



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 October

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 the 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

We are now six weeks into the 2025–2026 school year, and it has been wonderful to see students and teachers settling into their routines. When I visit classrooms or spend time on the playground, I see children who are happy, engaged in learning, and building friendships. Their growth goes beyond academics—students are also developing in their faith, learning to respect one another, practicing resilience when things don't go as planned, and strengthening important executive functioning skills.

This time of year also brings a flurry of field trip requests across my desk. As you know, each class is required to go on at least four field trips throughout the year. While classroom instruction is vital, I believe we are surrounded by valuable opportunities for learning outside of school. In fact, our first field trip of the year takes place this Thursday, and our first overnight trip

is quickly approaching—October 27–31—when our 7th graders spend the week at NatureBridge Yosemite. These experiences are a highlight of the year, offering students unique opportunities for growth and discovery, while also giving parents the chance to get involved by driving or volunteering.

If you are considering joining a trip, whether as a driver or chaperone, I encourage you to begin the clearance process now. While it isn't difficult, it does take time—especially the DOJ fingerprinting required by the Diocese of Monterey (even if you've already been fingerprinted elsewhere). This step can take up to two weeks, and I would hate to cancel a trip at the last moment due to not having enough drivers.

More details about the volunteer process, driver requirements, and expectations can be found in the Did You Know section towards the end of this newsletter.

New Items/Upcoming Events

St. Rose Catholic School Harvest Festival: Mark your calendars now, as one of the PTO's biggest events of the year, the Harvest Festival, is coming up soon. The Harvest Festival is a fun, family-friendly event held on the school grounds **from 3:00 - 6:00 on Thursday, October 30**. All school families and local community members are invited. Be on the lookout for more information from the PTO regarding this event. **Please note that there will be no extended care on 10/30 and preschool will close at 3:00.**

Halloween Dress-Up Day: On Halloween, students are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes to school. **Please remember that while costumes are allowed, play weapons, clothing/costumes that show too much skin, or other school-inappropriate items should be left at home.** Please remember that we have students ranging from 2.8 years old to 14 years old on campus, and I kindly request that you exercise discretion when choosing your child's costume for the day. 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.

Blessing of the Animals: On **Friday, October 3**, and in celebration of the October 4, 2025 Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals St. Rose Catholic School will celebrate the day by allowing families to bring their animals to the flagpole area for a **Blessing of the Animals ceremony beginning at 8:00**. 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. I request that no hooved animals be allowed on campus. If a student can't have their animal present, they may bring a picture or a stuffed animal as a replacement. I ask that all families clean up after their pets and exercise caution regarding the animals' demeanor and temperament, as there is a lot of stimulation during this ceremony.

Golf Tournament: The 2025 St. Rose Catholic School Golf Tournament is just around the corner! This year's event, held on Sunday, October 19 at Hunter Ranch Golf Course, will have a shotgun tee time of 9:00. Lunch, along with silent auction, raffle and awards will be held at 12:30. This event is open to all skill, or skillless, levels of golfers; the only certainties are that you must have fun and that one must be 18 to operate a golf cart. To register, go to our school

[website or](#) scan the QR code below.



Did You Know?

Some may ask, “what do I need to do to volunteer in the classroom or go on field trips with my child?” To answer these questions, please see the note below:

Volunteer drivers (parents and teachers) must meet the following requirements:

- Have a valid driver's license
- Proof of insurance (dollar amounts of \$100,000/\$300,000 must be verified)
- Must be 25 years of age or older and have regularly driven automobiles for the past five years, and have functional seat belts.

The following must be on file with the school office for all Volunteer drivers (parents and teachers):

- Background Check/Fingerprint Clearance
- TB test (completed within the past 4 years)
- Virtus Certificate (completed within the past 3 years)
- Copy of Driver's License
- Copy of Current Insurance Policy for the vehicle used on the field trip
- Diocesan Driver Questionnaire Form
- Certificate from Defense Driving Curriculum on CMG Connect

Standard Protocol (These protocols are non-negotiable and we trust you to adhere to them for the safety of all):

- Volunteers must check in at the office before leaving for any school event with students and check out at the office upon returning from the event.

- A volunteer must be fully responsible for the children assigned to him/her.
- Each driver must carry copies of permission slips with all emergency information for each child in their vehicle.
- **For safety reasons, cell phone use is strictly prohibited while driving and chaperoning students on an SRS field trip.**
- All students must be buckled in appropriate seatbelts; any student younger than six years of age or 60 pounds must be placed in a child passenger restraint.
- Stopping for unscheduled reasons (getting food, sightseeing, etc.) is prohibited.
- Do not purchase/provide any food items for the students due to potential allergic reactions.
- Volunteers must not consume any alcohol, use illegal drugs or possess any weapons
- Volunteers must be respectful to all children, adults and others that may be encountered

October Dates to Remember

At the end of each monthly newsletter (typically sent out during the first week of the month), you will always find a list of **upcoming dates to remember**. Please note that while I do my best to keep this section accurate, dates may occasionally change between the time of writing and the actual event. For the most **up-to-date information**, please refer to our school calendar, which can always be accessed on our [website](#).

October:

- 1: School Mass @ 10:00, K - 8 Early Release, Middle School Cross Country @ Cayucos @ 4:00
- 2: Pre-K Giving Tree Family Farm Field Trip @ 9:15, Girls Volleyball Game @ Lillian Larsen @ 3:30
- 3: Pet Blessing @ 8:00, Elementary Cross Country @ Lillian Larsen @ 3:15
- 5: Family Mass @ 10:00
- 7: PTO Board Meeting @ 8:00, Girls Volleyball Home Game @ 3:30
- 8: K - 8 Early Release, Middle School Cross Country @ Bradley @ 4:00
- 9: Girls Volleyball @ Brookside @ 3:30
- 13: No School/Columbus Day
- 14: PTO General Meeting @ 3:00, Girls Volleyball @ Trinity @ 3:30
- 15: Buck A Jeans Day, 8th Grade MCP Visitation Day, K - 7 Early Release, Preschool Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal
- 16: 8th Grade Free Dress, SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30
- 17: End of 1st Quarter, Elementary Cross Country Championships
- 19: SRS Annual Golf Tournament
- 21: Principal For A Day: Lamantia Family, Girls Volleyball Home Game @ 3:30
- 22: K - 8 Early Release
- 23: Girls Volleyball Home vs. Solid Rock @ 3:30
- 24: 2nd Grade Avila Barn Field Trip, Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Spirit/Stampede Shirts, Middle School Cross Country League Championships
- 27 - 31: 7th Grade NatureBridge Yosemite Field Trip, All Souls Altar

29: K - 8 Early Release

30: St. Rose Catholic School Harvest Festival @ 3:00 / Extended Care Closed / Preschool Closed @ 3:00

31: Halloween Dress Up Day, All Saints Museum @ 10:00

Don't forget to follow St. Rose Catholic School on Instagram @strosecatholicsschool for pictures, videos, and news about upcoming events!

Thank you

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