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*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**

Father, all of Creation rightly owes you thanks and praise. Your justice, love and mercy abound.

We thank you this day for all that you have given us:

For the Passion and Death of your Divine Son, we thank you Father, through the Cross, He redeemed the world.

For the Church, we thank you Father, it is our beacon for salvation.

For the martyrs and saints who give testimony to your Son, we thank you Father, their witness to your Son is our inheritance.

For our loved ones and friends who have died and gone before us, we thank you Father, their love abides with us forever.

For loving spouses, we thank you Father, together we seek you.

For the gift of children, we thank you Father, they are your precious gifts to us and to the world.

For the gift of our families, loved ones and good friends, we thank you Father, Through them we see the reflection of your Son.

For jobs, our homes and all that we have, we thank you Father, give us only that which we need, as we seek Your Kingdom.

For the bounty we are about to eat, we thank you through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

**FUN FACT:** *Did you know that 99% of St. Rose Catholic School parents reported that teachers engage their children in learning on a daily basis"? (Based upon 2019 - 2020 Parent Satisfaction Survey results.)*

**Message from the Principal**

As we enter into the second quarter of the 2020 - 2021 school year, we are happy to welcome back our 7th and 8th-grade students to in-person instruction. In California, students from 7th grade and above were unable to resume in-person instruction unless the county that the school

resides in had been placed in the Red Tier (school waivers were only valid in grades K - 6). While it was possible that our 7th and 8th-graders could come back on October 13, we decided to bring them back for the first day of the second quarter not to disrupt the Quarter One assessment process. Moving forward, now that we have our student body back on campus, I want to do everything possible to keep it this way. There are potentially some scenarios that the entire school may have to revert to distance learning:

- 25% of all schools in the Paso Robles District must close their doors to in-person instruction as mandated by the San Luis Obispo County Office of Public Health.
- 5% of the student and staff population of St. Rose Catholic School tests positive for COVID 19.
- The county of San Luis Obispo hits twice the metrics for being in the Red Tier, *and* our public health officer requires shutting down of schools.
- I feel that I cannot maintain my faculty and student population's safety to the best of our abilities.

With the cold and flu season on the horizon, I am asking everyone to be as diligent as possible and always err on the side of caution. **On Tuesday, October 27, all principals in the Diocese of Monterey received an updated directive on Diocesan health and safety protocols related to COVID 19.** These directives follow and have been adopted from the [CDC](#) and [California Department of Public Health Framework for K - 12 Schools](#) and have been written in an 8 page "If This, Then That" flowchart for schools. I will do my best to condense this into a short narrative for you and you may print out a bulleted list at the end of this document:

1. **If a student exhibits [COVID 19 symptoms](#) and is not identified as a [close contact](#) to a positive case:**
  - a. The student will be isolated and sent home, testing will be recommended, and the class and school will remain open.
    - i. **Note:** Siblings are not required to be sent home until/unless the sick student has a confirmed case of COVID 19 OR the siblings are also symptomatic.
  - b. Student can return to school when they have been 24 hours fever free without the help of medication, symptoms have improved, AND ten days have passed since the onset of symptoms, OR if no test is taken, the student may return with a doctor's note that cites a non-infectious diagnosis (example: asthma, allergies, migraines, etc.)
    - i. If the student is tested and confirmed to have COVID 19, the student can return to class after 10-day isolation from the onset of symptoms per public health\*. [Cohort](#)/close contacts can return to school 14-days after last known exposure if children do not experience any COVID 19 symptoms per public health.
    - ii. If the student is tested, and COVID 19 results come back negative, the student can return to class after they have been fever-free without the help of medication, had an improvement of symptoms, and have no known contact with a COVID 19 positive case.
      - a. \*If a positive case of COVID 19 is reported, Public Health will be notified for guidance.

**2. If a student is identified as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID 19:**

- a. The student will be isolated and sent home, testing will be recommended, and class and school will remain open. Public Health will be called to confirm the quarantine protocol for the student and cohort.
  - i. The student will be required to have a 14-day self-quarantine from the last known exposure to COVID 19 positive case.
    - a. **Note:** a negative COVID 19 test will not shorten the required 14-day self-quarantine.

