

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

We thank you, God,
for creating the world and for preserving it until now.
We thank you for the regular return of day and night, and of the seasons,
and for the dependability of nature and of time.
We thank you for memory, which enables us to build on the experiences of the past;
for imagination, which admits us to a wider world than we could otherwise know;
and for foresight, by which we plan for the future.

We thank you for your patience with us in our failings;

for friends and family with whom we can celebrate our successes; and for those closest to us who support us in our times of need.

Bless this meal and us gathered here.

Bless those with little food or friends to comfort them in body or spirit.

Bless those who cannot be with us this day and those who have gone before us in faith.

We ask this in your name,

Amen

95.50% of 111 parents' responses in the 2021 - 2022 Parent Satisfaction Survey answered "Yes" to the question, "Do you feel that the education received is worth the tuition cost?"

Message From the Principal

Sitting on the schoolyard and writing this during middle school lunch, I'm looking at some great Halloween costumes. I see an alien holding a student, an inflatable sumo wrestler, a banana and a taco talking with one another, three "old ladies", and two inflatable T-Rexs. While their costumes may differ, I see some commonalities: they are all laughing and talking, playing football or tetherball or swinging on the swings. They are PLAYING, which I know doesn't go on in

middle school at all schools. It gives me pause as there is an innocence and not growing up too fast that is all too common in the modern world.

While our students still have the opportunity to be children, I also pause to think about what they are exposed to today that we were not exposed to when we were children. Sometimes while being a fly on the wall, I hear the children talking about various Tik Tok videos, reels, or other things they see on their phones or computers. I hear from parents and students alike about what is being viewed on the internet or various apps. Unfortunately, we can take many positives and negatives from technology.

While phones are permitted at school, students may not be on them except between 2:45 - 3:00 while in front of the school. Students are only allowed to use their phones during this time and at this location to contact their parents or rides. I ask that everyone continue to monitor their children's online usage as best as possible and help preserve this innocence until the time is right.

New Items/Upcoming Events

Stampede to Race and Read: The 2022 - 2023 version of the St. Rose Catholic School Stampede to Race and Read was an incredible success! All students had the opportunity to read or run for enjoyment and raise funds for our school. We capped off the day with a hot dog lunch. It was great to see many parents and friends supporting the students during their Stampede time. While we have yet to reconcile the accounting from this event completely, I can confidently say that we have exceeded our goal of \$60,000.00 by at least \$22,000.00! I will allocate the money raised above the budgeted amount of \$60,000.00 towards the Principal's Fund, which will support an upcoming capital improvement project. Thank you for all that helped make this event possible, including our Stampede to Race and Read committee.

Golf Tournament: We are only one week past our 5th Annual St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament. A little over 100 golfers...wait, individuals attempting to golf as some were not "golfers" came out to enjoy a day of golf and camaraderie at the Past Robles Hunter Ranch Golf Course. This event was open to individuals of all skill levels, but the common theme I kept hearing from them was that it was FUN. Perhaps the team that I saw genuinely having the most fun was the team that won the "Last Place Award". That is one of the great things about this event; you don't have to be a golfer to compete. If you love fun, the 6th Annual St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament will be right up your alley. Thanks again to Laura Orradre, Joe Pechota, and their team for organizing this fun event.

Demeter Wines: Some of you may or may not know that our Art teacher, Ms. Demeter, also owns and runs a winery with her husband. The Demeter family has graciously offered to have a Wine Tasting Fundraiser on November 5th and 6th, with 50% of the proceeds going to support the St. Rose Catholic School Art Department! If you are looking to purchase some holiday wine or want to relax in the afternoon while tasting wine, please consider stopping by Demeter Family Cellars. Please see PDF at the end of this document for more information.

Lead Testing Results: In early October, I emailed school families notifying you of raised lead levels in two of our drinking fountains. Thank you to Brian Sturgeon at Cambria Plumbing for coming out immediately to help resolve this issue. We received the results of the most recent lead test after some work was completed, and we are now in the safe zone and well below the safety threshold required by the State of California.

Lunch Program Update: We are in a holding mode again as the vendor is working on their contracts with local businesses and restaurants to provide lunches for the children. While I had hoped to have this ironed out by now, we are still working on this, and the contract process is currently out of our hands.

Wine Country Half Marathon and 10K: Back after a two-year "in-person" break is the Wine Country Half Marathon and 5...wait, it's now a 10K! The WCR committee has been hard at work preparing for this event to be held on Sunday, November 13, 2022. There are many opportunities for school families ranging from running in the event, volunteering at the event, or even getting the word out to the Paso Robles community and beyond. Please see below for information on how to participate in this event, where most of the proceeds go to support athletics at St. Rose Catholic School!











Join us for the 25th annual Wine Country Runs!

The Wine Country Runs committee of Saint Rose School parents wants to invite you to participate in our USATF sanctioned half marathon or new 10K on Sunday, November 13, 2022.

This community-wide event was started in 1997 by past Saint Rose School parents as a fundraiser and has blossomed into the largest running event in Northern SLO County.

Every year, runners, volunteers, and spectators convene at CaliPaso Winery & Villa for a fun-filled weekend of racing, food, music, beer and of course, wine!

