



**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 Lent**

God of goodness and mercy,

Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to make myself 100% available to you every day as I prepare for Easter.

Amen.

### **Message From the Principal: Looking Ahead to 2026 - 2027 School Year**

Planning for the 2026–2027 school year is upon us. **Our registration season begins the first week of February, and early registration ends on March 1, 2026.** For specific registration dates and times, please refer back to my [January Principal's Newsletter](#).

After receiving the Diocese of Monterey Master Calendar, I have been able to confirm the start and end dates for the upcoming school year, as well as days off, minimum days, and vacation periods. We have received a few emails and phone calls regarding difficulty accessing the school calendar on the website. For safety reasons, the calendar was removed from public access. As a reminder, families can now view it through their FACTS Family Portal or link it directly to their personal calendar using the instructions that were shared in early January. If you are still experiencing difficulty accessing the calendar or cannot locate the instructions, please reach out to Paula for assistance.

This time of year is also when I begin posting known job openings for the next school year and working through the annual process of faculty and staff assignments. As with any school,

there is some level of turnover each year. Now that I have received most faculty and staff letters of intent for the upcoming school year, I can begin planning staffing needs and posting available positions later this month. The transition from the 2025–2026 school year to the 2026–2027 school year will be no different. I will follow up later in February to communicate any known staffing changes at that time.

### **New Items/Upcoming Events**

**P.T.O. Glow Dance:** Get ready for this year's P.T.O.-sponsored Glow Dance on **Friday, February 20, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall!** This event is free to attend, and pizza, wine, and beer will be available for purchase during the evening. To really stand out on the dance floor, attendees are encouraged to wear white or neon clothing—the brighter, the better! We hope you can join us for a fun, family event!

**2026 St. Rose Catholic School Spelling Bee:** Our sixth annual Spelling Bee was a great success! We had numerous participants, and it was wonderful to see the strong sportsmanship and encouragement displayed throughout the event. Hats off to our school champion, **Nora Glunz**, for an outstanding performance! Ms. Davis summed up the event perfectly:

*On Thursday, January 22, we held the 6th annual St. Rose Spelling Bee. Earlier in the week, each class held class challenges to determine their finalists for the school bees. The lower school held its final rounds at 9am and the top five spellers advanced to the upper school bee, which started at 10:45. The school wide competition began with twenty-five students ranging from fourth to eighth grade. After many tense rounds, Melissa Yanez(8), Juline Hanna(6), and Nora Glunz(6) emerged as the top three finalists. Melissa finished in third place, and Juline placed second. On the twelfth round, Nora Glunz emerged as our school champion with the winning word: lacrosse, and the final word for champion: lye. The school participates in the Scripts National Spelling Bee competition, so Nora will advance to the regional level, which is held in early February.*

**Dinner Auction:** Our annual St. Rose Catholic School Dinner Auction is less than two months away! This fun and highly anticipated evening, our largest fundraiser of the year, will take place on **Saturday, March 14, at the Rava Event Center.** The night will feature a delicious dinner, exciting auction items, and great entertainment. **Tickets can be purchased by clicking [here](#)** or by scanning the QR code found on flyers and banners around the school and throughout town.

This year, we are excited to introduce a new way for families to become a lasting part of St. Rose Catholic School's history with a personalized **12" x 12" Legacy Family Wall Tile.** This is more than a donation, it is a meaningful tribute honoring your family's journey, your child's accomplishments, or a beloved teacher who has made a lasting impact. **Families who participate will be invited to paint their legacy tile during our PTO-hosted VIP Day on Friday, March 27.**

Important dates to remember:

- 1/16: Presale tickets available for \$100
- 1/20: Family packets sent home
- 2/13: Deadline to submit Opt-Out Form; ticket price increases to \$125
- 2/20: Last day to turn in auction items
- 3/1: Last day to purchase tickets
- 3/8: Virtual Silent Auction opens

Get your tickets now for this special community event that directly benefits the students of St. Rose Catholic School. **For additional information or questions, please reach out to our Auction Committee @ [saintroseauction@gmail.com](mailto:saintroseauction@gmail.com)**

**Middle School Career Fair:** Last year, Bradley Elementary hosted its first-ever career fair for middle school students. The event was such a success that they have decided to bring it back this year and extend an invitation to several smaller North County schools to participate. This year, our **6th–8th grade students** will spend a half day on Bradley’s campus learning about a variety of vocations and career paths. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in question and answer sessions with presenters, allowing them to explore interests and gain insight into different professions. We are looking forward to a fun and enriching experience for our students and would like to extend a big thank-you to **Bradley Elementary** for hosting and including us in this event.

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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