



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 a New School Year

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Principal's Message

My staff and I are eagerly preparing to open our doors on Monday, August 18, to welcome 240 registered students and 160 school families. The dedication and hard work of my faculty and staff in preparing their classrooms for the students is truly commendable. For educators, 'summer' is not just about relaxation. Many staff members take continuing education classes, attend professional development sessions, work on lesson plans, and fulfill requirements to maintain their credentials and employment status. I am grateful for their commitment.

Most of the 2024 - 2025 school year staff will be returning to St. Rose Catholic School for the upcoming year. I have made some staffing changes, and I am excited about the new additions to our team. As we look forward to the 2025 - 2026 school year, I am excited to introduce new staff members and position changes that will bring fresh perspectives and ideas to our school community.

- **Bethany Gil: First-grade teacher.** Ms. Gil has spent the past eight years working in the King City and Paso Robles school districts and is excited to join the team at St. Rose Catholic School. She brings a wealth of experience and a passion for teaching. Ms. Gil may be a familiar face as she also has a son who has attended preschool at St. Rose and will be in Kindergarten this upcoming school year
- **Angela Nino: Elementary teacher's assistant/librarian.** Ms. Nino, who has a daughter entering 4th grade, will be transitioning from a substitute teaching role to a regularly scheduled position as a classroom assistant and our school librarian. She will be taking over the role that Ms. Donati (who moved to Arizona over the summer) held last school year.
- **Dan Davis: Middle school science and robotics/ag elective teacher.** Mr. Davis (Ms. Sharon Davis' husband) recently retired from teaching at Templeton Middle School and will be working part-time at St. Rose Catholic School. He will be teaching middle school science and will bring back the robotics elective that we used to offer, switching to an agriculture-based elective mid-year. Mr. Davis brings 20 years of teaching experience to our middle school.

Mr. G. is no longer employed by the Diocese of Monterey. I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Mr. G. for his 24 years of dedicated service to the Diocese and the school. Everyone will miss his positive attitude and welcoming nature towards all students to begin the school day. I have a replacement in mind and hope to finalize that position within the next two weeks. Additionally, **Irene Huggins' role at St. Rose Catholic School will be changing. She will not have a regular daily schedule as in the past, but will stay on to support us with grant writing, the back end of fundraising, and other tasks.** Although you may not see her around as often, she will still be actively involved with the school.

Another change that you may not see is that **Bishop Danny (the Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey) will be returning to Texas to oversee the Diocese of Austin as Bishop.** Bishop Danny has been with the Diocese of Monterey for seven years and has been a strong supporter of Catholic education. The timeline for the Diocese to appoint a new bishop has not yet been set, but we will keep you updated on any changes that may affect our school.

Much like last summer (with ballistic-rated windows/school roof), a substantial amount of work was completed on the physical plant. From the week after school got out up through now and until the week before school starts, we have had a **plumbing and electrical makeover. While these are not eye-catching upgrades, they are long overdue, as we've had to modernize these essential aspects of our building and grounds for years. Additionally, we renovated the Kindergarten and "old" preschool classrooms, and we are on schedule for the [Centegix Crisis Alert](#) platform to be up and running by the end of the calendar year.**

Finally, as with many government programs, we are slowly moving forward with the process from the CalOES Safety Grant we received, which will help fund the installation of ballistic-rated windows and office doors in the four playground-facing rooms, the old preschool room, and the front office.

New Items/Upcoming Events

Teachers' Welcome Back/Supply Lists: Please be on the lookout on **August 1 for Welcome Back to School letters and supply lists that will come home from your children's teachers.** Preschool through 5th-grade letters will be sent directly from the core teachers, and Ms. Uribe

will collectively send middle school letters. I understand the stress of back-to-school shopping, so **if you ordered your children's school supplies through 1st Day School Supplies, those will be awaiting your children in their classrooms on the first day of school.** If all goes well this year, I'd like to continue providing you with this convenient and stress-free solution for back-to-school shopping.

Back to School Picnic at Concert in the Park on Thursday, August 14: Save the date for the 3rd annual PTO Back to School picnic at the Paso Robles Concert in the Park at 5:30. Pack a picnic and be part of this important event that brings the St. Rose community together after the summer break. We will be holding space across from Pappy McGregor's, so please look out for the sign. Come early with your chairs and blankets to reserve a larger area for our community. This is a BYO (Bring Your Own) event, so please pack food and beverages for you and your family.

