



### **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 the New School Year**

Our father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new school year, we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the 2018 – 2019 school year.

We each have our hopes and our expectations for the school year that is ahead of us, but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet the school year's challenges. Help us to put our hands in Your hand humbly, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this school year.

In the midst of our daily preoccupations, pursuits, temptations, and our stubborn self-will, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. As we look back over the past school year, we thank You for Your goodness to us – far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this school year.

Our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new school year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope for both this world and the world to come.

Amen

### **Message From the Principal**

September 1, 2018

Parents and families of St. Rose Catholic School students,

Thank you for all of your support and for helping to make such a smooth start to the beginning of the year. What a phenomenal start this has been to the school year! I have spent time in all of the classrooms and was able to witness firsthand the incredibly supportive and faith-based community that makes up St. Rose Catholic School. I always keep my office windows slightly cracked as it is so great to hear the sounds of laughter and joy coming in from the hallways and schoolyard. It has also been great to see how dedicated the faculty and staff are at St. Rose Catholic School. The rooms are looking great, the new teachers and teachers in new roles have transitioned smoothly, and everyone is excited for the upcoming weeks.

By now all families should have turned in their signed St. Rose Catholic School Family Handbook agreements and students should have brought in their emergency packets. The emergency

packets are kept out in a building on the schoolyard so that we may access them in case of fire, earthquake or another emergency/disaster. With the increase in school lockdowns, however, I feel that it would be prudent for the school to also keep bottled water, snacks, and a bucket in each classroom if the children need to remain in the classroom for an extended period. If there is anyone interested in donating a set (water and non-perishable snacks for 24 students and a bucket), I would very much appreciate it. I'm looking for eleven sets for all of the school rooms. These could be dropped off in the school office and would count for one service hour.

As many of you know, the Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey, Richard Garcia passed away on Wednesday, July 11 at the age of 71 from complications brought on by Alzheimers Disease with which he was diagnosed with in April. Bishop Garcia was installed as the fourth ordinary Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey in 2007 by Pope Benedict XVI. Bishop will be sorely missed by all of those people that he has touched. If interested, please see a tribute to Bishop Garcia posted to Youtube by the Diocese of Monterey at <https://youtu.be/TPyZsApPsKU>

Recently, Bishop Wilkerson, Auxillary Bishop Emeritus of Los Angeles was appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Monterey. We welcome, and look forward to working with Bishop Wilkerson now and in the future.

### **For Your Information**

**Standardized Testing:** Our first of three standardized testing sessions will occur in September. These Star tests will run from September 17 – September 28. All testing is done electronically through the learning company, Renaissance, and will take place during classroom time. Please remember to have your children eat a healthy breakfast and bring a snack to school.

**PK – 5 Back to School Night:** PK - 5 Back to School Night will take place on Tuesday, September 5 from 6:00 – 7:00. This is a night for families to come and visit their children's' classrooms and find out information from their teachers. There will be two identical sessions which run from 6:00 – 6:25, and from 6:30 – 6:55 so that families with multiple children in these classes have an opportunity to visit more than one room.

6:00 – 6:25: Session 1

6:30 – 6:55: Session 2

**Middle School Back to School Night:** M.S. Back to School Night will take place on Tuesday, September 11 from 6:00 – 7:00. Families will sit in their children's' "homeroom" classroom (6<sup>th</sup>-grade room 7, 7<sup>th</sup>-grade room 6, and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade room 7) and find out information about their children's' subject teachers. Teachers will rotate between the classes in the order that students attend classes. Families will not need to rotate classrooms, except for elective period 8.

6:00 – 6:56: Periods 1 - 7 (8<sup>th</sup>-grade room 7, 7<sup>th</sup>-grade room 6, 6<sup>th</sup>-grade room 8)

6:57 – 7:04: Period 8 ( Art-room 5, Spanish-room 8, Technology-room 6, Leadership-room 7)

**Extended Care:** I would like to welcome back Monica LePiane for her 6<sup>th</sup> year as Extended Care Director. Extended care will now be in the old fourth-grade portable directly next to the preschool playground. Extended care will run from 3:00 until 5:30 on full school days and from 12:15 to 5:30 on most minimum days (please check school calendar for availability). If you need to contact Ms. LePiane after 4:00, or if you have forgotten your key card and the office is closed, you may reach the extended care room at (805) 239-0304 ext. 121. As a reminder, there will be a \$20.00 fee charged if your child is

picked up after 5:30. I am working to add extended care on the first Friday minimum days in the near future. This is a work in progress, and I will keep you updated.

