



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 in Honor of 9/11

Father God,

We pray for our nation as a whole this September 11th.

September 12th was met with unity and grief that we all shared. It is still something we share as a people; it is a reminder of how fragile and precious life truly is.

Lord, we pray for peace and unity in our nation today. We pray that Your Spirit would pour out among us and that through and by You, there would be a common heart, a common goal, and a common desire for peace and kindness towards one another. Let us not lose sight of what is important in this life and help us love one another as You truly love us. Lord, we pray for our leaders today. We pray that You would give them wisdom and discernment as they tackle events and dilemmas as they unfold. We pray that You would inspire this nation to be a nation under God, one that seeks to glorify, honor, and praise You. This is our heart's desire, Lord.

We desire to be Your people, and we strive to have peace. This nation has so much to offer, and Lord, we pray for our nation to truly be a City on a Hill.

In Jesus Name,

Amen

94.26% of 122 respondents on the 2022 - 2023 Parent Satisfaction Survey strongly agreed or agreed with the statement, "My child(ren) is happy at school."

Message From the Principal

I pray that everyone's school year has started positively and joyfully. I have made it a priority for myself to be present in the classrooms more this year than I was last year. I was able to be in all classrooms multiple times throughout the first two weeks of this school year. I know that you, as parents, are not in a classroom daily (although we do love to have you as a classroom volunteer), and I wanted to give you a quick glimpse of some things that I have seen over the first ten days of school:

- **Preschool:** A group of boys and girls playing in the sandbox. One child asked if he could play with another child's toy; the other child said, "here", gave him the toy, and found another toy for him to play with. They continued playing happily.
- **Kindergarten:** These ones can be active. I watched the entire group "go on a bear hunt" according to their movement video. Little ones can only sit long before needing a body and movement break!
- **First grade:** What started as a behavior issue became an entire class discussion on how we play, who we can play with, and how to resolve differences. I was amazed at how frank and well-thought-out a few of the answers I received were.
- **Second grade:** A class full of kids who want to volunteer. Watching Ms. Choboter's interactions with the kids and their interest levels, I was amazed at how many children wanted to volunteer to answer questions.
- **Third grade:** Unbeknownst to me, we have some actors and actresses in this class. I could see the script of some of the students' play that they wrote. When asked if it was for the talent show in the Spring, I was told that it was just for fun!
- **Fourth grade:** I observed 4th grade for some time during their P.E. class. Other than the action of the game they were playing, I noticed the care that some of these students have for their classmates. One student ran into another student and went down; instantly, a few other students went to check on the downed student. This care helped him get up quickly and back into the game.
- **Fifth grade:** I watched Ms. Garcin greet her children at the door. It seems that each child is already showing their rapport with Ms. Garcin in various ways; whether it be a hug at the door, knuckles, or a simple "hello," they are all actively pursuing a respectful beginning to the day.
- **Sixth grade:** Welcome to middle school! The first quarter can be overwhelming for 6th graders; fortunately, this group seems eager to ask questions and understand their expectations. The students asked plenty of well-thought-out questions at our middle school student orientation.
- **Seventh grade:** A full year into middle school, this class has fully gotten down the routine and order. Yesterday, we started talking about Yosemite, as they are the first middle school class this year to go on an overnight field trip. It's hard to believe they'll be headed off to Yosemite Valley on September 25 - 29.
- **Eighth grade:** This group is itching to get to high school. I was already asked on week one what we will do on the 8th-grade field trip, how many days it will be, and who can I room with at the hotel! For context, the 8th grade trip is usually taken around week 36 in mid-May. I'm glad they are excited, but there is plenty to learn in the interim.

If you want to see more of what goes on at school during the day, consider volunteering on campus or follow us on our Instagram @strosecatholicsschool. This year is going to be quite a success. My staff and I appreciate your support, patience, and understanding over the past two and a half years. Here's to a wonderful 2023 - 2024 school year!