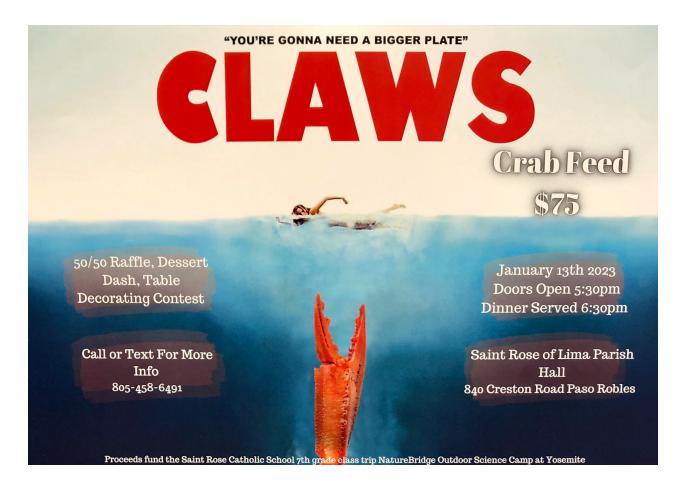
Many of the proceeds from the race are donated to Saint Rose School athletics, as well as other youth sports organizations and charities in North County.

You may register as a runner by visiting winecountryruns.com. To volunteer, please email us at winecountryruns@gmail.com.

Extended Care: During the week of October 24 we began our sign-up process for extended care. To pre-register for extended care, please visit our website, click on the "hamburger", and scroll down to "Extended Care".. During the week of November 7, no sign-ups will be needed due to the week being conference week. Extended care is available from 12:15 - 5:30 as usual. If you need to drop your K-5th grade child(ren) into extended care while meeting with a teacher for a conference, please feel free to do so. You can find more information on conferences in this newsletter's "Did You Know" section.

Pasta Feed/Student Volunteer Opportunities: After a nearly three-year hiatus, the St. Rose of Lima Parish Italian Catholic Federation will again be running their Pasta Feed on Saturday, November 12, beginning at 4:30 (for takeouts) and 5:00 for dine-in. The event ends at 8:00. You can purchase tickets in the school office, and proceeds will be used to support the parish's kitchen upgrade plans. Middle school students may sign up to volunteer at this event (service hours!!!). Service hour sign-ups, information, and student dress code are located outside room 8.

Crab Feed: Once again, the 7th-grade class will be hosting the St. Rose Catholic School Crab Feed. The Crab Feed has not happened since January 2020 due to COVID restrictions. We are happy to offer this evening this year on Friday, January 13, 2023, beginning at 5:00! This event, limited to 250 guests, sells out yearly, and I'm sure it will be a hot ticket this year. Ticket sales will begin later this week in front of the school. Proceeds fund the St. Rose Catholic School 7th grade class trip to NatureBridge Yosemite. For more information, please call or text (805) 458 - 6491.



Old Items/Reminders

PTO General Meetings: What is the PTO? How do I get involved with the PTO? I hear these questions from time to time, 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 reach out to Jennifer Roden (PTO President) at jnnfr5746@yahoo.com.

Our next PTO General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 15**, @ **3:00** in the school library. Parents receive one hour of service hour credit for each meeting attended.

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 7 - 10. 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 talk about. 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.

99.16% of 119 respondents on the 2021 - 2022 Parent Satisfaction Survey strongly agreed or agreed to the statement, "I feel that St. Rose is clean and orderly within the school grounds and in the classroom."

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 <u>website</u>.

November:

- 1: All Saints School Mass @ 8:30, Girls Volleyball Away Game @ 3:45
- 2 4: All Souls Altar,
- 2: CVPL Flag Football Playoffs TBA
- 3: Girls Volleyball Home Game @ 3:45, Girls Volleyball Award Night @ 5:30
- 4: Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Faculty Cluster Meetings @ 1:00
- 6: Family Mass @ 10:00
- 7 10: Parent/Teacher Conferences, CVPL Girls Volleyball Tournament TBA, Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal
- 7: PTO Board Meeting @ 8:15, 1st Grade Kids Art Smart Field Trip @ 9:30, Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00 3:30
- 8: Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00 3:30, 5:00 7:00
- 9: 3rd Grade Kids Art Smart Field Trip @ 9:30, Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00 3:30, Flag Football Playoffs TBA
- 10: Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00 3:30
- 11: No School/Veterans Day
- 13: Wine Country Half Marathon and 10K
- 14: Middle School Academic Awards @ 8:00 in Parish Hall, Kindergarten Kids ArtSmart Field Trip @ 9:30
- 15: PTO General Meeting @ 3:00 in School Library
- 16: Buck A Jeans Day, 1st Grade City Farms SLO Field Trip @ 9:00, 5th Grade Pismo Monarch Butterflies Field Trip @ 9:15, Preschool Charles Paddock Zoo and Atascadero Lake Park Field Trip @ 9:30
- 17: 8th Grade Free Dress, Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Spirit Shirts, SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30
- 18: Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Thanksgiving Mass @ 10:00, Faculty Meeting @ 1:00
- 19 27: Thanksgiving Recess
- 28 12/2: 7th Grade Yosemite Field Trip
- 28: 2nd Grade Kids ArtSmart Field Trip @ 9:30
- 30: Parents Only Advent Retreat @ 6:00 location TBA

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

Trevor



Congratulations to our October Gospel Awards Winners!

St. Rose Fund Raiser at Demeter Family Cellars

November 5th and 6th

50% of all sales will go to St. Rose School and the art department

Get your holiday Wine and enjoy the day wine tasting in the country at our tasting room in the beautiful Hills above Atascadero.

Demeter Family Cellars 6990 Kingsbury Rd Templeton CA 93465 805-712-0002

Drop-ins are welcome or you can make reservations.





You are invited to partake in a "Grand Pasta Feed"

Spaghetti and Meatballs Salad • Bread • Dessert • Beverage

Proceeds will be used to support St. Rose Parish Kitchen Upgrade.

Saturday, November 12th, 2022 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. **Take Outs Available** (Starting at 4:30 P.M.)

> St. Rose Parish Hall 820 Creston Road Paso Robles

For tickets or information call the ICF @ 238-6360, St. Rose School @ 238-0304, Parish office @238-2218

\$15.00 Adults \$8.00 Children





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