



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 Fall

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

We thank you

for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,

for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,

for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,

for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,

for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,

for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,

for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.

God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit.

Amen

97.46% of 123 respondents on the 2022 - 2023 Parent Satisfaction Survey strongly agreed or agreed with the statement, "My child(ren) has a good relationship with his/her teacher(s)."

Message From the Principal

I'm writing this section as I sit in Yosemite Valley while accompanying our 7th-grade class on their annual five-day, four-night [NatureBridge Yosemite](#) field trip. A lot of school-related items are on my mind, but I am making an intentional effort to shorten my newsletters as I've gotten a lot of "your newsletters are so full of information, BUT they take forever to read" communication recently. I'll do my best to keep it concise.

During the new family interview process, I ask families, "Why St. Rose Catholic School?" instead of other schools. Commonly heard reasons center around faith, academics, ethics,

community, small school/class size, and faith-based teachings on gender identity. While I agree with all of these, I like to sit back and observe how our students act and interact with others on these overnight field trips compared to other school groups, even other Catholic School groups. Just yesterday, we were asked by the leader of another Catholic school group what we do to make our children behave so well. The answer was simple: have high expectations for the children and insist that they act following Jesus' principles. The other leader congratulated us on how respectful our students were and said that they had 30 8th-grade students and 14 (yes, 14!) chaperones on this trip, and the kids were not behaving anything closely to our students. This is a testament to our children and my staff and you and your expectations of your children. It is a team effort, and while we may not always agree on everything school-related, I trust that we all have the same goals for the children of St. Rose Catholic School.

If you want to see some highlights of our Yosemite trip, or pictures from the goings on at school, please follow us on our Instagram [@strosecatholicschool](#).

New Items/Upcoming Events

[Pioneer Day Parade](#): Come out and support St. Rose Catholic School either by signing up to ride on the school trolley or float or just watching the parade, a great community event in its 93rd year. **The event will take place on Saturday, October 14, and more information will come from PTO on how to volunteer for the event or sign up for your children to participate.**

6th Annual St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament: Calling all golfers! Come join in on the **6th Annual St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament at Hunter Ranch on Sunday, October 22, 2023**. The event will feature a shotgun start at 9:00, with lunch at 12:30, followed by awards and raffle winners announced. **You may register by going to our school website or clicking [here](#)**. The event costs \$175.00 per participant, with all proceeds returning to St. Rose Catholic School. **For questions about the event, please get in touch with Laura Orradre at saintrosegolftournament@gmail.com.**

[Wine Country Runs](#): Perhaps you aren't a golfer but a runner. Please don't feel left out, as the **Wine Country 10K and ½ Marathon occurs on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at CaliPaso Winery and Villa**. The WCR, established by St. Rose Catholic School parents Steven McAllen and Russ Meznarich in 1997, is not a St. Rose event but a nonprofit community event that aims to support local charities and youth sports organizations in Northern San Luis Obispo County. Many proceeds come back to the school to support our athletic programs. To keep these proceeds coming our way, we need your help by volunteering at the event (yes, you do get service hours) or participating. **Please click [here](#) to join in or learn more about the event. Do you not want to participate but wish to volunteer? Be on the lookout for a signup form to come your way shortly.**

Harvest Festival/Halloween Costume Dress Up Day: Be on the lookout for more information coming home about our annual **Harvest Festival, which will take place on Friday, October 27,**

2023, on the school grounds. Over 400 people attended last year's event, and we expect this event to be more heavily attended this year. All school families and local community members are invited. **More information will come regarding attendance and volunteering at this PTO-sponsored event.** To add a little extra fun to the day, we will allow students to wear their **Halloween costumes to school on this day. Please remember that while costumes are allowed, play weapons, clothing/costumes showing too much skin, or other school-inappropriate items are to be left at home.** A good way of thinking about this is that if you question whether something is allowed to be worn or brought to school, it is probably best to leave it at home.

97.52% of 121 respondents on the 2022 - 2023 Parent Satisfaction Survey strongly agreed or agreed with the statement "Spiritual values are reinforced at St. Rose Catholic School".

Did you Know: Stampede to Race and Read Fundraiser

A question on some of your minds may look like this: "Why does each family have to raise, or be charged, \$400.00 for the Stampede to Race and Read?" I'd like to proactively answer this for you in as few words as possible.

We came to the \$400.00 amount a few years ago when we moved away from two fundraisers whose goal was to raise roughly \$200.00 per fundraiser:

- Script or Charity Mania: \$196.00 to be raised per family by either buying script (as a small percentage of these gift cards was donated back to St. Rose Catholic School) or participating in Charity Mania, where 70% of each of the 14, \$20.00 football or basketball scorecards was donated back to the school.
- BINGO: \$200.00 to be raised per family from volunteering at St. Rose Catholic School weekly BINGO nights (each family volunteered twice per year or was charged an opt-out fee).

After listening to families and deciding what I felt was best for the school, I decided to raise this money differently so that the fundraiser was not year-long and could be more student-centered; hence, the Stampede to Race and Read. This event brings in about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the roughly 17% of the cost of educating a student at St. Rose Catholic School that is not covered by tuition and fees. It also gives the option of trying to raise the money through pledges or opting out (not sending out pledge requests and receiving any money) and being billed the \$400.00 per family budgeted for the event.

I pray that this makes sense and you understand that this event, the money required, or any fundraising or financial decision is made with thought, input from others, and discernment before making any decisions.

October 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](#).

October:

- 2 Pet Blessing @ 8:00, Girls Volleyball Home Game @ 3:45
- 3 Stampede to Race and Read, Girls Volleyball Home Game @ 3:45
- 4 PTO Board Meeting @ 8:00, Picture Make Up Day, School Mass @ 10:00
- 5 Girls Volleyball Away Game @ 3:45
- 10 PTO General Meeting @ 3:00, Girls Volleyball Home Game @ 3:45
- 11 Girls Volleyball Away Game @ 3:45
- 14 Pioneer Day Parade
- 18 Buck A Jeans Day
- 19 8th Grade Free Dress, SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30
- 20 End of Qtr 1, Middle School Dance @ 6:30
- 22 6th Annual SRS Golf Tournament
- 23 Kindergarten Jack Creek Farms Field Trip @ 9:30
- 25 CVPL Girls Volleyball Playoffs
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- 27 Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Spirit/Stampede Shirts, Halloween Costume Dress Up Day, Harvest Festival
- 31 All Saints Museum @ 10:00

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!

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