New Items/Upcoming Events

Stampede to Race and Read: Be on the lookout for information coming home on our annual Stampede to Race and Read, which **will kick off on Tuesday, September 5. The day of the event will be held on Tuesday, October 3.** This is a great event where Pre-K through 8th grade students can choose if they want to run or read while helping raise money for St. Rose Catholic School. Last year's rendition of the event brought in a net of nearly \$82,000.00 and a million smiles and laughs from the kids. **There are plenty of volunteer opportunities for parents and ways to get involved. Information will be coming shortly!**

Elementary / Middle School Back to School Night:

Mark your calendars for **Elementary Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 12, beginning at 6:00.** Elementary teachers will run two identical presentations starting at 6:00 and 6:30 to allow families with multiple children to attend more than one session. This night is an excellent opportunity to meet your child(s) teacher(s), hear about their programs, and ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

Middle School Back to School Night and Parent Orientation will be held on Tuesday, September 5. M.S. Back to School Night from 6:00 - 7:10 in the classrooms, and a middle school Parent Orientation from 7:15 - 8:00 in the Parish hall. We request that all 6th-grade parents attend the Parent Orientation and invite all 7th and 8th-grade parents to attend.

School Masses: As previously stated, school Mass will now be held on select Wednesdays throughout the year beginning at 10:00. These Masses will only be open to the student body and their families. **The only door to be unlocked during these Masses is the door that leads directly out to the school. If families would like to attend, you must access the church via the school using your keycard at the front gate. I ask that all family members who leave before Mass is over exit again through the school to make sure the front door of the church is accidentally not closed all of the way.** Please see our [school calendar](#) for school Mass dates.

FACTS Tuition Management: This is not really a "new item," but **I want to clarify something about the management system. For billing, most families select an automatic withdrawal method (most from a checking account to avoid credit card fees) for tuition and fees.**

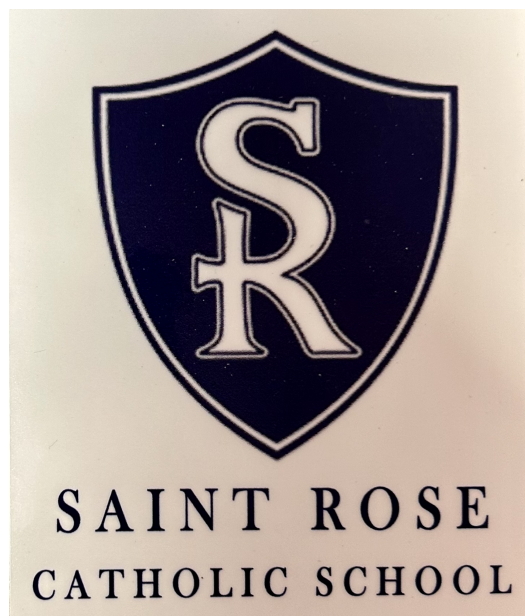
However, "incidental expenses" will come up occasionally throughout the year, and many families have not set up these charges to come out automatically. What are incidental charges?

These are charges that are not tuition or fees, such as billing for field trips, participation in extracurricular athletics, opt-out fees, etc. Frequently, I find myself reaching out to families to settle up on their incidental expenses, and I usually get, "but our account is set up for autopay." That is correct; most have it set this way for tuition and fees but not incidentals. Next time you log onto FACTS, double-check this.

Help for Maui/Lahaina: For those who have been to Hawaii, particularly Lahaina, you know it is a beautiful place with a vibrant culture. Most of us know that the town of Lahaina was destroyed by a devastating fire in early August. Some of you have reached out asking about how to help. **If you are interested in helping, please see the end of this newsletter for a letter from the Diocese of Monterey Bishop Danny Garcia, which provides information on how to help the people of Maui.**

Extended Care: Extended care is for grades K - 8 and is limited to 25 children per day. We request that you preregister for extended care on our website. Go to our website, click the "pancake" or "hamburger", click extended care and sign up. We had hoped to hold extended care in room 7 this year but have found that the middle school setup could be better for younger children. **Effective 8/28, we have moved the extended care home base back out to the 3rd-grade classroom (farthest portable from the school).** I am currently working on a long-term solution for where the best spot on campus is to hold extended care.

Bumper Stickers:



If anyone is interested in a St. Rose Catholic School bumper sticker, come by the office and pick one up. They measure 3" x 4" inches and are two colors only: blue and white. **If you place one on your car, remember you are representing the school when you are out driving!**

Parent Alert: This year we have started using a "Parent Alert" through FACTS Management Company. **Alerts will be sent via text message to the primary caregivers of the students in the event of an emergency or an urgent school-wide communication.** The message will display on your phone as "SRS ALERT" and the message will follow this title. These alerts will only be used for what I deem as urgent matters.

