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September 29, 2021,

St. Rose Catholic School Community,

It has been a joy to see all 247 students currently enrolled thriving in their school environment! I have enjoyed reconnecting with our students who have previously attended St. Rose Catholic School and getting to know all of our new students. Throughout the coming school year, I hope to get to know you as well.

Fall kicks off an exciting time of the year for us at St. Rose Catholic School. I look forward to community events such as the Harvest Festival, the Wine Country Half Marathon and 5K, and the St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament. Whether participating in an event, volunteering or simply sitting back and enjoying the occasion, these are great ways to get to know other school community members. Please be on the lookout for more information on these great community events.

Those that have previously been involved in our community know that I strive to communicate efficiently and effectively with you. While I will send out emails throughout the week, I will always send out a monthly newsletter that will talk about upcoming events, look back on past events, and communicate with you school business. I try to be open, honest, and transparent. If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I will always do my best to get back to you within 24 business hours.

99.27% of 136 parent respondents to the 2020 - 2021 Parent Satisfaction Survey stated that they strongly agreed (59.56%) or agreed (39.71%) to the statement "St. Rose offers appropriate and challenging academic programs."

New Items/Upcoming Events

October 4 Pet Blessing: The first Monday of every October is always a memorable and fun time at St. Rose Catholic School. We hold the traditional Blessing of the Animals ceremony in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis. We invite students and families to bring their pets to our Monday morning Flagpole ceremony, which begins at 8:00 so the pets can receive a blessing. There are some parameters on this event as follows:

- Animal size/type: Please no hoofed farm animals as we have limited space. Animals that
 we traditionally see, but are not limited to,m are dogs, cats, rabbits, reptiles, fish, rodents,
 birds, etc.
- Animals should be in a carrier/tank/box/cage or on a leash. There is quite a bit of action, so this event is not recommended for highly timid animals.
- Parents should clean up after their animals immediately. Please be sure to bring bags or whatever is necessary to clean up waste.
- Once the ceremony is over, students will go to class, and parents will need to take all animals home. Animals may not stay at school for the day.

The Pet Blessing is a fun event, and the children always seem to enjoy it. However, I'm not sure about some of the cats, as they are usually significantly outnumbered by the dogs.



A few pics from previous year's Pet Blessings...



Koyle W. found a way to still bring his hoofed farm animal friend!

St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament: Much like the Pet Blessing, we could not host the St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament last year due to COVID restrictions. This year's golf tournament was scheduled for Sunday, October 24, at the Paso Robles Country Club, but the date and location are changing due to unexpected circumstances. **We will be moving the tournament to Sunday, November 7, and it will take place at Hunter Ranch Golf Course.** Please be see the following information from our **Golf Tournament Chair, Laura Orradre:**

Attention Golfers! Thank you for your support of our St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament. We've had some recent updates and exciting changes to our original plans, and are looking forward to an amazing tournament.

Please note that our tournament date and location changes: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021 HUNTER RANCH GOLF COURSE Check-in 7am Shotgun Start 9am

Never fear....these changes, which occurred beyond our control, guarantee to make our 4th Annual Golf Tournament even better! We will offer all of the fun....the food, the prizes, the competition and the camaraderie! Hunter Ranch Golf Course is a golfer's delight. The beautiful 18-hole Championship course boasts the best conditions on California's Central Coast. The greens putt fast and smooth, and pristine fairways lined with century-old oak trees, natural lakes, and native grasses await your tee shots. Please plan to join us for this beautiful day.

Perhaps this new date will work out even more favorable for you and your friends- please spread the word so everyone can get registered. Our registration link will be up and running again soon. We also realize that this change in date may not work for everyone. We are happy to send a refund of your fees and/or sponsorship, or "roll" your registration toward the new tournament. Please reach out via email to saintrosegolftournament@gmail.com with your request, we will be happy to accomodate.

Thank you again for your support, see you on the green! ~Laura Orradre St Rose Golf Tournament Chairperson

PTO General Meetings: What is the PTO, you might ask? How do I get involved with the PTO? These are questions I hear from time to time. 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 and 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 Irene Huggins (PTO President) at ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org or Jennifer Roden (PTO Vice President) at ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org or Jennifer Roden (PTO Vice President) at ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org or Jennifer Roden (PTO Vice President) at ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org or Jennifer Roden (PTO Vice President) at ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org or Jennifer Roden (PTO Vice President) at ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org or Jennifer Roden (PTO Vice President) at ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org or Jennifer Roden (PTO Vice President) at ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org or Jennifer Roden (PTO Vice President) at ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org or Jennifer Roden (PTO Vice President) at ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org or ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org or ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org or ihuggins@saintrosecatholicschool.org</

Until the time feels right to have PTO General Meetings in person, we will be hosting them on Zoom at the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3527193171?pwd=ZHZtY0ZCQXVjSTQ3cG1HOVMrZWlWQT09

Meeting ID: 352 719 3171 Passcode: 8052380304

Our next PTO General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12 @ 6:00.

2021 St. Rose Catholic School Harvest Festival: Speaking of the PTO, one of the first events hosted by the PTO is our annual Harvest Festival. PTO will hold this year's Harvest Festival on Friday, October 22, from 3:00 - 6:00 on the newly repaved school blacktop. It will be a "Trunk or Treat" theme where children will have the opportunity to trick or treat in a safe environment. We encourage students to wear their Halloween costumes (they may also wear them to school that day as long as they are school appropriate), and there will be games and prizes available for the students. We are currently working on a beer, cider, and wine booth for the adults. All students are required to have an "adult in charge of them" while at the event. It is not a drop and pick up event. Students may bring friends who attend other schools as well, once again, as long as an adult is in charge of them. The Harvest Festival is a great community event and a great way to meet other school community members. I want to give a final "Thank You" to 8th-grade parent Karyn Blaney for her effort and dedication this year and in past years for helping to coordinate the Harvest Festival. With Karyn's youngest child graduating this year, it will be her last year chairing this event.