**3. If a student is confirmed to have COVID 19:**

- a. The student will be able to return to school after 10-day isolation from the onset of symptoms per public health, the student is fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication, and symptoms have improved.
- b. The cohort and close contacts will most likely (pending guidance from public health) have to self-quarantine for 14-days per public health. The cohort and close contacts may return to school 14-days after the last known exposure, as long as the child does not experience any COVID 19 symptoms.

School cleaning protocols will continue to follow along with those stated in our [2020 - 2021 School Operations Plan](#). If you haven't already done so, please consider getting your child vaccinated against the flu this year to help avoid having to wind your way through all of these protocols.

**In accordance with the health and safety theme of this section, I wanted to briefly discuss protocols for travel with the Holiday Season almost upon us. Many of you have recently asked about out of state or international travel and what the protocols are.**

- **Out of state travel: California does not have a mandatory quarantine for travelers coming from out of state or returning to California.** As a school, we will be following CDPH guidelines on this. Please feel free to return to school upon traveling out of state; however, **if you suspect that your children may have been in contact with anyone with COVID 19, or is exhibiting any symptoms, your child will follow the protocol listed above.** Please be especially cautious and take into consideration postponing travel to “COVID hot spots” in the United States.
- **International travel: As of late August 2020, the CDC dropped their quarantine guidance upon return to the U.S. for American citizens traveling internationally.** This includes travel to those countries that are designated as “Level 3 - High Risk”. For information on foreign travel, please refer to the [CDC Travel Notice Map](#). Upon return to the United States, please refer to the CDC’s [After You Travel](#) page for recommendations. From a school perspective, I am asking that everyone do their part and be as safe and careful as possible whenever and wherever you travel. There are areas in the United States that are considered “COVID hot spots” with higher case rates than many international destinations. Simply put, be safe, be careful. **If you have any inclination that you or your family has been exposed to COVID or are experiencing ANY symptoms, plan to stay home for a 14 day quarantine period.**

## Updates/New Items

**School Uniforms:** School store orders should be in the office on or before Friday, November 13. **We will be changing the opening dates on the school store to open for one week every month.** If you missed your chance to order on the past "opening," please note that the store will open again on **Monday, November 2, and close on Friday, November 6.** Once the store closes, delivery to the school is estimated at two weeks from store closing. Please see the school [calendar](#) for future opening dates (roughly the first week of every month). **As a reminder, after Thanksgiving recess, all students will be expected to wear school clothing per our [2020 - 2021 Family Handbook](#) pages 25 - 27.**

**Extended Care:** Extended care, re-opened on Monday, October 19. Once again, it will be limited to 18 students per day, and our hours will be adjusted to run from 3:00 - 5:00 as additional cleaning time will be required and will run from 5:00 - 5:30. **To sign your children up for October 19 - November 30, please click [here](#).** So far, our numbers have been extremely low as we have yet to have more than one student in a day. By the end of November, I will need to decide whether we can continue running the program due to low numbers. **If you plan on utilizing extended care this year, please take this four question [survey](#) by November 13 to help in my planning.**

**New Middle School Chromebooks:** Our 7th and 8th-grade students were welcomed back to in-person instruction with new Chromebooks. **All 18 of our grade students received a new device for their one to one usage for the 2020 - 2021 school year compliments of a very generous donation from the local [Italian Catholic Federation](#) Branch 354.** The Italian Catholic Federation has a long-standing tradition of working with St. Rose Catholic School to support our programs and scholarships for our graduating 8th-grade students. If you are interested in finding out more information about this group, please click on the link above.



