



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 May

Oh God, You are holy, powerful, and glorious.

I pray for Your guidance in this new month because it gives me strength and courage and leads me on the path of peace.

Help me not to lean on my own understanding but to trust You to show me the right direction to take.

I surrender my plans and will and commit to doing what honors You.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray.

Amen

Message From the Principal

It is hard to believe that as of today, there are only 24 school days left in the 2025 - 2026 school year. Before you know it June 5 will be upon us and the start of summer vacation will commence. Planning for upcoming years seems to be a never ending administrative process for me. As such, I would greatly appreciate your feedback on how we are doing as a school community. Your voice matters, and your insights play an important role in shaping the future of our school. **I encourage you to take time to thoughtfully complete this survey, as your input helps guide my planning and growth for the coming year and beyond.** The survey should take approximately 20 – 30 minutes to complete. The quantitative results will be shared with our school community, while all qualitative (written / named) responses will remain confidential and be shared only with St. Rose Catholic School leadership and Diocesan Administration. All students whose families complete the 2025 – 2026 Parent Feedback Survey will enjoy a free dress day on Tuesday, May 12, 2026! **This survey, which will remain open until Monday, May 4 at 3:00 PM, can be accessed [here](#).**

After a thorough hiring process, I am excited to announce the hiring of three individuals

for our 2026 - 2027 open positions. All told, we had 32 applicants and interviewed 18 for three positions: Preschool Director, 5th grade teacher, and Middle School Science. I am pleased to welcome these new members to our community:

- **Preschool Director: Streeta Farrell:** Ms. Farrell has been either a teacher or a preschool director since the early 2000s. Her experience in running a preschool program will be invaluable and I will do an admirable job of filling Lori Chamberlain's position.
- **5th Grade Teacher: Megan Thornton:** Ms. Thornton is moving from Washington state to the Central Coast this summer and will bring her 21 years of experience in elementary school teaching to our community. She is ecstatic about working in a faith based school.
- **Science / Electives: Brysan Pesenti:** Some of you may have gotten to know Mr. Pesenti this year as he has been the long term science substitute teacher since early March. Mr. Pesenti will bring his Fruit and Crop Science degree to Cal Poly and stabilize our Science program after many years of turnover.

This hiring cycle was perhaps the deepest and had the most qualified candidates that I have seen from top to bottom. I am confident that these individuals will fit seamlessly into our community and will enrich the children's educational experience.

New Items/Upcoming Events

Auction / BBQ Wrap Up: As April brought us our last school - wide fundraiser of the year, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank both our Auction and BBQ committees for their hard work and support this year. Our Dinner Auction at Rava Wines brought food, fun, and an auction together to support St. Rose Catholic School. Thank you to our chairs Jennie Sturgeon and Carrie Westering and their team. The Dinner Auction is nearly reconciled and it looks to have generated a net income of between \$105,000.00 to \$110,000.00! Our April Drive Thru BBQ was once again led by the Borchard and Roden families and their team of volunteers. As usual, the tri tip was done to perfection and the event brought in a net income of \$16,493.31!

8th Grade Graduation: Our St. Rose Catholic School Class of 2026 will be graduating on Wednesday, May 27 at 5:00 on the school field. Some of these students have been at St. Rose Catholic School since they began preschool a whole 11 years ago. Thank you to the families of our graduates for entrusting myself and my team for your children's education. **Congratulations to our graduating class: Mary Andros, Piper Bonelli, Zoey Davis, Mia Dunbar, Anna Ferrara, Nate Flores, Catherine Gatlin, Denny Glunz, Cayson Grant, Noah Heinzen, Emery Jimenez, Emery Kelton, Lauren Luna, Sammy Ortiz, Emma Rendon, Jacob Riso, Callie Russell, Leo Torres, Gianna Wouters.**

First Communion recognition: May traditionally brings a time to celebrate and recognize our 2nd grade students who have been going through their sacramental preparation. This year is no different as we have thirteen 2nd graders who will be receiving their 1st Communion on Saturday, May 2. **Congratulations to our 1st Communicants: Dax Davis, Colette Fitzpatrick, Nirvana Hanna, Karina Krier, Harrison Loden, Anya Madden, Riley Miller, Jameson Royster,**

Austin Swartz, Ava Simonton, Wyatt Roza, Layla Rowland, and Beau Cadwallader.

1st Day School Supplies: Skip out on the hassle of waiting on teacher supply lists, spending the time going to stores to find the right products, and spending money on all of the extra items that you may pick up. If that sounds like a good option for you, you can order the exact supplies your teachers have requested by visiting 1st Day School Supplies St. Rose Catholic School [Store](#). These classroom supplies will be boxed, shipped, and delivered to the school so your children have them on their first day of school. **All orders must be completed by July 1, 2026. Why procrastinate, order now!**

Talent Show: The 2025 - 2026 St. Rose Catholic School Talent Show will be held on Friday, May 22 at 1:30PM (may be adjusted earlier or later depending on the number of acts). Please be on the **lookout during the week of May 4 for permission slips to come** with a due date of one week after they are sent out. Ms. Roza will once again be leading this event and will be the point of contact once permission slips and further communication come home.

Did you Know?

Next week we will be offering education for both students and adults on digital citizenship. Digital citizenship and safety, or lack thereof, is a vast, confusing, and oftentimes dangerous world which many children and parents are not equipped to handle. On Monday, May 4 and Tuesday May 5, we will be providing age appropriate digital citizenship lessons through the [Protect Young Eyes](#) company. This will be an important and timely opportunity to partner together in supporting our students as they navigate today's digital world.

As part of this program, we will be offering **two separate parent sessions to help accommodate family schedules**, making it easier for everyone to attend. These sessions are designed to provide practical tools and guidance on helping children use technology safely and responsibly. They are engaging, informative, and grounded in real-life strategies families can implement right away.

Session Details:

- **Monday, May 4th:** 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- **Tuesday, May 5th:** 8:00 - 9:30 am

To make attending easier, we will be offering childcare during the May 4th session for currently enrolled SRS students (age 3+).

What you can expect from Protect Young Eyes:

- Practical tips for managing devices, apps, and screen time
- Guidance on having age-appropriate conversations about online safety
- Insights into current digital trends impacting children
- Tools to help you create a safer digital environment at home

Following the parent sessions, **students will participate in their own age-appropriate sessions on May 4th and May 5th**, reinforcing many of these same concepts in a way that is meaningful to them.

Registration:

We encourage all families to attend. The cost is **\$20 per family**, which covers participation for parents/guardians.

Please use the link to reserve your spot: [Click here to register](#)

We believe this is a valuable opportunity to come together as a community and equip both our parents and students with the knowledge and tools needed to navigate today's digital landscape confidently and safely.

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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