



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.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on our lives. You have provided us with more than we could ever have imagined. You have surrounded us with people who always look out for one another. You have given us family and friends who bless us every day with kind words and actions. They lift us up in ways that keep my eyes focused on you and make my spirit soar.

Also, thank you, Lord, for keeping our children safe. You protect them from those things that seem to haunt others. You help us make better choices and provide us with advisors to help us with life's difficult decisions. You speak to us in so many ways so that we always know you are here.

And Lord, we are so grateful for keeping those around us safe and loved. We hope that you provide us with the ability and sense to show them every day how much they matter. We hope that you give us the ability to give to them the same kindness they have provided to us.

We are extremely grateful for all of your blessings in our lives, Lord. We pray that you remind us of just how blessed we are and that you never allow us to forget to show my gratitude in prayer and return acts of kindness.

Thank you, Lord.

Amen

98.35% of 121 respondents on the 2022 - 2023 Parent Satisfaction Survey strongly agreed or agreed with the statement, "St. Rose offers sufficient worship and prayer opportunities."

Message From the Principal

Wow! October was a busy month! I look back and think about how many large events were hosted in the community last month: The Stampede to Race and Read, Pioneer Day parade, Annual St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament, Harvest Festival, and the Wine Country Half Marathon and 10K. It was indeed a busy month but one that will hopefully be full of memories. Looking back now, I realize how truly blessed our community is.

I am thankful for our community and everyone who makes this such a special place. In months such as October, which was so busy, it can be hard to remember all of the positives and items we are thankful for in our fast-paced lives and oftentimes chaotic world that we live in. As a school community, we are blessed with the ability to bring faith and share the word of Jesus Christ in our daily teachings. We can celebrate the uniqueness of every child, and children can know that they are a child of God.

I enjoy being able to get to know our students; without being in the classroom in a teaching position I often feel that I lose some of the connection with the children. I've been trying to spend more time on the schoolyard these days to just check in with some of the children. One of my more enjoyable moments in October was covering the first grade class and reading with them. During a Q and A session with the children about the book one of the first grade students went a little off topic (as first graders are prone to do) and stated that I "have really big hands." This led to a further discussion about the differences of each of us and we then took a mini field trip to the entrance of the school to check out all of the hands on the walls. Some of our students even found their mother or father's handprint on the wall from when they were students here! It was a neat time and it got me looking into numbers: we currently have 18 students at St. Rose Catholic School that I taught either their mother or their father when they attended St. Rose.

I am thankful for all of you who help make this community unlike any other. We are truly blessed!

New Items/Upcoming Events

St. Rose Catholic School Harvest Festival: What a great event the Harvest Festival was last Friday night, and I hope that most of you could attend this great event. Students asked if we could have the Harvest Festival "every Friday night!" Unfortunately, that isn't to be had, but once again, **hats off to Beth Telford and her group, the St. Rose Catholic School PTO, and all others who donated to or worked at the event to help make this a special occasion.** As always, be sure to follow us on our Instagram [@strosecatholicschool](https://www.instagram.com/strosecatholicschool) to see all the happenings at events such as this, as well as the goings on at school.

2023 - 2024 Stampede to Race and Read: I will say that this year's version of the Stampede to Race and Read may have been our smoothest Stampede to date. From the rollout to the event day to the wrap-up, it seemed seamless from my perspective. **To top that off, this event exceeded our expectations and netted \$88,918.41, which was financially our most considerable net**

profit ever for this event. The Stampede, our second-largest fundraiser of the school year, will be back in the Fall of 2024!

Preschool Expansion: After years of desire and over a full year of planning and jumping through hoops, **we are finally ready to open our new preschool classroom on Monday, November 13, 2023. We will enroll new students ages two years, eight months, through five years in this new classroom.** Current school families will have priority in adding days for their already enrolled preschool children or registering a sibling of a current student. We have quite a waitlist already; however we will give priority to those families who have a student currently enrolled in the school. If you are interested in adding days or a preschool student during the 2023 - 2024 school year, please get in touch with Michelle Machado ASAP, as we are beginning interviews for new students this week and hope to place students towards the end of next week.

95.90% of 122 respondents on the 2022 - 2023 Parent Satisfaction Survey strongly agreed or agreed with the statement, "Appropriate safety and security measures are in place."

Did you Know: Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences are less than one week away. By now, you should have received communication from your children's Pre-K to 5th-grade teachers about signing up for conference slots. These slots will be one-on-one time for you to sit with your children's teachers and discuss their progress. Middle school conferences will be an open forum where parents come into the Parish Hall and meet with teachers on a first come, first serve basis. **We encourage middle school students to attend conferences with their parents. Conferences will run Monday through Thursday from 1:00 - 3:30 and Tuesday night from 5:00 - 7:00, November 6 - 9. Extended Care will be available (no sign-up required) from 12:15 - 5:30 M, T, W, Th.**

For some of you, this may be the first time you have ever had an official Parent/Teacher Conference, and you may need clarification about what you want to discuss. Below are a few questions or items to consider to help get you started:

Some questions you may want to ask the teacher(s):

- Does my student participate in all types of classroom and spiritual activities?
- Does my student show self-control in class and on the yard?
- How does my student interact with others in the class and on the yard?
- Can my student handle the learning materials of their grade or level?
- Does my student enjoy reading/math/science/religion/etc.?
- Is my student's comprehension suitable for their grade?
- Does my student know their number facts?
- Can my student express their thoughts and ideas clearly?
- How are my student's written and oral communication skills?
- Do the other students accept my student in the school?
- Does my student seem happy in class and on the yard?

Some things you may want to share with the teacher(s):

- What your student says about the school, friends, teachers, etc.
- Responsibilities your student handles at home.
- Anything that has occurred in the house lately might affect the school.
- Who are the classmates your student socializes with outside of school?
- Some of your student's favorite activities outside of school.
- How you discipline your student at home.
- Your student's strengths and weaknesses.

November 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](#).

November

1 - 3 All Souls Altar

1 All Saints School Mass @ 10:00, Early Release

2 - 3 4th Grade Santa Barbara Zoo Overnight Field Trip

3 Middle School Honor's Assembly @ 8:00

5 Family Mass @ 10:00

6 - 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences: Minimum Day/NOON DISMISSAL ALL WEEK

6 Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00 - 3:30

7 PTO Board Meeting @ 8:00, Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00 - 3:30, 5:00 - 7:00

8 Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00 - 3:30

9 1st Grade Art Smart Field Trip @ 8:30, Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00 - 3:30

10 No School/Veterans Day

13 Second Preschool Classroom Opens, Kindergarten Art Smart Field Trip @ 9:30

14 PTO General Meeting @ 3:00 in Room 8

15 Thanksgiving School Mass @ 10:00, Early Release

16 8th Grade Free Dress, SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30

17 Donuts with Dads @ 7:30, Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Spirit/Stampede Shirts, Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, No Extended Care

20 - 24 Thanksgiving Recess

29 Buck A Jeans Day, Early Release

12/1 Middle School Dance @ 6:30

12/2 Santa's Workshop Time TBA

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

Negranti's Ice Cream Pie Holiday Fundraiser

\$38/
pie



**HOLIDAY MAPLE PECAN
ICE CREAM PIE**



**HARVEST PUMPKIN
ICE CREAM PIE**

**\$10 of every pie sold between 10/1 and
11/12 goes towards Saint Rose***

- Order Deadline Nov 12
- Online order only (scan QR code below)
- Select pie and select Fundraiser "St. Rose"
- Pickup your order between 11/17-11/22 at Negranti Tin City, 2898 Limestone Way