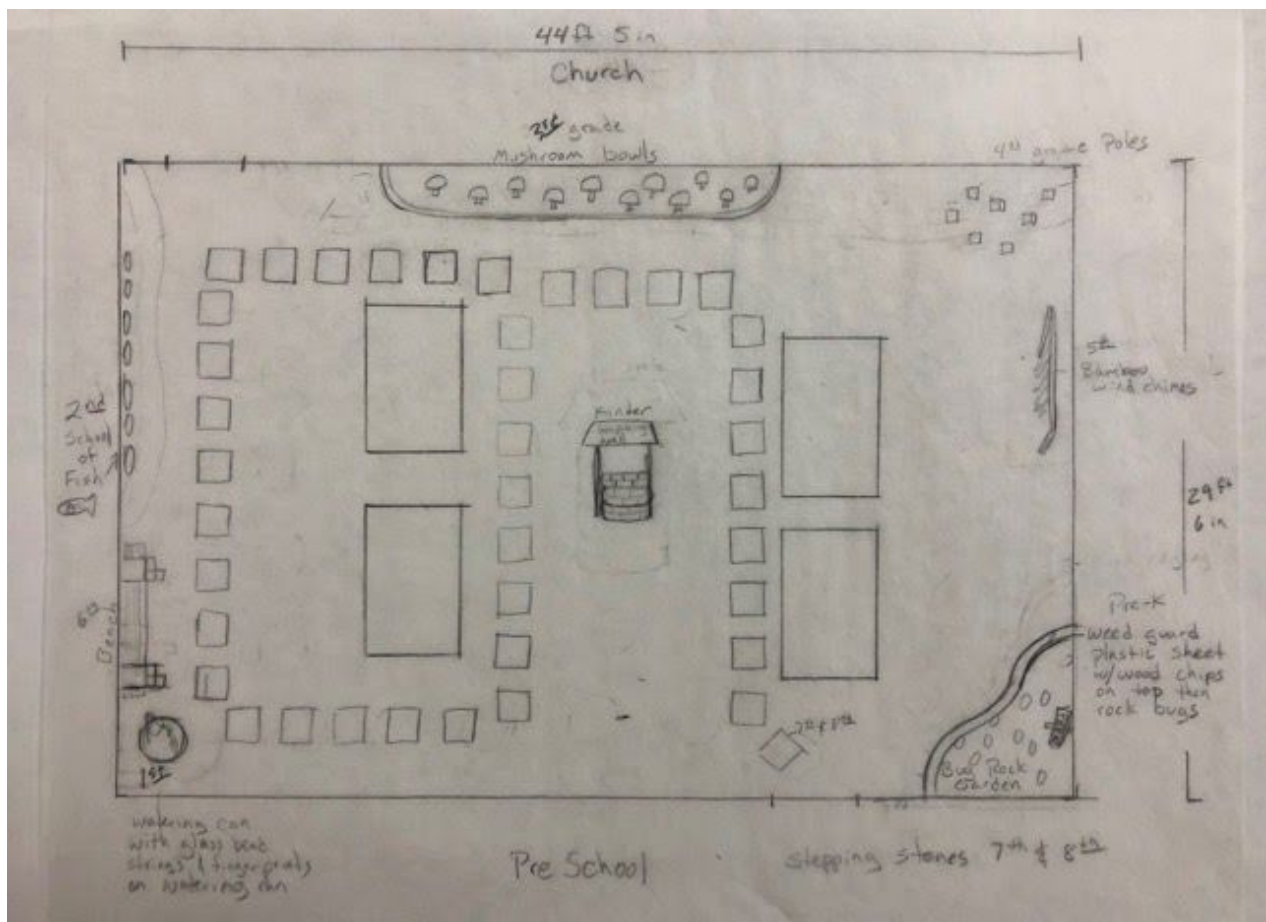
*St. Rose Catholic School 8th-grade students with new Chromebooks*

**School "Sculpture" Garden:** For many years, the school "garden" has seen its ups and downs. Some years things grow, some years they don't, some years they grow until kids go home for summer, and then the garden dies. Ms. Demeter has come up with a solution that I am very in



favor of. She would like to utilize some art class time this year to make a "sculpture" garden out of primarily recycled or used materials. Students, not Ms. Demeter, will be the ones building this class by class. If you are interested in donating any of the following materials to help with this garden (that will not die during the summer), please contact Ms. Demeter at [ddemeter@saintrosecatholicsschool.org](mailto:ddemeter@saintrosecatholicsschool.org).

