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.

The Coming of Spring

Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too.

Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus’ name.

Amen

“Our children are definitely thriving at St. Rose and always feel safe, supported and happy when on the school campus. They are gaining wonderful values and morals that echo what we teach and foster at home. We are proud to be part of such a caring, compassionate and tight-knit school community.”

Message from the Principal

Often I have been told that I tend to be too wordy or too long-winded. Part of this wordiness is because I feel that I have so many great things to say and talk about regarding St. Rose Catholic School. Over the past year and a half, many changes have been happening around St. Rose Catholic School. Next in a string of changes has to do with our motto and tagline. Our previous logo was established in 1958 when the school first opened its doors. While I cannot place a date on the adoption of our motto of “Faith in the Future” and tagline of “Academic Excellence, Community, Partnering With Parents,” I can say that they date back to the previous century.

Over the past months, our staff and School Advisory Council have been working diligently to modernize and consolidate who we are at St. Rose Catholic School into one abbreviated line. After plenty of revisions, solicitation of feedback from other Diocesan principals and stakeholders, and discussions about the core of our school, I would like to introduce our new motto of “Pursuing excellence in faith, knowledge, and virtue” to you.

You may also notice that this newsletter is longer than most; I felt it was important to reiterate much of the meat of my February Newsletter to you. You will find this under “Old Items.”

![2020 St. Rose Catholic School Mission Carnival.](image)

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.

**2019 - 2020 Parent Satisfaction Survey:** Thank you to those of you who responded to the current edition of our Parent Satisfaction Survey. **I was happy to see that we had an 89% response rate and an 85% completion rate.** Not only is it essential for parents to be heard, but it is crucial for us to know what we are doing well, where we should focus our efforts on improving, and how we can move forward in our attempt of pursuing excellence in faith, knowledge, and virtue.

**K - 8th-grade children of parents who completed the survey will receive free dress on Thursday, March 5,** and will be notified by their teachers. As with last year, I will share the quantitative data (bar graphs, etc.) with parents in the next newsletter. This data will be numerical only and have no markers or comments.

*5th Grade Class trip to the Cal Poly PAC.*
**Baby News:** Congratulations to our Kindergarten teacher Audrey Roza and her husband, Ethan. They welcomed their second son, **Levi**, into the world on Monday, **February 24**!

*Levi Roza was born February 24.*

**2019 Wine Country Half Marathon and 5K:** Thank you once again to everyone who volunteered at, participated in, or had any part in the November 2019 Wine Country Run. Our WCR Committee of **Summer Goldstein, Ashley Blake, Stephanie Cadwallader, Lauren Dismuke, Edith Harrington, Nancy Hoover, Grace Iaquinto, Nathalie Wallis and Angelica Morales** worked incredibly hard to pull off two runs in one calendar year. On Monday, February 24, St. Rose Catholic School was presented with a check in the amount of **$14,000.00** from the proceeds of the event. These proceeds will help fund an upcoming capital improvement at St Rose Catholic School.

*Proceeds from the WCR will go to help fund an upcoming capital improvement.*
Upcoming Events

2020 - 2021 School Year: As the 2019 - 2020 school year is nearly ⅓ of the way through, planning for the next school year is in full swing. Perhaps the most commonly asked question we receive in the office is in regards to start and end dates. School will begin on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, and end on Friday, June 11, 2021. We are starting on a Tuesday so that the school grounds can be cleaned on Monday from the Sunday, August 23, Parish Fiesta.

Registration: Registration for the 2020 - 2021 school year is nearly upon us with 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. In order to register for the 2020 - 2021 your account must be current and up to date.

Rice Bowl: Rice bowls were sent home on Ash Wednesday. Any spare change dropped into the rice bowls will go to supporting Catholic Relief Services. Collection of the rice bowls will be on Friday, April 3. For more information, please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Old Items

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 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 take a family vacation, perhaps. 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.

**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.

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

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.

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**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

March:
1 Family Mass @ 10:00
2 K-8 Early Registration Opens
4 - 6 Auction Event Set-up
4 PTO Board Meeting @ 8:15, Parish Speaker Series: Preparing for Sacrifice @ 6:15
5 Parent Satisfaction Survey Free Dress Day
6 3rd Grade Class Retreat, School Mass @ 8:30, SRS Dinner Auction @ 5:30, Extended Care Closed
10 PTO General Meeting @ 6:00
11 Middle School Basketball Award Night @ 4:00
13 No School: Diocesan Professional Development Day
14 ICF St. Patrick’s Day Dinner @ 5:30
15 Knights of Columbus Band Fundraiser
17 Jeans and St. Patrick’s Day Theme Shirt/Sweatshirt Day
18 Buck A Jeans Day, 3rd Grade Pioneer Museum Field Trip @ 8:30
19 SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30
20 8th Grade Free Dress, End of Quarter 3, Minimum Day/Noon Dismissal, Lenten Mass @ 8:30
24 - 27 6th Grade Class Trip
25 Parish Speaker Series: Eucharist @ 6:15
26 Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Spirit Shirts
27 K - 8 Early Registration Ends, Lenten Mass @ 8:30, Report Cards Mailed Home
28 Eucharist Retreat for 2nd Grade Parents and Students @ 10:00
Our 6th graders are lifelong learners....and learning that one can fit into a locker!

Congratulations to our February Gospel Award winners!

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

Trevor Knable
Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to [his] disciples to set before the people.
—Mark 6:41

Dear Families,

During Lent our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger—and our responsibility to respond to the needs of our global human family.

We will be reminded through the Gospel story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 that if we commit to sharing what we have with those in need, trusting in God’s abundance, there is more than enough to feed everyone. Through our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving, we can respond to the call to ensure that all our brothers and sisters are fed good, nutritious food that gives them what they need to fulfill their God-given potential.

During this holy season, it is important to come together as a family and reflect on the cross of hunger and lack of proper nutrition, that so many of our brothers and sisters both near and far are forced to carry. In so doing, we pledge to stand alongside these members of our human family, supporting them as the Gospel calls us to do.

Please consider these suggestions in your family’s Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.
- Visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

We will collect your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more.

Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

Sincerely,

St. Rose Catholic School

* Rice Bowl donations due Friday, April 3

CRS Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality.
St. Patrick’s Day

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

Dinner provided by

the

ST. ROSE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2020
5:30 - 8pm

ADULTS $15
CHILDREN $10

Dinner includes corned beef, cabbage, soda bread & beverage

St. Rose Parish Hall, 820 Creston Rd, Paso Robles

TICKETS SOLD AFTER MASSES 3/1 & 3/8