Old Items/Reminders

PTO General Meetings: What is the PTO, you might ask? How do I get involved with the PTO? I hear these questions occasionally, and I'll do my best to answer some of these questions right now.

The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is an independent organization for parents and teachers with its operating budget. The PTO aims to benefit the education and development of all students and staff, foster communication with families, and host community-oriented events. All families are already members of the PTO; however, if you want to get more involved with PTO, you may contact Christine Tracy (PTO President) at cglunz@gmail.com.

Our next PTO General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, @ 3:00 in the school library. Parents receive one hour of service hour credit for each meeting attended.

97.54% of 122 respondents on the 2022 - 2023 Parent Satisfaction Survey strongly agreed or agreed with the statement "My child(ren) feels respected by his/her teachers" at St. Rose Catholic School.

Did you Know?

You may have noticed that we have a "Pet Blessing" scheduled on our calendar for Monday, October 2, at 8:00. Some may wonder what this event is.

The Pet Blessing is traditionally held on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis was born in the 12th century in Italy and is remembered for his generosity to people experiencing poverty, his willingness to minister to lepers, and his love of animals and nature. St. Francis is the Catholic church's patron saint of animals and the environment.

While the feast day of St. Francis is on Wednesday, October 4, we will celebrate the Pet Blessing on Monday at our flagpole ceremony beginning at 8:00. Children and parents may bring their pets to school to be blessed at our blessing ceremony. All animals must go home with their adult parents immediately after the end of the ceremony at roughly 8:30. Children who cannot bring their pets may get a photograph of their pet to be blessed. **A few ground rules:**

- **Dogs must be on a leash at all times.**
- **"Accidents" must be picked up promptly.**
- **Cats and other small animals should be in a cage or box. Please be aware that there are usually a lot of dogs around, and sometimes cats are not too happy about this.**
- **All animals go home with their adult parents immediately after the ceremony.**
- **Please refrain from bringing farm animals (those with hooves).**

We look forward to seeing you there!

September Dates to Remember

Please remember that these dates or times may have to change between the writing of this newsletter and the time of the event. Always be sure to check out our up-to-date calendar located on our [website](#).

September:

- 1: Emergency Packets and Parent Handbook Agreements Due
- 4: Labor Day/No School
- 5: Stampede to Race and Read Kickoff, PTO Board Meeting @ 8:00, Middle School Back to School Night/Orientation @ 6:00
- 6: 4th Grade Kids Art Smart Field Trip @ 9:30, School Mass @ 10:00
- 7: 3rd Grade Kids Art Smart Field Trip @ 9:30
- 8: Edsall Twins Principal For The Day, 2nd Grade Kids Art Smart Field Trip @ 9:30
- 11 - 15: STAR Testing
- 12: PTO Board Meeting @ 3:00 in School Library, Girls Volleyball Home Game @ 3:45, Elementary Back to School Night @ 6:00
- 14: Girls Volleyball Home Game @ 3:45
- 17: Catechetical Sunday Family Mass @ 10:00
- 18: Diocesan Professional Development Day/No School
- 19 - 22: STAR Testing
- 19: Girls Volleyball Away Game @ 3:45
- 20: Buck a Jeans Day
- 21: 8th Grade Free Dress, Girls Volleyball Away Game @ 3:45, SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30
- 25 - 29: 7th Grade Yosemite Field Trip
- 26: Girls Volleyball Home Game @ 3:45
- 28: Girls Volleyball Away game @ 3:45

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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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are all aware of the devastating wildfires that have ravaged the island of Maui. Our prayers go out to all of the people who have been affected by this unbelievable tragedy. We also pray for all who are physically trying to help those who have survived, as well as to recover those who may have died. As Bishop Silva said in his letter to the Catholic Faithful in Hawaii: ***“In our collective prayers, we ask for strength, resilience, and healing for the fire victims and their families. May we find the grace to rebuild our families, their livelihoods, and the physical structures that were lost. Let your faith guide us as we navigate the challenges ahead, knowing that with the grace of God, all things are possible.”***

Many people have asked, *“How can we help?”* In communication with Bishop Larry Silva (Bishop of Honolulu), here are two ways in which you can assist:

Donations can be given by visiting the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic> or checks can be sent to Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation, 1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813.

You can also give by going directly to Catholic Charities Hawaii

<https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/maui-relief>.

Let us continue to pray for our sisters and brothers who are in need of our prayers, comfort and assurances that they are not alone.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia

Bishop of Monterey