Class section	Number of items needed
Pre K	32 rocks
Kinder	wood for the sides and the top of the well
1st grade	metal watering can & garden hanging hook, stones & beads (glass)
2nd grade	someone to help cut out fish
3rd grade	18 bowls
4th grade	20-1 foot sections of redwood 4x4 and caps for the top
5th grade	wood for a frame structure to hang bamboo
6th grade	14 cinder blocks wood planks for bench
7th and 8th grade	40 cement pavers
Teachers	pole to attach signs to 35ft of rebar



**Negranti Ice Cream Pie Fundraiser:** It's time for this year's Negranti Ice Cream Pie Fundraiser! Top off your holiday meal with a delicious ice cream pie! Order here <https://www.negranticreamery.com/shop-negranti-merch-sweets> or go to [negranticreamery.com](https://www.negranticreamery.com), click on *Shop*, choose any (or all!) of the Fundraiser Pies. **Don't forget to choose St. Rose as the supporting school when ordering! Deadline for Thanksgiving orders is Nov. 18th.** You will

receive an order confirmation with pick up instructions. Don't forget to share this link with your friends, colleagues, and family!



*Ice cream pie, anyone?*

**Middle School ELA:** I would like to take this opportunity to share a letter to you from Ms. Davis, who teaches our 6 - 8th grade English and Language Arts. Ms. Davis has very high expectations for her students, and the results are impressive!

***What have the Middle School Students been doing during the first quarter in Language Arts & Literature?***

*In Nine weeks, with most still distance learning:*

- 1. They have completed over 25,000 IXL grammar, reading, and writing questions.*
- 2. Completed eight units of spelling and grammar using Wordly Wise's online program.*
- 3. Each class has completed a novel study: The Hundred Dresses (6), The Outsiders (7), and Farewell to Manzanar (8).*
- 4. All three classes have completed at least one essay from outline, to editing, to final draft on topics ranging from comparing and contrasting life in an internment camp and during our pandemic to following a character's development throughout a novel. Sixth Grade has completed its first research report on a Saint of their choosing.*
- 5. Each class read suspenseful short stories as a foreshadowing of their own suspense story in the writing process at this point.*
- 6. Plotlines and plot studies have also been completed during this quarter.*
- 7. Grammar work has been done using the 2020 Manual and workbook. They have each completed over 20 pages to date.*
- 8. They have used online video lessons from Google's Applied Digital Arts to improve their skills using Google draw & slides to create posters and slide shows and brainstorm various topics using Jamboard.*
- 9. These hard-working students have taken over 150 Accelerated Reading quizzes on novels, 400 Nonfiction article quizzes, and read over 8,500,000 words in the first quarter alone.*

Keep up the great work, middle school students, and Ms. Davis!

**School Drive-Thru BBQ:** I would like to give a big shout out to the St. Rose Catholic School BBQ Committee for their hard work and dedication in planning and hosting the October 23 event.

**The drive-thru event was a success as we sold 235 tri-tip dinner family meals.** This was our first attempt at selling beer and wine and the event, and it seemed to be a pretty hot item. **Our BBQ was a huge success with a net profit of \$14,259.06 which turned out to be a 69% profit margin!** Please see the following communication from our BBQ Committee:

*Dear St. Rose School families,*

*Once again, we are blown away by your support and generosity of the St. Rose School drive-thru BBQ.*

*2020 has been an unprecedented year; due to the current restrictions, we weren't sure we were even going to be able to hold this annual fundraiser, but we made some adjustments (some of them worked, some of them didn't, but rest assured we are continually working on improving!). At the end of the day, you showed up for our school and our students with open arms and smiling faces!*

*St. Rose is a small but mighty school with a huge and significant team of supporters like yourselves behind it - we could not be more appreciative! From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!*

