



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 Mr. Warren's Retirement

We come to you in thankfulness for the many years of service given by Mr. Warren, who is retiring. Our community thanks you for the long term contributions Mr. Warren has made in executing daily tasks, in his loyalty to St. Rose Catholic School and Parish and his sharing of his experience and wisdom with us. We are appreciative of Mr. Warren's hard work and dedication. He had adapted to many changes over the years and sacrificed his time when the job demanded it.

Mr. Warren has been a mentor and friend to his fellow employees and has worked faithfully despite his obligations, joys and challenges.

Lord, we pray for your continued blessings on Mr. Warren during this next phase of his life. May your Presence be with him as he chooses new paths and explores new horizons. May he be blessed with strong networks of friends and family to enjoy the journey that lies ahead. Keep him vigorous in body, mind, soul and spirit. Open new doors of service that will satisfy his desire to give, making a lasting difference in our world. May he find many receptive hearts and minds for the wisdom he has to offer and many recipients to receive his love and care.

Today we leave Mr. Warren with this blessing from the book of Matthew: "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.

Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matthew 25:23)

And so we end our prayer, thankful for what has been and grateful for what has yet to be.

Thank you Mr. Warren,

Amen

100% of 136 respondents to the 2020 - 2021 Parent Satisfaction Survey strongly agree or agree that "St. Rose helps my child(ren) to develop an appropriate set of ethics and values.

Message from the Principal

WE DID IT! YOU met US on the blacktop, and we have reached our goal and will be able to move forward on our blacktop project over the summer! I am humbled by the generosity of the St. Rose Catholic School community. This project is long overdue as it is an eyesore, but most importantly, it is long overdue as it is a safety hazard. For years it has not been "if" a student comes to the office with skinned up knees and elbows from tripping on the crack, but "how many" students come in daily. Any additional partnerships that come in for the Meet Us on the Blacktop campaign will be restricted to improvements of the playground equipment.

As we turn the page to May, I would like to thank you all once again for putting your trust in St. Rose Catholic School for your children's education. This last year has been full of uncertainties, and I believe that, as a whole, education nationwide has suffered. I know that there are many successfully established virtual schools where children thrive online; however, I feel that most children are most successful when they are in a classroom. I want to thank those families who stuck with us through the "distance learning" of the Spring of 2020 and faithfully waited for word on whether St. Rose Catholic School would be able to resume full time, full-day instruction in the Fall of 2020. You also had the faith that if we had to remain in distance learning, that it would be superior to how it was last year. I want to thank those new families to our community this year who either joined us before the start of or during the 2020 - 2021 school year. I hope that you have felt welcomed to the community and that we are meeting or exceeding expectations.

Finally, I would like to commend our students. These children have been so resilient through the ups and downs of the past 14 months. There are few things in education that I enjoy more than being on a playground or being in my office and hearing the children's shouts of joy and excitement as they play with their friends on the yard. I am optimistically hopeful that we return to as much normalcy as possible by the start of the 2021 - 2022 school year. We all deserve it!





WE DID It!!!

New Items

8th Grade Baccalaureate/Graduation: We are less than a month away from our St. Rose Catholic School's Class of 2021 Baccalaureate and Graduation. **The great news is that we will be able to host both events. Unfortunately, they will not be open to the school community as we are limited in the number of guests we can accommodate for both occasions due to COVID regulations.** The 8th-grade Baccalaureate Mass will be held on **Friday, May 28 at 10:00**, and the **Graduation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 1 at 5:00** on our school field. On behalf of my faculty and staff, I would like to congratulate the 22 students who make up the St. Rose Catholic School of 2021:

Lila Barrera

Jaxson Brennan

Emilio Canizales

Matthew Carlson

Marco Chavez

Sam Connors

Sarah Connors

Ryan Dennish

Gracie Domenghini

Payton Ecklund

Kiana Keogh

Sophia Lagattuta

Jaron Miles

Lindsay Moffatt

Cal Nolan

Jesus Ortega

Erin Rowins

Megan Souza

Dominica Struble

Anneliese Tracy

Cash Trevisan

Reese Wilson

Stampede to Race and Read: Be on the lookout for information on our **Second Annual Stampede to Race and Read**. For those of you who are new to our community, think of this as a jog and read-a-ton. Unfortunately, last Spring, we could not host this event due to COVID, and I have had countless students asking if we can host it this year. You will be receiving information about this last school-wide event of the year early next week. **The Stampede is a student-driven event and one that I ask that they take the initiative on when asking for supporters.**

