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 Advent

**Week 1, Hope:** Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what’s really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

**Week 2, Peace**  Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

**Week 3, Joy:** Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

**Week 4, Love:** Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

“St. Rose is a special place because we have many close, friendly families that become very good friends. It is also special because the classes are small so the teachers are able to give every student their attention. They also teach us the Catholic Faith and we go to Mass. I enjoy this because I feel it deepens my relationship with God”

- Diego Pesquera, 8th Grade
Message from the Principal

With the Holiday Season upon us, there are so many events and different activities going on that we may feel bogged down. Many of us have family commitments, work Christmas Parties, and day to day life commitments. Looking at the school calendar, I see Santa's Workshop, Paso Robles Christmas Parade, multiple school Masses, Band Christmas Concert and Fundraiser, St. Rose Catholic School Christmas Pageant, and Choir and Band performances at the Vine Street Victorian Showcase. During this oftentimes hectic time of the year, please take some time to reflect upon the reason for the Christmas season; to celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.
For Your Information

Surveys: Thank you to those of you who have completed our accreditation surveys that were emailed out in November and those new families who have completed the "New Family" surveys. If you did not have an opportunity to complete the WCEA Parent Survey and WCEA Catholic Identity surveys, please follow these links: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YY52X5B and https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RQW6J5W These links will be open until December 15. Thank you for taking the time to do this. These surveys go a long way in improving our student's learning and educational process. For more on our accreditation process, please follow the link http://saintrosecatholicschool.org/our-school/accreditation

Registration for 2020 - 2021 School Year: A few questions have already come up about registration dates for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Preschool registration will be open from February 3 through February 14. K - 8 Early Registration will be open from March 2 through March 27. After March 27, registration fees for K - 8 will raise $50.00 per student.

Middle School Thanksgiving Baskets: Thank you to all that donated to the Middle School’s goal of filling ten Thanksgiving baskets for needy families in the Paso Robles community. They were able to meet their goal and had these delivered prior to Thanksgiving break.

Upcoming Events

Santa's Workshop: Please join us for this event from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 7. The cost is $25.00 per child, which includes six crafts, pizza, popcorn, cookies, and movies! St. Rose Catholic students in Kindergarten up may be dropped off; however, we ask that all students who are in preschool or who are not St. Rose Catholic School students have an adult with them. If you are interested in volunteering for school service hours, please sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aafa629a5fa7-santas1
Paso Robles, Christmas Parade: This yearly tradition will is scheduled for Saturday, December 7 with a meeting time set at 6:30 (meeting location TBA). Seats on our decorated trolley are limited, so please sign up ASAP in the school office as this is a first-come, first-served event; however, some seats are already reserved for the school choir.

Mass/Buck A Jeans: November's collection of $98.00 from Buck A Jeans Day and the 5th Grade Hosted Mass collection proceeds went to the Loaves and Fishes. December's proceeds from the Sixth Grade Hosted Mass collection, and Buck A Jeans will go to a to be announced charity.

Old Items

School Parking Lot: Please be ultra-cautious in the school parking lot, especially while the church construction is going on. In the last few weeks, we have had a few close calls with students or adults nearly being hit by cars. A few basic rules to follow to ensure safety for all students and adults:

- Do not leave your vehicle running while you are not in it.
- Park in a standard parking spot if you plan on getting out of your vehicle. If you plan on getting out of the car to walk your child into/find your child at the end of the day, park in a marked parking spot.
- Do not "double park" even if only for a short time.
- Keep your speed under five mph.
- Do not block crosswalks.
- Move your car forward to allow other vehicles to pull in during pickup and dropoff times.
- Always be attentive, refrain from using your cell phone at this time.

I know that adults are often aware of the school children in and around the parking lot; however, the children are not always as aware of cars as you are of the children.
Clergy vs. Students Basketball Game: What a great event! I saw the gym space maxed out for this unique event. Thank you again to Mr. Cooper and Fr. Raphael for putting this fun event together. For those of you that missed out, a group of clergy from the Diocese of Monterey came to St. Rose Catholic School to play basketball against our Middle School Boys and Girls Basketball Teams. What those in attendance learned was that the clergy could play basketball! Thank you all for coming out to this fun event.
2019 Wine Country Half Marathon and 5K: The second installment of the 2019 Wine Country Half Marathon and 5K was a success! The weather was great, the venue was beautiful, the parking lot was dry and many runners and community members came out to the event. A huge thank you goes out to the Wine Country Run committee! Thank you to all of you who ran and volunteered at the event!

Ever notice how much more relaxed and less tired the children look crossing the finish line?

Upcoming Dates to Remember

December:
4 PTO Board Meeting @ 8:15
5 Auction Committee Meeting @ 8:00, BINGO Take Out @ 5:30
6 Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Faculty Meeting @ 1:00, School Mass @ 8:30
7 Santa’s Workshop @ 10:00, Christmas Parade @ 7:00
8 Family Mass @ 10:00
10 Band Christmas Concert @ 6:00
12 School Mass: Our Lady of Guadalupe @ 8:30
13 3-8th Grade Advent Reconciliation 8:00 - 10:00
15 Knights of Columbus Band Fundraiser
16 Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal @ 8:30, Kindergarten Information Night @ 6:00
17 St. Rose Catholic School Christmas Pageant @ 6:00
18 Buck A Jeans Day
19 Auction Committee Meeting @ 8:00, BINGO Take Out @ 5:30, SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30
20 8th Grade Free Dress, Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal; No Extended Care
21 - 5: Christmas Break
Did You Know?

With today being "Giving Tuesday," I felt that it was essential to direct your attention to our "Donate Now" button on our webpage. **This button is not only used for donations, but it can also be used to pay on your statement with a credit card.** This button can be found directly on our homepage, or you can go to GIVING - DONATE NOW - CLICK HERE TO MAKE SECURE ONLINE PAYMENT. [https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Fi1giPL8kwX_Oe1AO50jRpCvhCqEHZDXA7Tjtxus2OGhjXsUKRLmI4vCU4-rrZZZ2EvVVAEjqawDomKT1pbouaEDPFA-o_FuUiWbIXE9tIM=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Fi1giPL8kwX_Oe1AO50jRpCvhCqEHZDXA7Tjtxus2OGhjXsUKRLmI4vCU4-rrZZZ2EvVVAEjqawDomKT1pbouaEDPFA-o_FuUiWbIXE9tIM=&ver=3)

The different possible donation or payment options under the button are:

**School BBQ Fundraiser:** Money from this goes towards our general operating budget.

**Where The Need Is Greatest:** Money is allocated to where I, along with the school finance council, believe that funds are in greatest need.

**Student Financial Aid:** Money goes to support students who might not otherwise be able to attend St. Rose Catholic School without financial assistance.

**Teacher Development:** Money goes towards professional growth for our staff.

**Science/Technology Advancement:** Money goes towards the purchase of science equipment and student Chromebooks/iPads and programming.

**Art and Music:** Money goes towards supporting the art and music programs.

**Card Swipe:** N/A unless used by the fundraiser's head with a card reader.

**Crab Feed Fundraiser:** Money goes to support our 7th grade and 8th-grade overnight field trips to Yosemite and San Francisco.

**Golf Tournament Fundraiser:** Money from the goes towards our general operating budget.

**Statement Payment:** Use a credit card to pay off/make a payment to your St. Rose Catholic School balance.

This is where ME becomes WE. WE ARE ST. ROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

Thank you again for choosing St. Rose Catholic School for your child's education!

Trevor Knable
Congratulations to our October and November Gospel Award winners!