*We also want to thank our dedicated BBQ pit crew, Jason Borchard, Matthew Roden, Wes Davis, Justin Kelton, Nate Marquart, and Justin Little; these guys have been with us from the beginning; there would be no BBQ without them! And we can't forget our lovely preschool director, Mrs. Lori. She has been involved from the start and is an honorary member of our committee; we are so thankful for her continued help and boundless energy! A big thank you to our other volunteers for the evening; Christina Borchard, Jim Stone, Taylor Buhl, and Mr. K!*

*And last, but certainly not least, we want to take a moment to thank our many generous sponsors - our primary goal is to give back as much as we can to the school; your sponsorships are invaluable in allowing us to do just that - THANK YOU!*

*the Anderson Family, Andros Family, Arndt Cellars, Best Ever Salsa Co, the Blanke Family, Central Coast Brewing, Dr. Douglas Harrington, Dr. Francis Lagattuta of LAGS Medical Centers, Glunz Family Winery & Cellars, JDusi winery, the Kelton Family, MGE Underground, the Moffatt Family, Ben Hoover of Morris & Garritano, the Nerelli Family, the Nino Family, Oaks Independent Insurance Solutions Inc, the Pecot family, Rebecca Repetto of Stornetta home and land, S. Carlson Plumbing, San Luis Ambulance, Shawna Weyrich of Remax, Sran Family Orchards, Taylor Farms, the Trevisan Family, Vicki Silva, and the Voelker Family*

*With Gratitude,*

*The St. Rose School BBQ Committee*

*Mary Carlson, Irene Huggins, Michelle Machado, Anne Marquart & Jennifer Roden*

*Thank you once again to our hard working BBQ Committee and team!*

### **Old Items**

**Buck A Jeans Day:** Just a quick reminder on Buck A Jeans Day: Students need to bring their dollar into class to give to the teacher if they plan to wear jeans. Jeans must be clean and in good condition with no holes. I know it is a style now; however, students are not to have "ripped or torn jeans per our free dress policy." Thank you for supporting this policy. Additionally, we typically



have the class that hosts Mass on a specific month to choose a charity to donate collected monies. This year, as classes will not be hosting Mass, Buck a Jeans money will be donated to the school for our more extensive than usual janitorial and cleaning supply bills.

### **New Families**

I want to extend a huge WELCOME to all of the new students and family who have joined the St. Rose Catholic School community since the end of September:

- Batlle Family (3rd, 5th grades)
- Boggs Family (4th Grade)
- Brennan Family (8th Grade)
- Ecklund Family (4th Grade)
- Sobotka Family (2nd, 4th grades)
- Spang Family (5th Grade)

Welcome aboard, and always feel free to reach out and contact me with any questions!

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

#### **November:**

**2** PTO Board Meeting @ 8:00

**6** School Mass @ 11:00

**9** Minimum Day/No Extended Care, Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 1:00

**10** Minimum Day/No Extended Care, Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 1:00 and 5:00, PTO General Meeting @ 6:00

**11** No School/Veteran's Day

**12** Minimum Day/No Extended Care, Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 1:00

**13** Minimum Day/No Extended Care, Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 1:00, Virtual Drum Clinic grades K - 5 @ 11:00

**18** Buck A Jeans Day

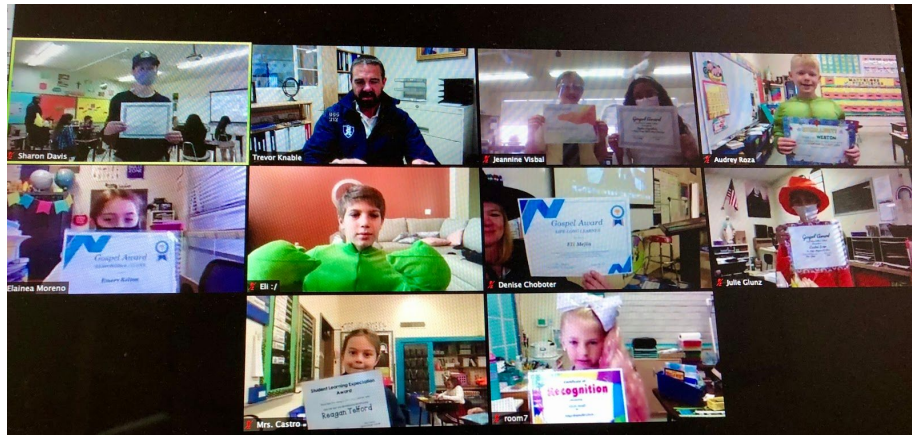
**19** SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30