Mr. Warren's Farewell Zoom: The entire school community was able to say "goodbye" to Mr. Warren on Tuesday, April 27, as we hosted a Zoom meeting for the children and Mr. Warren. **Mr Warren has been a part of our community since the mid-1990s and has dedicated countless hours to our youth choir, our school's technology maintenance and upgrades, our K - 3 music classes, and devoting himself to the St. Rose Catholic School Parish.** Unfortunately, due to COVID, we could not give an "in-person" farewell to Mr. Warren. By the time you receive this newsletter, Mr. Warren will have completed his five-day train journey to Maryland and will be living with his daughter in retirement. **Thank you once again, Mr. Warren. The St. Rose Catholic School community will miss you.**

Spring Drive-Thru BBQ Wrap Up: Thank you to everyone who organized, volunteered at, and purchased a meal at Friday's BBQ. **Once again, our fantastic committee of Irene Huggins, Jen Roden, Mary Carlson, Michelle Machado, and Anne Marquart.** They have consistently gone above and beyond to make these BBQ's possible. Their efforts helped to **net roughly \$11,500.00** for our school! If you are interested in becoming part of this committee, please feel free to contact me.



Principals Miles Glunz and Nora Glunz spent a day in April running the school! Thank you both for your hard work and it seems that all of the students enjoyed and took advantage of the "free dress" day that was awarded due to students showing evidence of meeting our SLE's.

2021 - 2022 School Year Updates: As stated in the April [Newsletter](#), I will do my best to keep you up to date with any COVID related changes that go into effect for the 2021 - 2022 school year. **Please remember, many changes/policies are at the discretion of the CDPH and their forthcoming guidelines for the 2021 - 2022 school year. What I do know/are likely to happen:**

- **Class sizes in K - 8 will be capped at 28 students.** This cap is up to 6 students per class as educational and social distancing requirements have gone down from 6 feet to 3 feet. **My ideal class size would be between 25 - 28 students per room.** I have no desire to pack 36 children in a classroom.
- **Preschool daily class size will increase to 24 students per day, up from 20 students per day this school year.**
- **St. Rose Catholic School will offer Extended Care from 3:00 - 5:30 for grades K - 8.** As I believe there will still be some "cohorting" restrictions, this will likely be by sign up only as we will probably have to limit the number of children in extended care daily. **Additionally, I see the ability to offer a full slate of middle school interscholastic athletics next school year.** There will likely be COVID restrictions on the activities, but I do see the children being able to play.
- **I am getting a pretty good feel on staffing next year; however, the one area that I have received little or no interest in is Spanish.** I would much prefer to have a human teaching Spanish rather than a computer. If you or anyone you know is interested in this position, please click [here](#) to view the job description and requirements and/or apply for the position. Please feel free to share with those that you know may be interested. **(Note, a BA/BS and teaching credential is required. The teaching credential does not need to be in Spanish.)**
- **BINGO:** St. Rose Catholic School has run a **BINGO program since before I began at the school. Unfortunately, I am "retiring" the program as school profits from the event have consistently decreased over the past ten years as the number of participants has decreased.** At the same time, the amount of work and energy put into keeping the program running has remained the same or increased. The ratio of money received/hours worked doesn't make sense.

Old Items

6th - 12th Grade Scholarship Opportunity: If you have a child in 6th - 12th grade and are interested, please see the following [link](#) to apply for the Albert C. Steele Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is available to children in grades 6 - 12 and has an unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher. Over the past few years, multiple St. Rose Catholic School children have applied and been awarded a scholarship through this foundation. Two of Mr. Steele's grandchildren have or currently attend St. Rose Catholic School.

School Uniform Policies: Please remember to double-check the school uniform policies if you have questions about what "is allowed and what isn't allowed." I know we've all been under

different stress levels this year, but I want to make sure that we follow the dress code. You can find the dress code beginning on page 25 of our [2020 - 2021 Parent Handbook](#).

