



SAINT ROSE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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May 1, 2020

Parents of St. Rose Catholic School Students,

Happy end of the week of week six of our long term dismissal! My brain is pretty fried, but if my math is correct, we are now more than halfway through this as there are five weeks left of school. I hope that you all have found a balance between work, school, family life, downtime, and social distancing. These times have been difficult for all of us, and I'm sure that we are all looking forward to a return to as close to normal as is possible.

In light of Governor Gavin Newsom's news conference earlier this week, I have received some emails regarding the start date for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Some of you may have heard that he alluded to schools starting in July this year. While I cannot promise anything, I can say that **unless the Diocese of Monterey gives me a directive, I do not plan on altering my previously stated start date of August 25, 2020.** As an educator, I know what my staff is doing to teach your children; the countless extra hours they are putting is astonishes me. As a parent, I see the stresses that distance learning is putting on my daughter and my wife and I. St. Rose Catholic School staff, students, and parents deserve a break and downtime this summer.

I want to bring people up to speed on some lingering items and questions that I have encountered recently:

School Yearbook: Yes, there will be a yearbook this year as some 8th-grade families have graciously volunteered to help put this together. We have had to ask for an extension on getting it turned in. While we have been granted an extension, it has pushed delivery of the yearbooks into mid to late June. Usually, this would be an issue as children would not be able to sign them; however, with our current situation, this would not be possible anyway. **Ordering for the yearbooks will be online, and they will be delivered to your house.** As soon as we have the link for ordering, I will send it to all families.

FACTS: Some of you may have noticed on your registration that for the 2020 - 2021 school year, we are no longer using Vanco for our tuition/accounts receivable processing but will be moving to FACTS Management Company. Not only will FACTS handle our tuition and accounts receivable, but they will also manage our financial assistance program, grading/student information systems, and website. For years I have wanted to consolidate all that we do into one location, and beginning next year, we will have this as well as online registration (yes, we will step into the 21st Century finally in this aspect).

There are many **upsides to St. Rose Catholic School moving to FACTS** for the tuition and accounts receivable processing including:

- FACTS ensuring the collection of tuition, consumable fees, and miscellaneous fees. FACTS will reduce problems caused by delinquent tuition payments and allow the school to maximize our opportunities to provide the best educational services to your family.
- Myself, office staff, and teachers will spend less time running the business side of the school and spend more time educating the minds and souls of your children.
- The program will save the school time and administrative costs associated with periodic billing, accounting, and tuition collection, as payments will be made automatically by your bank or credit card.

On the downside, there is either a \$20.00 or \$50.00 annual fee (which depends on how often you use the program) assessed to families by FACTS. This fee and the building and grounds fees are the primary reason why I kept our tuition increase for the 2020 - 2021 school year at 2% rather than the recommended 3%. For more information on FACTS, please visit our website or follow this link

http://dwscbcy9jc8hm.cloudfront.net/sites/80/comfy/cms/files/24627/files/original/FACTS_Tuition_Parent_Information.pdf.

End of school procedures: On a “normal” school year, students would bring all of their items home during the final week of school. Since this year has been anything but ordinary (remember the plumbing problems as well?), I am asking that all K - 8th-grade teachers have all of your children's' belongings and items in the school hallways by **May 15**. (Pre - K will be handled differently, and you will receive word from Ms. Chamberlain directly.) I plan to begin our summer cleaning and maintenance in May while it is cooler than during the heat of summer.

I'm hoping that everyone isn't just being friendly when they tell me how happy they are with the job that all of the teachers and I are doing with the distance learning model. I pray that we are doing an excellent job. Since I have received some very positive feedback (while at the same time hearing lukewarm to negative feedback from some of those that are in the public schools), I'm inclined to believe that we are doing well. **I am also hoping that families are spreading the word about St. Rose Catholic School and our community. I wanted to remind everyone that we are now offering a thank you gift to families who refer a new family to St. Rose Catholic School's grades K - 8.** As previously mentioned in my February newsletter: "*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.)*" If you know of anyone who might be interested, please direct them to the school office. I am able and willing to meet with them and conduct school tours virtually during this time.

Our campus minister, **Shannon Uribe**, also had some information that she asked me to pass along:

Dear St. Rose Families,

Happy Feast Day of St. Joseph, the Worker! We lift our hearts today for all of those working on the front lines of this virus. We also seek St. Joseph's intercession for those dealing with job loss and lack of work at this time.

Today the bishops of the United States will be rededicating our nation to Mary. As the world continues to face the ongoing effects of the global pandemic of the coronavirus, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has announced that the U.S. bishops will join the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops are renewing the consecration of the two nations to our Blessed Mother. This is an article about their decision.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-04/canada-and-us-bishops-reconsecration-nation-to-virgin-mary.html>

Pope Francis has also called us to dedicate this month to Mary by praying the rosary. His letter is attached here:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-04/letter-on-the-month-of-may-full-text.html>

Let us join with Catholics throughout the world to honor Mary this month and call on her intercession. Please join us next, Friday, May 8, at 8 AM for our live-streaming Mass to honor Mary. You can join us on Facebook or at the parish website:

<http://www.saintrosechurch.org/word/>

Additionally, I wanted to remind you that there are virtual School Masses being offered by the St. Rose Catholic Parish. These Masses are as follows:

May 8- Marian Mass (May crowning)

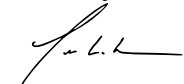
May 22- Baccalaureate

June 5- last day of school

The Masses will all be on **Friday at 8:30 AM**. As of right now, they will be virtual liturgies and live-streamed via the **parish website/Facebook**.

Finally, I wanted to say **thank you** to all of you that make up the St. Rose Catholic School community. This morning I was completely **surprised, honored, and humbled** by the number of families that car paraded through the St. Rose parking lot to wish me a happy Principal's Day. Thank you again; however, **I couldn't do what I do without the support of my excellent staff and you, those that make up the St. Rose Catholic School community.**

Thank you once again for your support,



Trevor Knable

Middle School Zoom Schedule (Revised 4/28)

PW = Password

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1 8:00 - 8:45	Cooper- 7th 7th Grade P.E.	Staff Zoom	Greaves - 6th 6th Grade Math	*Uribe- 8th Grade Religion Password: 7MHNdH	
Period 2 9:00 - 9:45	Davis - 8th LA/LIT Password:	Staff Zoom		Uribe- 7th Grade Religion Password: 7FXwu0	
Period 3 10:00 - 10:45	Davis - 7th LA/LIT Password: 883140	Cooper- 6th 6th Grade P.E.	Greaves - 8th 8th Grade Math	*Uribe- 6th Grade Religion Password: 5ck4pJ	
Period 4 11:00 - 11:45	Davis - 6th LA/LIT Password: 637555			Greaves - 7th 7th Grade Math	Visbal -8th 8th Grade Science PW: Science8
Period 5 12:00 - 12:45		Mr. K. 7th Grade Optional Check In			Visbal - 7th 7th Grade Science PW: Science7
Period 6 1:00 - 1:45	Mr Bachman Advanced band		Middle School Staff Zoom	Demeter: Mrs. Demeter-6th, 7th, 8th Art	Visbal - 6th 6th Grade Science PW: Science6
Period 7 2:00 - 2:45	Mr. K. 6th Grade Optional Check In	Cooper- 8th 8th Grade P.E.	Middle School Staff Zoom	Mr. K. 8th Grade Optional Check In	

*Changes from the previous week are highlighted in RED.