**20** Minimum Day/Extended Care Open, Spirit Shirts, Gospel Awards @ 8:30, 8th Grade Free Dress, Faculty Cluster Meeting @ 1:00

**23 - 27** Thanksgiving Break

#### **Dec:**

**4** Minimum Day/Extended Care?, Faculty Meeting @ 1:00



*Congratulations to our October Gospel Awards recipients!*



I've always reserved the end of my newsletter for something related to a "Did you know" section, highlight a particular program or person, or discuss what makes St. Rose Catholic School unique. **This month I can't help but change to highlight some observations that I've made since the beginning of in-person instruction this year:**

- **Kindergarten:** What a dynamic class. I cannot help but laugh when I think back to the morning that I walked into the classroom, and it was, well, pretty much mayhem. It was apparent to Ms. Roza that it was going to be "one of those days." She got them up and out of their seats for about 3 minutes to do a "Go Noodle" video and wished Ms. Roza good luck to her for the remainder of the day. About 30 minutes later, I get a video message showing every one of her children sitting and engaged in a learning activity. What a turn around!

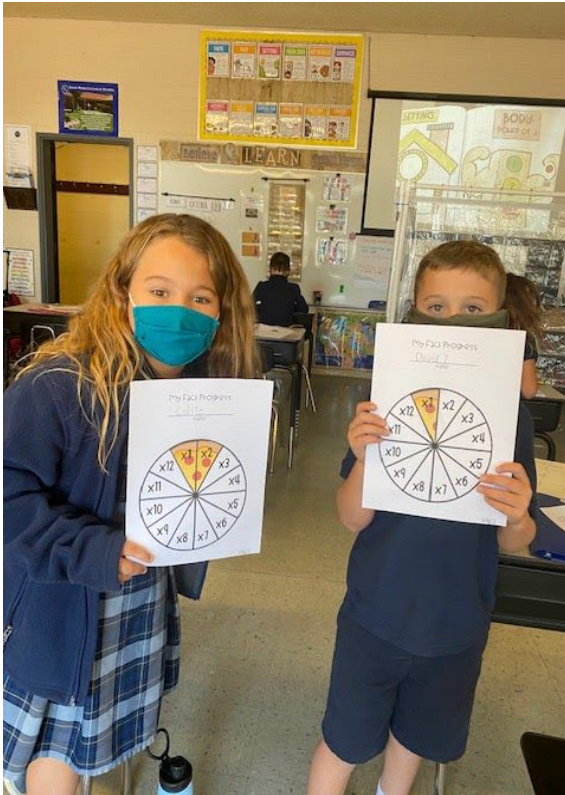


- **First Grade:** I don't know if two days have gone by this year, where a first grader hasn't stopped by to show me where they lost another tooth! I don't know what Ms. Clipperton is doing in class, but the teeth are falling out left and right. I've asked the kiddos what the Tooth Fairy pays these days, and I must say, inflation must have gone up as that Tooth Fairy pays much better than when I was in first grade.





- **Second Grade:** I think back to my first real experience with this class when they were in Kindergarten. At that time, this was a much more heavy "boy" class than it is now, and I was pretty sure that Wrestlemania was going to break out on the yard with these guys every day. I look at them now and see that the girls have put up well with the "rough" boys in the class, and the boys have "figured it out" and have come quite a long way. Excellent work and I can't wait to see how this class continues at St. Rose.
- **Third Grade:** I spent some time with this class in the tent when Fr. Raphael hosted his "pet blessing" for this class. Many of them had stuffed animals, pictures of their pets, etc. They were thoroughly engaged in Father's discussion and care for oneself and others. I will have to give a certain five boys in the class a tip...when you see Mr. K. coming onto the yard, it does look (and sound) suspicious when I hear, "Guys, Mr. K's. coming; be quiet!". Hmmm, I wonder what they were up to?



