



SAINT ROSE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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.

A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you
And asked the Lord above
To fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love

I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like His generous love
You give to those you touch each day

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end

Amen

“The most valuable lifelong skills that I’ve learned at St. Rose Catholic School are about going to church every Sunday and to pray every day. I have learned to give stuff to the poor and have learned a lot here.”

- *Eli Mejia, 4th Grade*

Message from the Principal, Registration Edition

Registration for the 2020 - 2021 school year is nearly upon us with **Preschool Registration running from February 3 through February 14 and Early Registration for grades K - 8 running from March 2 through March 27.** During this time, the annual registration fee for students K–8th grade will be discounted to \$350.00 per student. Effective March 28, 2020, the registration fee will be \$400.00 per student.

There are some changes regarding registration and tuition for the upcoming 2020 - 2021 school year:

- **Yearly Tuition will increase 2%**, which comes out to \$117.00 or \$124.00 depending on if you are a St. Rose parishioner or not. This 2% increase is below the Diocese of Monterey norm of a 3% tuition increase per year. **A 2% increase will put St. Rose Catholic School's tuition increase at 15% over the past eight years, whereas the Diocesan average is 24% over the same time period.**
- **St. Rose Catholic School will be offering a thank you gift to those families who refer a new family to our grades K - 8.** (A new family would be considered a family who has not previously had a child attend St. Rose Catholic School.) A family who refers a new family grades K - 8 will receive a **\$150.00 credit to their account once the new family pays their registration fees. At that time, the new family would let us know which family referred them to our school.** (If multiple families have referred them, they will need to choose to give one family name to receive the credit.)
- With our facility now being in its 62nd year, it has become necessary to have a **Building and Maintenance Fund.** This fund does not go into our General Operating Budget but is set aside strictly for **repair/replacement and maintenance of our current facility with extra money set aside towards new schoolwide projects.** In looking at what other Catholic schools assess for this type of fee, we have found ranges from \$75.00 per student to \$350.00 per family. Taking this into account, and our lower than average tuition increase St. Rose Catholic school will set this at **\$200.00 per family.**
- Once again, our fees such as "Consumables" (those items purchased every year that students use to write in and cannot be reused again), "Technology" (school iPad and Chromebook programs), and the previously stated "Building and Maintenance" will be billed all at one time rather than being spread throughout the year. **These will be charged in July; however, they will not be due until August 15.** We are doing this to be sensitive to those families who would like to pay their fees on a non-tuition month but also be sensitive to those that look forward to that no tuition month to perhaps take a family vacation. July and early August are "lean" months at school as we are not receiving any income at that time. If you can, it would be much appreciated to pay those fees as early as possible.
- On our 2020 - 2021 registration paperwork, you will notice that we are no longer using Vanco for our payment processing. **To consolidate our financial aid, tuition/accounts receivable, and grading/website into one location, we will be using FACTS Management Company.** You will

be able to find information regarding FACTS (the tuition management and accounts receivable portion) on our school website beginning in February.

For Your Information

Tuition Assistance: Tuition assistance is available for grades K-8th, awards are based on family needs and the amount of Tuition Assistance allocated for the 2020-2021 school year. To apply, please see our school website and look for **Facts under Admissions-Tuition Assistance**. The application process starts during the week of **February 3, 2020, and runs through March 15, 2020**. Applications must be completed to determine the award, and families will be notified regarding their tuition assistance in May 2020.

Importance of Fundraising: I have been asked or had frustrations voiced many times regarding the amount of fundraising required for St. Rose Catholic School. **With the average tuition hovering around \$6,000.00 (parishioners slightly less and non-parishioners slightly more) and the actual cost of educating a child at St. Rose Catholic School being \$7876.97 there is a gap that needs to be bridged. Simply put, tuition covers 76% of the cost of educating your children.** While I know that some express frustration with the need to help in fundraisers, I hope that these numbers help you realize the importance of fundraising to St. Rose Catholic School, and most elementary Catholic schools in general.



Perhaps one of my favorite programs that we run at St. Rose Catholic School: Our Big Buddy Program

Upcoming Events

Preschool Registration: Registration for our preschool will begin on **Monday, February 3, and end of Friday, February 14. As per our licensing, we will limit daily attendance to 25 children.** Priority will be given for choices on days to our returning kindergarten families, incoming preschool students who have siblings at St. Rose Catholic School, the children of parishioners, and finally non-parishioners.

Bring a Friend to School Day 2020: There are so many great things happening at St. Rose Catholic School. Unfortunately, I don't know that everyone outside of our community is aware of this. I once again ask parents to reach out to family friends, colleagues at work, or people that you know from various activities, to invite a student who is currently in grades K - 7 to come to visit St. Rose Catholic School on our annual **"Bring a Friend to School Day" scheduled for Monday, February 10.** I would love to have up to eight children grade level visit on that day and find out for themselves about all of the great things that are happening at St. Rose Catholic School. If you know of someone who might be interested, please invite them using the forms which are attached to the end of this newsletter.