August 15, 2025: Enjoy some time on campus for a **student and family meet and greet for preschool through 8th-grade students and their families from 11:00 to 12:00.** Sixth-grade students are also encouraged to bring their school supplies, as they can receive their lockers during the 12:00 to 1:00 time slot.

August 18, 2025: The first day of school for St. Rose Catholic School is upon us! Please feel free to walk your children to the school, classrooms, or playground. As students may have a number of supplies, they can drop them off in their classrooms or outside if the door is closed. After dropping items off, they may go to the playground for some free time until school begins. **As a friendly reminder, for the entire school year, we kindly request that children not be dropped off before 7:30 (unless they are in Advanced Band), as supervision begins at 7:30.**

Orientations:

- **"New Family" Orientation:** This year, we will host two identical New Family Orientations. These are available and open to all new families who joined the St. Rose Catholic School community during the 2024 - 2025 school year or recently for the 2025 - 2026 school year. **We will host these at 8:15 AM and 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 19.** These orientations will be in the Parish Hall, and we recommend bringing a device to follow along with the presentation electronically.
- **"Parent Volunteer" Orientation:** This year, we will host two identical Parent Volunteer Orientations. These are available and open to all families who plan on participating in their service hour requirements in the presence of children. **We will host these at 9:15 AM and 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 19.** These orientations will be in the Parish Hall, and we recommend bringing a device to follow along with the presentation electronically.
- **Middle School Technology Orientations:** Middle school students will attend a technology orientation on **Tuesday, August 19 at 11:00. Parents will need to attend either this 11:00 orientation OR the evening orientation (also on August 19) at 7:00 in the Parish Hall.** Students will not receive their chromebooks until they AND a parent have attended one of these orientations. Students will begin receiving their Chromebooks on Tuesday, August 19, once they and a parent have attended the orientations and have returned the signed agreements. A hard copy of this agreement will go home; however, the release form is in the Middle School Handbook and posted on our website.

St. Rose of Lima Parish Fiesta: The St. Rose of Lima Parish will host its **annual Fiesta from August 22 to 24**. This event has been expanded from a one-day festival to a weekend festival. This year's event kicks off **on Friday, August 22, with a Hawaiian Luau at Halter Ranch Winery, featuring a meal prepared by SRS alumnus Paul Arangorin**. Please see the attached flyer for details on the kickoff. More information will be forthcoming about the remainder of the Fiesta weekend.

August 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](#).

August:

4 - 8: Office open 9:00 - 2:00

11: Office returns to regular hours 7:30 - 4:00

14: PTO Back to School Event at Concerts in the Park @ 5:30

15: Pre-K - 8 Meet and Greet @ 11:00, 6th Grade locker distribution @ 12:00

18: First Day of 2025 - 2026 School Year, Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal

19: New Family Orientation @ 8:15/5:00 in Parish Hall, Parent Volunteer Orientation @

9:15/6:00 in Parish Hall, Middle School Technology Orientation @ 11:00/7:00 in Parish Hall, Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal

20: K - 8 Early Release, Buck A Jeans Day

21: 8th Grade Free Dress, SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30

22 - 24: St. Rose of Lima Parish Fiesta

22: School Mass @ 10:00

Week of 8/25: K - 8 Tutoring Begins

27: Early Release

28: Stampede to Race and Read Kickoff

29: Emergency Packets Due, Extended Care Closed

Thank you

Trevor Knable

Principal, St. Rose Catholic School



You're Invited!

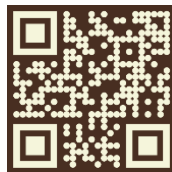
St. Rose of Lima Feast Day Celebration

Join us as we kick off our Feast Day celebration on **Friday, August 22nd** with a special “Hawaiian Luau” evening at **Halter Ranch Winery!**

Enjoy a memorable night that includes:

- A **40-minute Swiss Train Ride** through the scenic winery grounds
- A **complimentary glass of wine**
- A **delicious dinner** prepared by **Chef Paul Arangorin (SRS alumni)**
- Fellowship and fun with our **St. Rose of Lima parish community**
- **\$75 Adults and \$50** under 21 including children

To Reserve your ticket please scan barcode to access the winery website



We look forward to celebrating with you!

The Celebration continues Saturday and Sunday August 23-24...more information coming soon!
Save the dates!