- **Fourth Grade:** This school year's theme has been adding girls to Ms. Glunz's fourth-grade class. What was once a class of more boys has flipped to a class or more girls. This class has been so welcoming to the five new girls that we have welcomed into the class since the start of in-person learning. I also have to say that this is my "friendly banter" class as some die-hard Broncos fans (including myself) and some die-hard Raiders fans in this class. Just remember Broncos fans, you've won three Super Bowls since the last Raiders Super Bowl victory after the 1983 season...which some of you may not have even been alive for!
- **Fifth Grade:** This is another class that has gained students recently. Our fifth Grade has welcomed three new boys into the class in the last month. I love to see this class growing as I feel that larger classes bring more diversity to the bunch and offer children more options. I'm intrigued to find out who won the VERY competitive game of social studies and science jeopardy in this class.





- Sixth Grade:** For seven weeks, they were the top dogs, the oldest students on campus. Now, they are back to the middle school totem pole; however, they are in good spirits. The transition to middle school is always tough, especially this year. This class has shown resilience at school in taking on these new challenges. I do enjoy watching this class "play." They are a unique middle school class that is holding onto their youthful energy and games; they may use the play structure more than any other class.

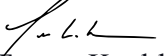


- Seventh and Eighth Grade:** Unfortunately, they have been gone for the entire first quarter. Fortunately, they are back on campus now, and the majority seem very happy. I'm looking forward to being around these two groups because, as many of you know, middle school is where my teaching passion was. I've always enjoyed the discussions we've had in class, seeing critical thinking skills put to work, and being able to take these groups on



multi-day overnight field trips. At this point, I don't know where these will stand (seventh Grade missed out on Golden Gate last year and Yosemite this year while eighth Grade got their two previous trips in), but I hope to be able to, at a minimum, get seventh-graders two overnight trips next school year. I can say that when looking at our seventh and eighth-grade students, I am blown away by how much they have grown, matured, persevered through this difficult time.

Thank you again,

  
Trevor Knable



*Happy Halloween from St. Rose Catholic School Staff!*





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**Quick Glance Illness Protocol COVID 19**

**1. If a student exhibits COVID 19 symptoms and is not identified as a close contact to a positive case:**

- a. *The student will be:*
  - i. isolated and sent home
  - ii. testing will be recommended
  - iii. the class and school will remain open.
    - a. **Note:** Siblings are not required to be sent home until/unless the sick student has a confirmed case of COVID 19 OR the siblings are also symptomatic.
- b. *Student can return to school (in the absence of COVID testing) when*
  - i. they have been 24 hours fever free without the help of medication
  - ii. AND symptoms have improved
  - iii. AND ten days have passed since the onset of symptoms
  - iv. OR if a child obtains a doctor's note that cites a non-infectious diagnosis (example: asthma, allergies, migraines, etc.)

*If the student is tested and confirmed to have COVID 19 the student can return to class*

- v. after ten day isolation from onset of symptoms per public health
- vi. Cohort/close contacts can return to school 14-days after last known exposure if children do not experience any COVID 19 symptoms per public health.

*If the student is tested, and COVID 19 results come back negative, the student can return to class*

- vii. after they have been fever-free without the help of medication for 24 hrs
- viii. symptoms have improved
- ix. have had no known contact with a COVID 19 positive case
  - a. **Note:** If a positive case of COVID 19 is reported, Public Health will be notified for guidance.

**2. If a student is identified as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID 19:**

- a. *The student will be*
  - i. isolated and sent home
  - ii. testing will be recommended
  - iii. the class and school will remain open.