Upcoming Dates to Remember

May/June:

May

- 2 Family Mass @ 10:00
- 3 - 7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 3 - 28 STAR Spring Testing
- 7 School Mass @ 8:30, Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Faculty Meeting @ 1:00
- 9 Don't forget, Dads...today is **Mother's Day!**
- 11 PTO General Meeting @ 6:00
- 18 Buck A Jeans Day
- 20 Stampede to Race and Read, SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30
- 21 No School/WCEA Accreditation Teacher Workday
- 24 - 26 8th Grade Finals
- 27 8th Grade Make-Up Finals
- 28 Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Spirit Shirts, Baccalaureate Mass @ 10:00
- 31 No School/Memorial Day Holiday

June

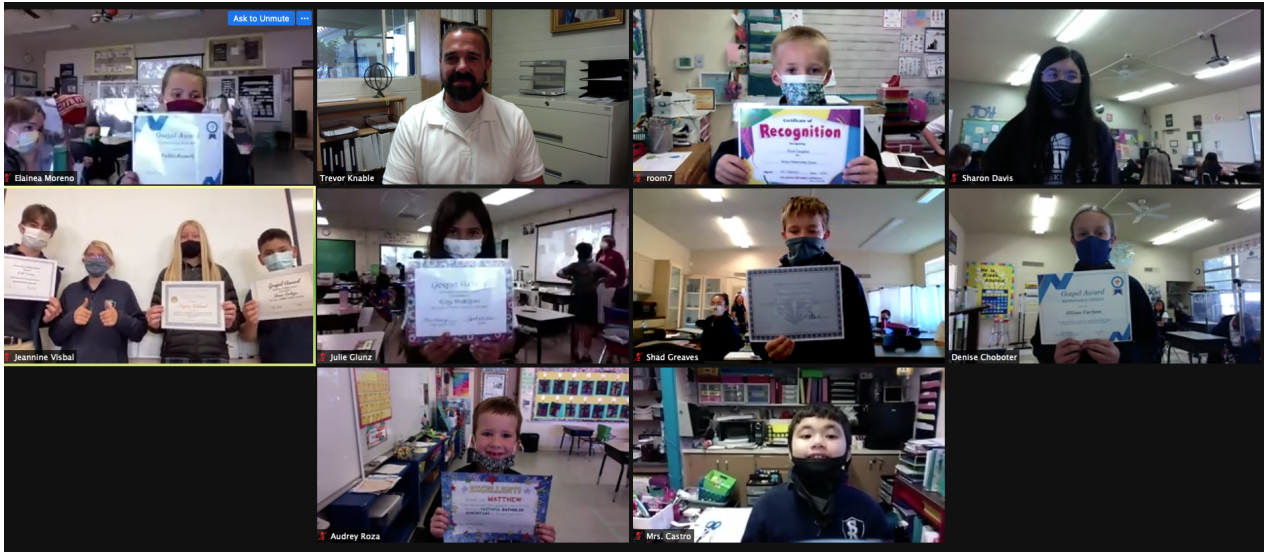
- 1 8th Grade Graduation @ 5:00
- 4 Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Faculty Meeting @ 1:00
- 11 Final Day of School, Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Mass @ 8:30, End of 4th Quarter

Final Thoughts

Some of you have asked about masking requirements for the remainder of the school year and into the next school year. At this point, the masking requirements remain the same. Last week the [CDC released updated masking guidelines](#). The majority of the policies in this update pertain to fully vaccinated adults and thus have little to no effect on our students while on campus. I have consulted our Diocesan attorney regarding this and advised that the Diocese will not consider changes until the CDPH has updated guidelines.

I do appreciate your support in the masking of your children while on campus. This support has and continues to allow us to remain fully open and serve our children how they deserve to be served. I know that you may not always agree with the decisions I make in following the guidelines laid out; however, I appreciate your understanding. I am hopeful that, at the very least, we can have fewer restrictions on masking next school year.

"You provide a small, close family knit setting, which makes me feel secure leaving my child there. I truly feel like everyone is sincere in making sure my child is safe and in a loving environment!"
-Anonymous, 2020 - 2021 Parent Satisfaction Survey



Congratulations to our April Gospel award winners! Callie Russell, Ezra Coughlin, Kara Huggins (Choir Award), Cash Trevisan, Erin Rowins (Choir Award), Payton Ecklund, Jesus Ortega, Ruby Rodriguez, Michael Carlson, Jill Carlson, Matthew Andros, and Connor Huggins,

Thank you all once again for your support. I believe that the St. Rose Catholic School community is like no other that I have ever been a part of!

Trevor Knable