2019 - 2020 St. Rose Catholic School Parent Satisfaction Survey: In the late Fall of 2018, a survey via SurveyMonkey was sent to all school families. I was pleased to see that roughly 80% of all school families completed the survey. Over the past year, we have used this survey to help inform decisions that have been made and to help gain insight into how satisfied parents are with St. Rose Catholic School. **In mid-February, we will once again be sending a Parent Satisfaction Survey to you via SurveyMonkey. Please take the time to complete this survey as you will be able to mark down one service hour, your child(ren) will earn a day of free dress, and you will help the school greatly.** I honestly do consider all responses when planning and making decisions for the upcoming school year.

"My favorite part of St. Rose is the cross and learning about Jesus."

- Abigail Borchard, Pre-K



Congratulations to all of our middle school students who received an Honors Award (3.0 GPA or above) for the second quarter!

Old Items

School Safety: Recently, it feels that the instances of unhappiness or grumbling regarding our school policy of checking into the office to pick up either a volunteer or visitor badge. This policy is in place for three reasons:

- **For the safety of the children:** employees in the school office know who is on campus. Others who may not know who the visitor or volunteer is, know that they have checked into the office and have been cleared to be on campus.
- **For the safety of the visitor or volunteer:** in the case of an emergency, by signing into the office, there is a record of your being on campus and accountability for EMS personnel.
- **It is a Diocesan requirement:** much like tracking the attendance of children, we are required by the Diocese of Monterey to keep a record of the coming and going of visitors and volunteers on our grounds.

I believe that the most crucial aspect of my job is to make sure that all of the children at school are safe. According to our most recent parent survey, 45% of all respondents listed “Safe Environment” as either their first or second most important reason for sending their children to St. Rose Catholic School. Additionally, 97.44% of all respondents marked “Yes” when asked, “Do you feel that your children are safe at your school?”

I understand that some may feel that checking in to the school office is micromanaging or having a policy for the sake of having it. If anything, please remember that this policy is in place for the safety and protection of your sons and daughters.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

February:

3 - 14 Preschool Registration Open

4 - 5 St. Rose “Clothes Closet” Open 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

4 Boys Basketball at OMS @ 3:45

5 PTO Board meeting @ 8:15, 5th Grade Field Trip to Cal Poly @ 10:00, Girls Basketball at Lillian Larsen @ 3:45, Boys Basketball at Lillian Larsen @ 4:45

6 Auction Committee Meeting @ 8:00, Girls Basketball at Trinity Lutheran @ 3:45, Boys Basketball at Trinity Lutheran @ 4:45

7 Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal

10 Bring A Friend To School Day

11 PTO General Meeting in ALC

12 Girls Basketball vs. Santa Lucia @ 3:45, Boys Basketball vs. Santa Lucia @ 4:45

13 Auction Committee Meeting @ 8:00

14 Valentine’s Day Theme Free Dress (Jeans and Valentines color top)

17 President’s Day/No School

18 - 21 CVPL Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments TBA

19 Buck A Jeans Day, Parish Speaker Series: Faith Formation @ 6:15

20 7th Grade MCP Visitation, Auction Committee Meeting @ 8:00, SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30

21 8th Grade Free Dress, Winter Dance @ 6:00
25 Mission Carnival @ 10:00
26 Ash Wednesday Mass @ 8:30
27 Spirit Shirts, Auction Committee Meeting @ 8:00, Gospel Awards @ 8:30
28 Middle School Elective Field Trip Day, Lenten Mass @ 8:30

Did You Know?

With registration upon us, I anticipate that many families will ask questions about **Registration Fees**. In this section, I hope to proactively answer some questions that I feel might come up.

At the time of signing your children up for the 2020 - 2021 school year, families will have to pay a Registration Fee. Registration Fees are per child fees with the following breakdown:

- Preschool: \$200.00
- K - 8: \$350.00 (March 2 - March 27)
- K - 8: \$400.00 (After March 27)

Registration fees go towards five primary services:

- **They guarantee a student a spot in a class**
- **Student school start up materials** are purchased from these fees.
- **The Diocese of Monterey charges all schools a “per capita” tax.** This tax is paid for from the registration fees.
- St. Rose Catholic School pays a **per capita “insurance” fee** to cover student accident and risk.
- St. Rose Catholic School is charged a **“testing” fee** by the Diocese of Monterey for access to and usage of the STAR assessments.