I have asked Ms. LePiane to make a "wish list" of items that she could use in extended care. If you are interested in donating to the program, some items that would be greatly appreciated include:

1. Sand toys: buckets, shovels, water cans
2. Playdough items: rollers, cookie cutters, etc
3. Interactive games for 4 or more children such as "Operation."
4. Quick drying clay
5. Pencils, markers, colored pencils, etc.

**Preschool Restroom:** I would like to send out a massive St. Rose "THANK YOU" to Patrick Wilson, Kevin Souza, Luis Pesquera, and the rest of their team that completely transformed the preschool restroom from an old, outdated and run down bathroom to a brand new, preschool-aged child-friendly restroom! It looks incredible, and Ms. Chamberlain and the rest of the preschool staff could not be happier! Thank you once again for all of your hard work and for taking time out of your busy schedules to volunteer and donate time to the school.

### **Upcoming September Dates to Remember**

#### **September**

- 3 No School: Labor Day Holiday
- 4 PK-5 Back to School Night @ 6:00
- 5 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Yosemite Mtg @ 5:00 room 8
- 7 Minimum day/noon dismissal, extended care closed, School Mass @ 8:30, Faculty meeting @ 1:00
- 11 Middle School Back to School Night @ 6:00
- 12 Picture Day: grades PK - 4
- 13 Picture Day: grades PK, 5 - 8
- 16 Catechetical Sunday Mass
- 17 – 28 Star Testing
- 19 Buck-A-Jeans Day, K-3 Progress reports
- 20 SAC Board meeting
- 21 Minimum day/noon dismissal, extended care open, 8<sup>th</sup>-grade free dress, Faculty collaboration meeting @ 1:00, Fall Drive Thru BBQ @ 4:00
- 28 Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Spirit shirts

## **Did You Know?**

Saint Rose Catholic School has a set of Student Learning Expectations that we feel students who attend St. Rose should meet and graduate school with. The SLE These expectations, also known as SLE's, each have multiple subsections underneath them. Our SLE are:

### **Faithful Catholic Christians Who:**

1. Know God: have knowledge of the tenets of the Catholic Faith and apply it to their decision making
2. Pray: value prayer in the daily lives
3. Participate in Faith: actively participate in the Mass and reception of the Sacraments
4. Serve Others: serve others by sharing the faith through their actions and words

### **Life Long Learners Who:**

1. Communicate: have the ability to communicate both written and verbally
2. Organize/Work: demonstrate strong organizational, study, and analytical skills
3. Think/Problem Solve: are critical thinkers and problem solvers
4. Do Their Best: strive to do their best and are confident in their abilities
5. Value Knowledge: remain open to learning new ideas and concepts

### **Responsible Citizens Who:**

1. Are Good Examples: lead by example and take personal responsibility to become good role models for their community
2. Show Compassion: show compassion towards others, locally and globally, by sharing their talents and gifts
3. Make Peace: resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully
4. Care for God's Creation: act as good stewards of God's creation
5. Care for Self: care for themselves both spiritually and physically

Beginning this year, our Gospel Values Awards will directly reflect our SLE's. For September, we will be focusing on "Faithful Catholic Christians." Teachers may choose to give a gospel award to a student who represents one or more of the four subsections of this SLE. We will rotate through the SLE's on a monthly basis. Typically, Gospel Awards are held at 8:30 in the Parish Hall towards the end of each month. If your child is receiving an award, you should receive notification of this award at least 48 hours in advance.

Once again, thank you all for making this a great start to the school year. Let us give thanks to God for his constant blessings, and ask him for the courage and strength we need to find him within ourselves during the 2018 – 2019 school year.

