

2023 - 2024 Registration Update: We have moved into our Open Registration period, and I have begun interviews with prospective families looking to enroll for the upcoming school year. At this point, I anticipate available spots in Kindergarten and first grade, with a sporadic spot available here or there in second through sixth grade. If a new family states that they were referred to the school by a current school family upon registration, I would like to thank the referring family by providing them with a \$150.00 check as a thank you.

7th and 8th Grade Service: A huge shout-out goes to Ms. Uribe and our 7th and 8th-grade classes. Recently both classes channeled service to help give back to the community. Our 8th-grade class participated in the Sera Sock Drive and helped collect 1,065 pairs of socks for needy people. Not to be outdone, our 7th-grade class donated funds collected from our Buck A Jeans Day to the Central Coast Honor Flight dedicated to helping military veterans travel to Washington, DC, to visit memorials from respective wars they fought in at no cost. To read about Honor Flight members visiting our 7th-grade classroom, please visit [here](#).



8th-grade students donating socks to the Sera Sock Drive

Extended Care Wish List: Thank you for all that pre-register for extended care. It helps us plan accordingly and allows our extended care director to get a jump on daily sign-ins. If anyone has any extra board games or embroidery hoops at home that they no longer use, extended care would love to have those donated!

Italian Catholic Federation: Have you ever purchased dinner from the “ICF” at one of their Spaghetti or Pasta Feeds? If so, you’ve been treated to a great meal from the Italian Catholic Federation. Recently, the ICF has taken to giving back to its members, who are also school parents, by fully funding members’ children’s registration fees. To receive this benefit, you must become a member of the ICF. If you want to learn more about the ICF, please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Old Items/Reminders

PTO General Meetings: What is the PTO? How do I get involved with the PTO? I hear these questions occasionally, and 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, 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 contact Jennifer Roden (PTO President) at jnnfr5746@yahoo.com.

Our next PTO General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, @ 3:00 in the school library. Parents receive one hour of service hour credit for each meeting attended.

Extended Care Sign Up: Thank you to those using our website’s Sign Up Genius link to pre-register your children for extended care. It has been working well with most students pre-registered so that we don't go over a safe number of students daily. It worked so well that some have been signing children up, and we then have several "no-shows" holding up others from registering and holding spots that are not being used. Please remove your children's names by noon on the day they are signed up so that space opens up and we are not looking for a child. Beginning February 1, 2023, a \$25.00 "no show" fee will be added to your FACTS account for every third "no show" at extended care. Families can easily avoid this fee by removing their children's names from the list before noon if they are not attending extended care.

March 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](#).

March

23 Boys Volleyball Home Game @ 3:45

24 Quarter 3 Ends, School Lenten Mass @ 8:30, 5th Grade San Luis Ambulance Field Trip

29 Parent Talk on the Eucharist @ 6:00

31 Spirit Shirts, Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Lenten Reconciliation @ 9:30

April

- 1 SRS Dinner Auction
- 2 Family Mass @ 10:00
- 3 PTO Board Meeting @ 8:15
- 5 Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Extended Care Closed, Stations of the Cross @ 10:00
- 6 - 16 Easter Recess
- 17 Middle School 3rd Quarter Academic Awards @ 8:00
- 18 PTO General Meeting @ 3:00
- 19 Buck A Jeans Day, Principal For A Day (Auction Highest Bidder)
- 20 Boys Volleyball Home Game @ 3:45, SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30
- 21 Pastries With Parents @ 7:30, STEM Fair, 8th Grade Free Dress, Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Faculty Cluster Meeting @ 1:00
- 22 First Communion Retreat @ 9:30
- 26 Parent Talk on Eucharist @ 6:00
- 27 Boys Volleyball @ SLOCA @ 3:45
- 28 Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Spirit Shirts, SRS BBQ @ 4:00

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!

Trevor



St. Patrick's Day fun in 2nd grade!

REGISTRATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ST. ROSE CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL – JR. HIGH SCHOOL

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you St. Rose of Lima Branch 354 of the Italian Catholic Federation. Many of you may be aware of our organization as a result of our sponsorship of the Semi-Annual Pasta Dinners at St. Rose of Lima's Church in Paso Robles.

The Italian Catholic Federation is much more than the Semi-annual pasta Dinners. In the Italian Catholic Federation we encourage and promote faith renewal, apostolic and charitable works as well as Catholic education. The ICF Branch 354 funds academic scholarships for graduating St. Rose 8th graders, local high school seniors entering their first year of college, and college student's continuing their education.

I would like to share with you a Student Registration Financial Assistance Program the ICF Branch 354 would like to implement at St. Rose Catholic Preschool – Jr. High School. For ICF families who have children attending St. Rose Catholic Preschool – Jr. High School to participate in this program you must be an active participating member of the ICF Branch 354. You do not have to be of Italian heritage to be a member of the ICF (my wife is Mexican American). One of the adults in the school family must be Catholic.

The monies dedicated to this Program will be raised from the new Fundraisers we sponsor each year. There is no "FINANCIAL MEANS" Test Stipulation to participate in this Registration Assistance Program. The only criteria are your family is an active participating member of the ICF Branch 354 and you have children attending St. Rose Catholic Preschool – Jr. High School. Those families who meet our criteria, who want to participate in this Registration Assistance Program, will share equally per student in the amount of monies dedicated to this program. For example, 10 students sharing \$1,000, each student would receive \$100 in registration assistance. The more successful our fundraising efforts for the program, the more money will be allocated per student.

If you would like to participate in this program and are not yet a member of the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 354, please contact me (David Zanini) at (805) 610-8167. I would be happy to share more information with you about the ICF and the commitment involved. We look forward to your participation in this unique Church family organization.

**David Zanini, President
ICF Branch 354**

ICF BRANCH 354 (PASO ROBLES) REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- The purpose of the ICF Branch 354 Registration Assistance Program is to promote parochial Catholic education and encourage the goals and objectives of the ICF among Catholic families in our community.
- The registration assistance is limited to families who are active members of ICF Branch 354, Paso Robles.
- The families who participate in the ICF Branch 354 Registration Assistance Program must have their children enrolled in a parochial Catholic school, which requires an academic year pre-registration.
- The families who wish to participate in the ICF Branch 354 Registration Assistance Program must participate in fundraising activities of ICF Branch 354 and/or attend five (5) meetings.
- The funds dedicated to this Registration Assistance Program are derived from identified fundraising activities.
- The Board of the ICF Branch 354 will determine the amount of Branch 354 funds disbursed to the Registration Assistance Program from the fundraising activities.
- The funds allocated to the Registration Assistance Program will be disbursed by dividing the funds by the number of children of active families participating in the Registration Assistance Program.
- The families in ICF Branch 354, who are interested in participating in the Registration Assistance Program, must contact the Branch 354 Treasurer.
- The disbursed funds will be sent to the schools involved in the name of the individual child of the family participating in the Registration Assistance Program by the Branch Treasurer.