For the 2019 - 2020 school year, the cost to St. Rose Catholic School for the per capita tax, insurance, and testing fees totaled \$52,640.13 or an average of \$271.34 per St. Rose Catholic School student.

I hope that this gives all a clear vision of why we charge “registration fees” and how these fees are used to cover our expenses for educating your child.

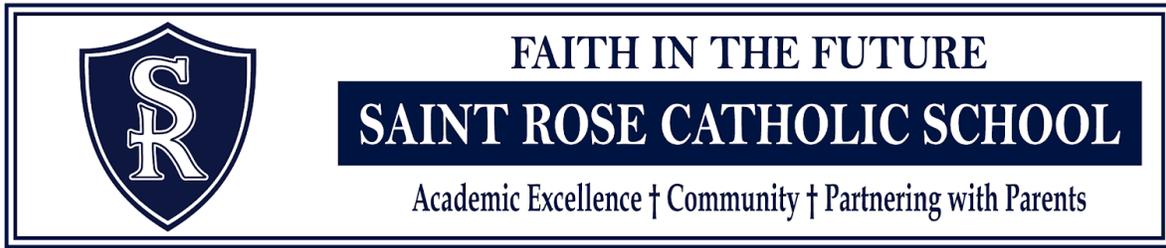
Finally, a few pictures from the 2020 Catholic Schools Week!





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

Trevor Knable



Bring a Friend to School Day, 2020

January 7, 2020

“Bring a Friend to School” is a program offered to **current parents of Kindergarten through seventh-grade students to invite potential students to spend a day at St. Rose Catholic School.** These prospective students can be part of their neighborhoods, sports clubs, summer camps, relatives, etc. This event is for students who are visiting St. Rose Catholic School for the first time, not for former students. **Because of space limitations, reservations for visiting students will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis with up to eight guest students able to visit each grade level.**

To participate in this program:

- **Parents of St. Rose Kindergarten through 7th-grade students may invite** one of their children's friends to attend St. Rose Catholic School on **Monday, February 10.**
- St. Rose Catholic School parents should ask visiting student's parents to complete the following **“Visiting Student Information and Permission Form”** by **February 7** and turn in to the school office. Permission forms will reserve a visiting student's spot on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visiting students who have not turned in a permission form will be unable to attend.
- St. Rose students are permitted to bring one friend. **Visiting students and parents must be genuinely interested in attending St. Rose Catholic School, not expecting this to be an opportunity to have childcare during a no school day in the Paso Robles public schools.**

On Monday, February 10:

- Visiting students can travel to and from school with their St. Rose friend, or can arrive separately and meet by the start of school. Visitors should be picked up by their parents or their St. Rose friend's parents at the close of the school day.
- Visitors should bring his or her lunch, and any food allergies or medications should be noted on the permission form.
- Visitors should wear clothes that adhere to the **St. Rose Catholic School Free Dress Policy found on page 20 of our Parent Handbook:**
http://dwscbcy9jc8hm.cloudfront.net/sites/80/comfy/cms/files/17840/files/original/Saint_Rose_Catholic_School_Parent_Handbook_2019-2020.pdf
- Visitors must adhere to the policies and procedures of St. Rose Catholic School.

For more information: Please contact Michelle Machado in the front office at mmachado@saintrosecatholicschool.org or 805-238-0304 ext. 110

Bring a Friend to School Day, 2020

Visiting Student Information and Permission Form

Name of visiting child: _____

Current school and grade level of visiting child: _____

Visiting child's St. Rose Catholic School friend is: _____

My visiting child will (please circle one):

1. Arrive at SRS with her/her friend 2. Arrive at SRS separately by 8:00 a.m.

My name is (Parent/Guardian): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Parent Email: _____

Daytime/Cell phone number: _____ (in case of emergency)

Please list all known allergies for your child: _____

Please list all medications (both prescription and non - prescription) and/or medical needs:

Saint Rose Catholic School students and their guests are expected to follow the schoolwide policies and procedures found in the 2019 - 2020 Parent Handbook.

http://dwscbcy9jc8hm.cloudfront.net/sites/80/comfy/cms/files/17840/files/original/Saint_Rose_Catholic_School_Parent_Handbook_2019-2020.pdf

Saint Rose Catholic School does not carry individual student accident insurance. In the unlikely event of an accident, it is the family's responsibility for any medical bills incurred. If an accident occurs due to negligence, the school maintains full liability coverage.

I, _____ hereby give my permission should my child need emergency care, for services rendered to my child by a licensed physician and/or hospital. If, in an emergency, I am unable to arrange for pick up within a reasonable amount of time, I give the school permission to transport my child to a licensed physician or hospital. I also understand that any medical bills are my responsibility.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return your signed form to the St. Rose Catholic School office by February 7.