



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

Loving God of Peace,

On the upcoming anniversary of unbelievable sorrow, comfort those who mourn and guide our hearts toward healing and hope. Remind us of the love of Christ, love which leapt over cultural and ethnic boundaries to feed the hungry, seek the lost, and care for the least.

Make Your children, no matter how we name You, one human family, bound together in the work of justice and peacemaking.

Make us one with the Light that shines in the darkness and illuminates a path toward understanding and reconciliation. Let love be our genuine call.

Amen



Message From the Principal

I hesitate to say this and perhaps jinx myself, but this school year has started incredibly well, and it feels like pre-pandemic times once again. The first day of school can always be a time of excitement, anticipation, and anxiety for students and teachers alike. Day one started with 246 students, spread between 165 families. I want to welcome 35 new students from 28 families to our St. Rose Catholic School Community. I look forward to getting to know you and your students better this school year.

By all accounts, our first ever “Family Movie Night” was a huge success. I could not attend, but I heard from many families that they appreciated the night, the sense of community, and the proceeds from the event to help Father Jason’s community back in the Philippines. Thank you again to those who put so much effort into kicking the year off with a fun and enjoyable family evening.



I have an excellent feeling this year is going to be quite a success. While there is no doubt that we will be dealing with some COVID-related issues this year, I finally feel that we can once again spread our wings and move forward with very few classroom restrictions and community events. My staff and I appreciate all of your support, patience, and understanding over the past two and a half years. Here’s to a wonderful 2022 - 2023 school year!

New Items/Upcoming Events

Friday, September 9: In recognition of September 11, on Friday, September 9, we will begin the day with a **short prayer service at the Flagpole at 8:00**. Our leadership students will lead this service which is a time of remembrance and honor for those affected by the September 11 tragedy. Parents are welcome to attend this 10 - 15 minute prayer service. Additionally, **students may dress up in red, white, and blue clothing, colors modelled after the American flag. (If they choose not to wear red, white, and blue clothing, they must wear their school uniform.** I feel strongly that this day is in recognition of September 11, and thus am not looking for pink, aqua, etc.) Students are expected to follow the Free Dress Policy on page 27 of our 2022 - 2023 [Parent Handbook](#). Parents are encouraged to attend our prayer service.

Extended Care: We are in the **process of revamping the extended care program**. This revamping includes, but is not limited to:

- Requiring pre-registration for the program
- Electronic sign-in/sign out
- Separation of students who are in choir or athletics from extended care
- Capping student numbers at 25 students per day (extended care)
- Making extended care a more “structured” program

Our goal for extended care is for families with working parents to have a place for their children to be while parents are at work. Included in this is a quiet and set time for students to be able to work on their homework with as few distractions as possible. We have also had wild fluctuations in student attendance at extended care, from a low of 15 students to a high of 38 students. From a safety standpoint, my comfort zone is 25 students per adult. **Please be on the lookout for more information on this which we hope to roll out sometime in October.** In the meantime, there will be no pre-registration required.

Stampede to Race and Read: Last Thursday, we kicked off our Stampede to Race and Read fundraiser. Students met up with their “buddies” and **tie-dyed their Stampede shirts to be worn on the day of the event, Friday, September 30**, and can also be worn on “spirit shirt” and Buck a Jeans days (students may still wear regular school spirit shirts on these days). **As of 9/7, 83 of our 246 students registered for the event and have raised \$10,860.00 of our goal of \$60,000.00.** We have condensed the three miscellaneous fundraisers (BINGO, Charity Mania, and Scrip) that we previously had run into one student-centered event; the Stampede to Race and Read. Next week, a Stampede committee member will reach out to families who have not registered their children to assist in the registration process. Families are requested to raise \$400.00 per family, which goes to offset the cost of tuition.

Elementary Back to School Night: Mark your calendars for Elementary Back to School Night on **Tuesday, September 13, 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 for you to meet your child(s) teacher(s), hear about their programs, and ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.



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 from time to time, 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 reach out to Jennifer Roden (PTO President) at jnnfr5746@yahoo.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.

Mass with Bishop Danny: It was great to have Bishop Danny come down to Paso Robles to celebrate Mass with our school community. Three different times last year we were able to schedule him to come to Paso Robles and each time this fell through. A huge thank you goes out to our 8th grade class for hosting this Mass during the first week of school.

Did you Know?

You may have noticed that we have a **“Pet Blessing” scheduled on our calendar for Monday, October 3, at 8:00.** Some of you may wonder what exactly 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 the poor, 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 Tuesday, 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 bring 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:

- 9 Red, White and Blue theme free dress day
- 12 - 16 Week one STAR testing
- 13 Picture Day (grades PK - 4), PTO General Meeting in library @ 3:00, Girls volleyball home game @ 3:45, Elementary Back to School Night @ 6:00
- 14 Picture Day (grades PK, 5 - 8)
- 15 Girls volleyball away game @ 3:45, SAC Board meeting @ 5:30
- 16 Minimum day/noon dismissal, Faculty cluster meetings @ 1:00
- 18 Catechetical Sunday Mass @ 10:00
- 19 - 23 Week two STAR testing
- 20 Girls volleyball away game @ 3:45
- 21 Buck - A - Jeans Day
- 22 Girls volleyball home game @ 3:45
- 26 No school/professional development day

- 27 Girls volleyball home game @ 3:45
- 29 Make up picture day
- 30 Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Stampede to Race and Read,

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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