



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

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,
may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we
are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life
is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

Amen

Principal's Message

As I begin my 7th year as principal at St. Rose Catholic School, I can confidently say that this year has been the smoothest beginning to the school year yet (yes, I'm constantly knocking on wood). I feel a strong sense of positivity, community, faith, and love daily on campus. Whether it be "hellos" in the parking lot, watching a student help another student pick up their dropped items, or having a fourth-grade student volunteer to clean up at the end of the Stampede to Race and Read, I have seen a significant number of students, families, and staff modeling our Student Learning Expectations. Thank you. This modeling is all made possible by you as a family in conjunction with my staff.

While it has been more on the logistical side, I've been delighted with the quality and

amount of extracurricular activities that are going on at school this fall. A lot is happening on campus after school between middle school girls' volleyball, third through fifth-grade cross country, second through 8th grade Art and Drama Clubs, and school choir. I've been pleased to see how many children have signed up for these extracurricular opportunities. I also hope the additional extracurricular activities have enriched your children's experience.

I pray that everyone's year has started well, and here is to a great 2024 - 2025 school year at St. Rose Catholic School!

New Items/Upcoming Events

Extended Care: I have had a few questions regarding Extended Care that primarily revolve around signing up, billing, and services provided.

- **Extended Care in grades K - 8 was designed to be a resource for working families who need additional Care for their children at the end of the regular school day.** It is available daily (with a few exceptions) from 15 minutes after school gets out until 5:30 pm. Extended Care closes promptly at 5:30. During the extended care hours, students will have the opportunity to eat a snack (brought from home), have quiet homework/reading time (please bring work or a book), and free/activity time.
- There is an annual registration fee of \$50.00 per family, and extended Care is billed at \$8.50/hour for one child or \$13.00/hour for a family. It is billed on a quarter-hour basis, and families will see this billing reflected on their FACTS monthly statement. Students who have not previously registered will be billed \$50.00 on the first use of extended care services plus the portion of the hour used.

Please note that students not picked up from extracurricular activities will be escorted to Extended Care by the adult in charge of the extracurricular activity when they end. **For more information, please see the [Extended Care Handbook](#).**

Blessing of the Animals: Friday, October 4, is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals. We will celebrate this day by allowing families to bring their animals to the flagpole area for a **Blessing of the Animals ceremony beginning at 2:15**. Families may bring animals on a leash or in a cage/enclosure and, after the ceremony, must head back out to the parking lot and cars. We ask that no hooved animals attend, and if a student can't have their animal on campus, they may bring a picture or a stuffed animal as a replacement. I ask that all families clean up after their pets and that caution be exercised regarding animals' demeanor and temperament, as there is much stimulation during this ceremony.

Bullying Prevention: On Monday, 10/7, students may wear blue jeans and a blue top (I know we already do) to support anti-bullying as it is the World Day of Bullying Prevention. Each elementary and middle school homeroom class will set time aside to discuss their feelings about bullying and how each student can stand up against it. Bullying may take many forms, but for reference, we will be using the following definition of bullying from the Anti-Bullying Alliance: *"The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online."*

The essential parts we will focus on are hurtful, repetition, power imbalance, and intentional. These points contradict our Student Learning Expectations, and my staff and I are striving to stamp this out. Rather than telling students not to bully, I want to instill in our children the courage to stand up for others, not stand by and watch this happen, but stand up and oppose it.

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 25, 2024, from 3:00 - 6:00 on the school grounds.** 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.

Golf Tournament: The 2024 St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament is just around the corner and happening on Sunday, October 20 at Hunter Ranch Golf Course. This has been a GREAT event and a fun filled day that you don't want to miss. Anyone from the avid golfer to the golfer who is as bad as I am (which is quite a feat) will have fun. Please see the following from our tournament chair, Laura Orradre:

We are thrilled to announce our 7th Annual Saint Rose School Golf Tournament, and we would love for YOU to be a part of it! This exciting event will be held on Sunday, October 20, at the beautiful Hunter Ranch Golf Course, and it promises to be a day filled with fun, camaraderie, and a wonderful opportunity to support our incredible school and community. Whether you are an avid golfer or just enjoy the spirit of friendly competition, this event is perfect for everyone! Bring your friends, family, or co-workers for a memorable day out on the course. Plus, we'll have plenty of exciting contests, prizes, and activities to make it a truly unforgettable experience.

We also need sponsors to help make this event a success! Your sponsorship not only shows your support for Saint Rose School, but it also gives your business or family incredible exposure to our school community and beyond. Sponsorships are vital to the success of this event, and we are grateful for any level of participation. Whether you're able to sponsor a hole, donate prizes, or provide financial support, every contribution makes a difference!

We're so appreciative of the amazing support we've received in past years, and we know this year will be no different. Let's come together to make this year's golf tournament our best one yet!

**For more information or to sign up to participate or sponsor, please click [here](#).
Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact Laura @ (831) 262-8350.**

Pioneer Day Parade: Come out and support St. Rose Catholic School by signing up to ride on the school trolley or float or watch the parade, a great community event in its 94th year. **The event will take place on Saturday, October 12, and the PTO will provide more information on how to volunteer or sign up your children to participate.**

October Dates to Remember

Please note that I will always put upcoming dates to remember at the end of the newsletter in all of my monthly newsletters (which typically come out the first week of every month). These dates, however, may have to be altered during the time of the writing and the time of the event. Always be sure to check out our up-to-date calendar located on our [website](#).

October:

- 1: Girls' Volleyball Home Game @ 3:45
- 2: PTO Board Meeting @ 8:00, School Mass @ 10:00
- 3: Girls' Volleyball @ Lillian Larsen @ 3:45
- 4: Blessing of the Animals @ 2:00, 3rd - 5th Grade Cross Country @ Lillian Larsen @ 3:15
- 6: Family Mass @ 10:00
- 7: World Day of Bullying Prevention "Blue Out", Preschool Jack Creek Farms Field Trip @ 9:15
- 8: 8th Grade MCP Discovery Day Field Trip, PTO General Meeting @ 3:00
- 9: Girls' Volleyball @ Bradley @ 2:45
- 10: 7th Grade MCP Discovery Day Field Trip, Girls' Volleyball Home Game @ 3:45
- 11: 4th and 5th Grade Cal Poly PAC Field Trip @ 8:30, 3rd - 5th Grade Cross Country Home Meet @ 3:15
- 12: Pioneer Day Parade @ 10:00
- 14: No School
- 15: Girls' Volleyball Away Game @ Civitas @ 3:45
- 16: Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal (Diocesan Professional Development), Buck A Jeans Day
- 17: 8th Grade Free Dress, Kindergarten and 1st Grade Brookshire Farms Field Trip @ 8:30, Girls Volleyball @ Lillian Larsen @ 3:45, SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30
- 18: End of Quarter 1, 3rd - 5th Grade Cross Country Championships @ Barney Shwartz @ 3:15, Girls' Volleyball Home Game @ 3:45
- 20: SRS Annual Golf Tournament
- 22: Girls' Volleyball Home Game @ 3:45
- 24: Girls' Volleyball @ North County Christian @ 3:45
- 25: Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Halloween Dress Up Day, Harvest Festival @ 3:00
- 28 - 1: 7th Grade NatureBridge Yosemite Field Trip
- 31: All Saints Museum @ 10:00
- 1: All Saints Mass @ 10:00, All Souls Altar

Thank you
Trevor Knable

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