- a. **Note:** Public Health will be called to confirm the quarantine protocol for the student and cohort.
- iv. the student will be required to have a 14-day self-quarantine from the last known exposure to COVID 19 positive case.
  - a. **Note:** a negative COVID 19 test will not shorten the required 14-day self-quarantine.

**3. If a student is confirmed to have COVID 19:**

- a. *The student will be able to return to school*
  - i. after 10-day isolation from the onset of symptoms per public health
  - ii. AND the student is fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication
  - iii. AND symptoms have improved.
    - a. **Note:** The cohort and close contacts will most likely (pending guidance from public health) have to self-quarantine for 14-days per public health. The cohort and close contacts may return to school 14-days after the last known exposure, as long as the child does not experience any COVID 19 symptoms.



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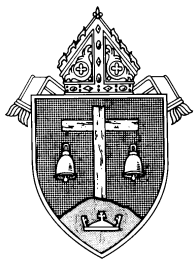
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November 2, 2020

Dear Diocese of Monterey Catholic School Community,

On the Feast of All Souls Day today, my prayers are with you as we remember those in our lives who have gone before us. May we honor their memories and find comfort in knowing they are in heaven with our Lord.

I'm writing to you today to provide a Diocesan update, to share my continued gratitude and to highlight our health and safety protocols.

#### **Diocesan Update**

The Diocese of Monterey includes the four counties of Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo and Santa Cruz. Each week, the California Department of Public Health assigns each county a Risk Level on a four-tier scale, which determines the county's re-opening activities. As it relates to schools, all our preschools have been open since the summer, and grades TK-12 are in different phases of returning to in-person learning depending on the county.

- **Monterey County – Tier 1: Purple/Widespread**
  - Preschools open
  - Waivers approved for grades TK-6, returning in November
- **San Benito County – Tier 2: Red/Substantial**
  - Preschool open
  - Waiver approved for grades K-6, returned in October
  - Grades 7-8 returning in November
- **San Luis Obispo County – Tier 2: Red/Substantial**
  - Preschools open
  - Waiver approved for grades TK-6, returned in September
  - Grades 7-8 returned in October
  - Grades 9-12 phased return began in October
- **Santa Cruz County – Tier 3: Orange/Moderate**
  - Preschools open
  - Grades TK-12 returned in September

More information regarding County Risk Levels can be found on the State's website: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>.

#### **Gratitude**

I would like to commend and to extend my appreciation to our principals, administrators, teachers and staff for their incredible efforts in providing a robust distance learning program and in transitioning to an engaging in-person program. The demands on our educators are many, and the



nurturing environment they provide our students is unmatched. I am humbled by their service to the Catholic schools in our Diocese and am grateful for their ministry.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to our Catholic school parents and families for having faith in our schools. Choosing a Catholic education comes with many sacrifices for a family, and I am grateful for the continued partnership.

### **Health and Safety Protocols**

Our schools are doing a great job in consistently implementing the health and safety protocols outlined in our operations plans. Thank you for supporting these protocols, which include daily symptom screenings, wearing masks, social distancing, proper hand hygiene, cleaning and disinfecting, and illness management. As you know, these plans are based on the guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health and the school's County Public Health Office. As more is known about the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 and its related disease COVID-19, guidelines are frequently updated, which leads to multiple revisions to schools' operations plans.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the California Department of Public Health have provided guidance for travel and for upcoming holiday celebrations. Depending on the school's operations plan, families may need to participate in the school's remote learning option following travel to ensure the health and safety of students and staff. Please check with your school's principal regarding specific school policies. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

### **Prayers**

When the initial shelter-in-place orders were announced in March, it was hard to imagine that Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's would be affected. This will be our daughter's first holiday season, and it will surely be memorable. Regardless of how we celebrate, I am reminded of what we hear in 1 Corinthians 13:13,

*"So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."*

I pray that our Catholic school community is filled with faith in our Lord, hope for the future and love of our families as we journey together during this time.

Sincerely in Christ,



Kimberly Cheng  
Superintendent of Schools