SLO Coast Sports Academy: Thus far, the first two weeks of the SLO Coast Sports Academy basketball camps have been a hit. They were at maximum capacity both weeks, even with some hot weather last week. Once again, if you are interested in signing up your first through fifth-grade son or daughter for this weekly camp, don't hesitate to get in touch with Tom Trokey at coachtom.slocoastsa@gmail.com. I have also included a flyer for this week's camp at in the body of the email communication.

94.40% of 125 parent respondents to the 2020 - 2021 Parent Satisfaction Survey stated that they strongly agreed (37.60 %) or agreed (56.0%) to the statement "St. Rose offers sufficient elective and specials programming: Music/Band, Spanish, Art, Library, PE."

Old Items

COVID Based Regulations: I want to personally thank you for your continued support and understanding of the regulations that I must follow in running a school during these times. I understand that many of the regulations/requirements/mandates are cumbersome, and some may

not make complete sense. I also know that there are very diverse viewpoints on many items that are COVID related. Regardless, you have been incredibly understanding, and I do appreciate that. It allows me to focus more of my time on the children and the school's running rather than discussing the particulars of federal, state, and/or Diocesan policies.



These look interesting....

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 <u>website</u>.

October:

- 3 Catechetical Sunday Family Mass @ 10:00
- 4 Flagpole Pet Blessing @ 8:00, PTO Board Meeting @ 8:15
- 12 PTO General Meeting @ 6:00
- 13 Picture "make up" day
- 14 8th grade field trip to MCP, 3rd-grade field trip to Jack Creek Farms
- 15 8th grade free dress, Middle School Dance @ 6:00
- 20 Buck-A-Jeans Day
- 21 SAC Board meeting @ 5:30
- 22 Harvest Festival 3:00 6:00, Halloween Costume Dress Up Free Dress, End of Quarter 1,
- Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Faculty cluster meeting @ 1:00
- 29 Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Spirit Shirts, All Saints Museum time TBA

Did You Know?: Parent/Teacher Conferences

Before too long, you will begin hearing about Parent/Teacher conferences for grades K - 8, which are scheduled for the week of November 8, 2021. (Preschool conferences are held in a different format. You will receive communication from Ms. Chamberlain about these conferences in the future.) We traditionally hold conferences during this week as all families will have received the First Quarter Report Cards, and all STAR Renaissance testing has been completed. While teachers share information with parents, this is also an excellent opportunity for parents to share information about their child with their teacher(s) to enable my staff to provide a learning program that best meets their children's needs.

The K - 8 conferences are scheduled to run on 11/8 from 1:00 - 3:30, 11/9 from 1:00 - 3:30 and 5:00 - 7:00, and on 11/10 from 1:00 - 3:30. Conferences will be held in the Parish Hall, and, assuming guidelines still require them, masks will be required. Conferences for K - 5 are different from grades 6 - 8.

- **K** 5: Your children's teacher will be sending out a signup form for a 15 20 minute time slot for you to meet with your child's teacher. Conferences will be one on one time that the teacher will be devoted strictly to you. Elementary teachers will be positioned on the left-hand side of the Parish Hall when you walk in the doors. Each teacher will have a table and chairs for your convenience.
- 6 8: Your children's teachers will be located on the right-hand side of the Parish Hall

• when you walk in the doors. Middle School conferences are an open forum, first, come/first served style of conference. When you see your student's teacher available and not meeting with other parents, please feel free to walk over and begin conversing with them. We ask that you limit your time to 10 minutes per class. We encourage your child to attend these conferences with you.

As some of you may be new to conferences (perhaps this is your first child) or you have been doing this for years, here are some ideas that you may want to consider before meeting with your child's teacher:

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 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 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.

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

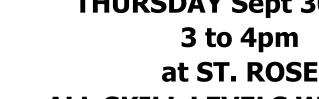
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Congratulations to our September Gospel Award recipients!

SLOCOASTSPORTSACADEMY

1ST thru 5th grade BOYS and GIRLS 1 hr. basketball training sessions THURSDAY Sept 30 from 3 to 4pm







All trainings held outside with COVID guidelines followed





ONLY 8 SPOTS LEFT COME HAVE SOME FUN!!!

SLOCOASTSPORTSACADEMY

PROVIDES:

- A FUN ENVIRONMENT
- A "HERE'S WHY" EXPLANATION TO DRILLS
- A POSITIVE, SELF CONFIDENCE BUILDING CLIMATE
- WE FOCUS ON YOU AS PERSON NOT JUST AN ATHLETE

COACH TOM TROKEY 25 +YEARS OF COACHING EXPERIENCE at all Levels ELEMENTARY---HIGH SCHOOL-COLLEGE

This program is designed to teach and build a fundamental foundation of basketball skills, while at the same time having fun and learn to enjoy the game of basketball!

The goal is to be at St. Rose every Thursday from 3-4pm it is a pay as you attend program. Reserving a spot is by payment and can be on a weekly basis or monthly if you wish to reserve you spot ahead of time.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!!!

SPACE IS LIMITED (20 spots) FEE: \$20.00

Please bring a ball and water

RESERVE YOUR SPOT IMMEDIATELY BY:

PAY ON VENMO: @COACHTOMTROKEY *(if asked 4 digits:0508)* include name and grade in the message section

Or

Email: coachtom.slocoastsa@gmail.com

Hope to see you soon!

Call or email Coach Tom
For more information!!!
We are a separate entity with a great
relationship with SRS. The
administration is very busy and has
asked that everyone contact us direct.



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