



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 Easter

Good and gracious God,
Our most glorious Creator,
As we greet the signs in nature around us:
Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,
In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted,
We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time.
The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality.
For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome
darkness, and love will conquer death.
As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us,
By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us,
As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet,
We ask your special blessings each and every day on our President.
Working with him may we strive to make this great country of ours a beacon of hope and justice
in a world hungry for peace and so in need of your love.
We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of
Easter joy and hope.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.

Amen.

Message From the Principal

As many of you have already made, or are currently making, plans for your children's

education for the 2026–2027 school year, I want to share an update on our planning for the year ahead. We are currently in the interview process for both the 5th Grade and Middle School Science positions. I'm pleased to report that we have a much larger than usual candidate pool, with 15 applicants for 5th grade and 13 for the science position. Over the course of last week and this week, my team and I have or will set up and conduct interviews with 14 of these candidates.

In the coming days, I will be inviting two to three finalists from each group to return to campus to teach a demonstration lesson and participate in a second interview. Our goal is to offer contracts to the top candidates for each position by the end of the week of April 13. Following that, we will begin interviews for the Preschool Director position, as well as any additional preschool teaching positions, if needed.

In keeping with our focus on next school year, I have received the Diocesan Master Calendar and finalized several key dates. Below are some important “at-a-glance” dates for your planning:

- August 3: Office Opens
- August 17: First Day of School
- November 23–27: Thanksgiving Recess
- December 21–January 1: Christmas Recess
- March 25–April 2: Easter Recess
- June 4: Last Day of School

If you are still having difficulty accessing the school calendar, please reach out to Paula as soon as possible. She will be happy to assist you in linking it to your phone.

New Items/Upcoming Events

Rockin' with the Roses: Mark your calendars for the Second Annual *Rockin' with the Roses* concert! This year's event will be held on the school field on **Saturday, May 9**, beginning at **4:00 PM**. Proceeds from Rockin' with the Roses directly benefit the **St. Rose Catholic School P.E. and Athletics programs**, supporting opportunities for our students to grow physically, build teamwork, and develop school spirit. It promises to be a fun evening for our entire community, so be sure to save the date and watch for more details in the coming months.

Middle School Science: As you may know, last week I accepted the resignation of our Middle School Science and elective teacher, Dan Davis. **For the remainder of the school year, Mr. Brysan Pesenti will be a long term substitute teacher to fill this role.** Mr. Pesenti had recently begun daily substitute teaching and has been working to take his Bachelor's of Science degree from Cal Poly and pursue a career in teaching. I have included a welcome letter from Mr. Pesenti at the end of this newsletter.

Conferences / Minimum Days K - 8: Beginning today conferences begin for our K - 8th grade students and families. **Please be sure to make every effort to attend and meet with your children's teachers.** I encourage, especially grades 4 and above, that students attend these

conferences as well. Parents of elementary students should already have had the opportunity to sign up for a conference slot and middle school conferences are taken on a first come, first serve basis. **Please note, conferences on Thursday 3/26 (1:00 - 3:30), Monday 3/30 (1:00 - 3:30), and Tuesday 3/31 (1:00 - 3:30, 5:00 - 7:00) will take place in the Parish Hall. Friday 3/27 (1:00 - 3:30) conferences will be held in the classrooms to accommodate a funeral which will be utilizing the Parish Hall. Additionally, please note that the next four school days, 3/26 - 3/31 are minimum day / noon dismissal for grades K - 8 with extended care open while 4/1 is a minimum day / noon dismissal schoolwide with no extended care.**

VIP and Special Friends Day: PTO would like to invite all to our **VIP and Special Friends Day which is scheduled for Friday, March 27.** This is a day for students to bring those who are special to them to celebrate the school, including Mass, for a half day. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Dinner Taken Care Of?: We all have to eat; if you want to take two nights in a row off of cooking, please consider purchasing **BBQ and Pasta Feed tickets for back to back nights on Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18.** Proceeds from the BBQ go back to the school's general operating fund, while proceeds from the Italian Catholic Federation's Pasta Feed go to support scholarships for our graduating 8th grade students. **You all should have received BBQ tickets already (each family needs to sell two tickets) which are due back on or before March 31, 2026 and information will be coming forth on the Pasta Feed.**

SRS Dinner Auction Recap: A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who attended and supported our St. Rose Catholic School Dinner Auction on Saturday, March 14! It was a wonderful evening filled with fun, community, and incredible food; and we're excited to share that it appears to have been a great financial success, with **net proceeds expected to surpass \$100,000. Kudos again to Carrie Westerling, Jennie Sturgeon, and their team for putting on this wonderful event.** Once our numbers are finalized, I will communicate it out to the community.

Did you Know?

On Wednesday, April 1 our 8th grade students will be putting on the annual Stations of the Cross presentation in the church. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Stations of the Cross it is a traditional 14 step devotion commemorating the last day of Jesus on Earth. The stations follow a 14 step process as follows:

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus carries His cross
3. Jesus falls the first time
4. Jesus meets His mother
5. Simon of Cyrene helps carry the cross
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls the second time
8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

9. Jesus falls the third time
10. Jesus is stripped of His garments
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross
12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the cross
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

I invite and welcome all parents to attend this special service which begins at 11:00. As a reminder, it is a minimum day / noon dismissal that day with no extended care so please join us by coming one hour before pickup!

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! Please be on the lookout this spring for the 2025 - 2026 Parent Feedback Survey!

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