

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 Thanksgiving

Dear God,

Thank you for making all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you. We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our own. May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Amen

Principal's Message

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to thank you, the parents of St. Rose Catholic School students, for choosing to send your children to our school. I see so many success stories and positive behaviors among our students. Whether overcoming challenges, showing kindness by helping a classmate with homework, comforting a friend in need, or simply thanking a teacher as they leave the classroom, our community stands out in remarkable ways.

I am writing this newsletter from Yosemite Valley, where our 7th-grade class enjoys a five-day, four-night field trip. I am continually amazed by our students' care for one another, their respect for the environment, and the courtesy they show other visitors in Yosemite. These qualities are consistently reinforced by my staff and by you, the primary educators of our students. Thank you to all the staff and parents for your efforts in shaping our youth as they grow.

Parenting and teaching can sometimes feel like the most challenging jobs in the world. However, your contributions are making a difference, and I applaud you. Next time you feel overwhelmed, tired, or defeated, please remember that only dedicated teachers and parents find these roles demanding.

Speaking of gratitude, Ms. Davis, our 7th and 8th grade English Language Arts and Literature teacher, shared some interesting facts about her students with me.

• Fun facts: 7th grade's STAR results have 80% of the class above the national benchmark, and 8th grade has 94.4% above the benchmark. California averages are 46.6%, according to Caaspp and US News and World Reports. Paso schools' middle schools average 47%, and Templeton scores are 61% at or above the benchmark, according to US News and World Report. All that nightly reading and CommonLit work is paying off! Our 7-8th graders have read over 9.7 million words and passed 153 AR quizzes. They are truly amazing.

Once again, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your unwavering support. The outstanding faculty and staff at St. Rose Catholic School, along with your continuous support, are the pillars of our success. Your involvement in your children's education is invaluable, and we are truly grateful for it.

According to data received from our 2023 - 2024 Parent Feedback Survey, 96.46% of 113 respondents selected strongly agree or agree to the statement, "I believe that there are ample parental involvement activities available."

New Items/Upcoming Events

Elementary Cross Country: Congratulations to our 3rd to 5th grade Elementary Cross Country team for winning first place in the elementary league championships held in mid-October. This team, coached by Ms. Garcin, marked our initial attempt to introduce interscholastic athletics for students below middle school. We received positive feedback from students, parents, Ms. Garcin, and Coach Kellie, and, most importantly, the children had a great time. Due to this success, we plan to offer an elementary option for interscholastic athletics in the Spring. A special thank you to Coach Kellie for spearheading this initiative and organizing a league of six North County elementary schools and to Ms. Garcin for taking on the challenge of coaching an elementary sports team at St. Rose Catholic School for the first time.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher Conference Week is scheduled for November 12-15. Elementary students' families will have designated time slots to meet with their children's teachers, while middle school families will meet on a first-come, first-served basis. We recommend that middle school students accompany their parents to these conferences. You should have, or will soon receive, more information from your children's teachers.

Additionally, I encourage elementary families to stop by to chat with their children's specials teachers (Spanish, Art, P.E., and Music) on a first-come, first-served basis. For those who may be new to conferences and unsure about what to address, here are some ideas to help you brainstorm questions and topics to discuss:

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 students 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 does your student say about the school, friends, teachers, etc?
- Responsibilities your student handles at home.
- Anything that has occurred in the house lately that 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.

Wednesday Minimum Days: I have received feedback regarding the "random" minimum days, particularly concerning the minimum day on Wednesday, October 16. Some expressed frustration about its inclusion. As mentioned, five diocesan-wide Wednesday minimum days have been scheduled for this school year. These days are indicated on the school calendar, and our new superintendent has implemented these days to ensure that all faculty and staff receive consistent professional development training on specific topics. Since most schools have an early release on Wednesdays, the superintendent chose this day for professional development.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming Wednesday minimum days:

- November 20, 2024
- January 22, 2025
- April 9, 2025
- May 21, 2025

Additionally, there will be minimum days during parent-teacher conference weeks from November 12 to 15 and March 31 to April 4, as well as on days leading into school breaks: November 22, December 20, April 16, and June 6. As always, please refer to the school calendar for updates.

According to data received from our 2023 - 2024 Parent Feedback Survey, 98.23% of 113 respondents selected strongly agree or agree to the statement, "School administration and faculty foster a sense of community at St. Rose."

November Dates to Remember

Please note that I will always put upcoming dates to remember at the end of the newsletter in all of my monthly newsletters (which typically come out the first week of every month). These dates, however, may have to be altered during the time of the writing and the time of the event. Always be sure to check out our up-to-date calendar located on our <u>website</u>.

November:

- 1 All Saints Mass @ 10:00, All Souls Altar
- 3 Family Mass @ 10:00
- 4 All Souls Altar, Middle School Quarter 1 Academic Awards @ 8:00
- 5 CVPL Girls Volleyball Playoffs TBA
- 6 PTO Board Meeting @ 8:00
- 7 CVPL Girls Volleyball Playoffs TBA
- 8 Donuts with Grown Ups
- 11 Veterans Day/No School
- 12 15: Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal Fall Parent Teacher Conferences
- 12 1:00 3:30, 5:00 7:00 Parent Teacher Conferences, CVPL Girls Volleyball Championship TBA
- 13 1:00 3:30 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 14 1:00 3:30 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 15 1:00 3:30 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 20 Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Buck A Jeans Day, Diocesan Professional Development 1:00 3:30
- 21 8th Grade Free Dress, SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30
- 22 Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Extended Care Closed, Gospel Awards @ 8:30, School Mass
- @ 10:00, Formal Dress or School Uniform
- 23 1 Thanksgiving Recess

According to data received from our 2023 - 2024 Parent Feedback Survey, 99.12% of 113 respondents selected strongly agree or agree to the statement, "St. Rose helps my children to develop an appropriate set of ethics and values."

Thank you

Trevor Knable

Principal, St. Rose Catholic School

MISSION COLLEGE PREP DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

DIRECTOR JENNIFER BLOMFIELD MUSIC DIRECTOR TARA (OGAN-ANDERSON CHOREOGRAPHER
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MUSIC AND LYRICS BY COLE PORTER

ORIGINAL BOOK BY
P.G. WODEHOUSE & GUY BOLTON
AND HOWARD UNDSAY & RUSSEL CROUSE

NEW BOOK BY
TIMOTHY CRUISE & JOHN WEIDMAN

OCTOBER 25, 26 - 7:00 PM OCTOBER 27 - 2:00 PM NOVEMBER 1, 2 - 7:00 PM NOVEMBER 3 - 2:00 PM

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