



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 Autumn

Good and generous Lord, you have once more brought the year full circle, through planting and growing and ripening to harvest time, and autumn.

We thank You for the sun and the wind, the rain, and the dew, the minerals of the earth and all the plants that grow and all the beasts and birds of farm and field. We marvel at Your wonderful ways of bringing food from the earth for man's good.

Dear God, help us to use Your rich gifts as You want us to. Teach us to share them with our neighbor when he is in need. Make us see, in the marvelous succession of seasons, and in the growth and ripening of our crops, the merciful, generous hand of Your divine providence.

Help us to realize, too, that if we keep your commandments and live according to the inspirations of Your grace, we shall also reap a plentiful harvest in the autumn of our lifetime; a harvest that we will be able to enjoy forever and ever, where no rust can destroy, nor blight spoil any least part of it.

Amen

Message From the Principal

Autumn is upon us! For many of us in Paso Robles, the shortening days at the end of Summer and early Fall signal the time of harvest. The term "Harvest" originated in the English language from their word "haerfest" which meant Autumn in Old English. Later, it came to refer to the season for the reaping and gathering of grains and other plant materials from the land for human and animal consumption. Historically, harvest signaled a time of plenty after the lean months of Summer and before the non-growing Winter season as the seeds sown in the Spring have grown to maturity and are ready to be gathered.

In the Northern Hemisphere, the September equinox has long coincided with the fall harvest. The word “equinox” comes from the Latin words “aequi” which means equal and “nox” which means night. Hence, the equinox is a day of nearly equal day and night at the equator. Many ancient celebrations have taken place on or around the equinox to celebrate a good harvest before the down months of winter.

Please join us for our own celebration of harvest at our “Harvest Festival” which is scheduled for October 25 in the Parish Hall from 6:00 - 9:00. This year I encourage St. Rose students and families to bring friends as I am opening up the event to the Paso Robles public. Non - St. Rose students are welcome to attend as long as an adult is accompanying them. I see this as a great opportunity to show off the St. Rose community to the Paso Robles. Please join us for the fun! Information will be forthcoming on volunteer opportunities and family contributions for the event.

For Your Information

Permission Slip Changes: Many of you will notice that the standard permission slips that have been used by St. Rose Catholic School have changed effective September 15. The Diocese of Monterey has a new form that we will be using. Forms will come home with only the pre-filled information of the activity or event of the trip, the dates and times, and how students are getting to and from the event. There will be yellow highlighted areas where parents need to fill information in and sign off on the form.

St. Rose Drive - Thru BBQ: A great big “thank you” goes out to our Drive-Thru Bar - B - Que committee for putting on an incredibly successful event on September 21. Our committee members of Anne Marquart, Irene Huggins, Mary Carlson, and Jen Roden and their team worked to turn a profit of \$12,800.00 for St. Rose Catholic School! This was the most successful Drive Thru Bar - B - Que to date! Thank you to all of you who bought meals or donated your time or finances to the event!

2nd Annual St. Rose Golf Tournament: Don't forget to register for the 2nd Annual St. Rose Golf Tournament that is scheduled for Sunday, October 14 at the Paso Robles Golf Club. This will be a day of golf, great food, and fun and games with great prizes. Don't have a foursome? That is okay because there are plenty of single and double groups that you can join. The cost is \$150.00 per golfer, and all proceeds go to benefit the children of St. Rose Catholic School. Register today at the St. Rose office or by following the link: <https://www.planmygolfevent.com/32168-saintrosegolf>

School Clothing: With the significant fluctuation in temperatures recently with cold mornings and warm afternoons, we have seen a corresponding increase in school clothing, jackets, and sweatshirts left strewn around the school. In past years we have done the best we can to store them here on campus in an easily accessible area for retrieval. This storage has been at the expense of space in our staff and volunteer restroom. Moving forward, once the single rack is full, we will be boxing remaining clothes up and packed away for our end of the year uniform exchange. Please stay on top of missing items and check for them as soon as you find that they are missing.

Lunch Program: Beginning in St. Rose PTO will be offering the lunch program once again! Lunches will be available on Tuesday and Thursday and parents will be responsible for purchasing Meal Tickets if

they would like their children to be able to purchase lunches. Each child will have their own meal ticket which may be preloaded/reloaded with any amount of money. (Cash or checks will NOT be accepted on the day of hot lunch.) Parents will receive notification when their child's ticket drops below the \$10.00 level. Hot lunch meals will sell for \$5.00 which includes an entree, fruit, drink, and a cookie. In October, we will start off with carnitas taco Tuesdays and pepperoni pizza Thursdays.

Classroom Emergency Kits: Thank you to the Pesquera, Voelker, Ellsworth, and McDermott families who donated classroom emergency kits of water, snack items, and a bucket. These classroom emergency kits are meant to be kept in the classroom in the event of an extended "lockdown" as some schools in Paso Robles Unified School District experienced last Spring. During a lockdown, children are not allowed to exit the classroom for any reason. These kits are meant to help combat hunger, thirst, and, if necessary, restroom needs. St. Rose has received four kits and are in need of six more so that every classroom may be outfitted with one. If you can help in this area, please bring a completed kit to the office and St. Rose will place them in the classrooms.

Charity Mania: Football Mania ticket sales will begin on October 1, 2018. St. Rose will be sending home seven tickets with the youngest family member of each family to sell for the first of two Charity Mania events for the 2018 - 2019 school year. (Remember that each family is required to sell 14 tickets in the school year.) The profit that St. Rose receives back from selling these tickets is incredible. For every \$20 ticket sold, the school gets \$14 from the company. There is no other fundraiser quite like this one. Additional tickets will be held in the office, and you are also able to sell tickets which makes it easy to sell to family and friends around the globe. Additional tickets beyond each families requirement are available as we would like to sell as many tickets as possible. You are also able to opt – out of ticket sales for \$ 196.00, a rate of \$14.00 per unsold ticket. If you have any questions regarding Football Mania, please contact Michelle Machado in the office. We will be collecting ticket sales up to October 24, right before the Mania event begins. Winners receive payouts each week for the 10-week game period. Our second Charity Mania event will be March Madness.

Illness Prevention: At St. Rose we are committed to fostering a safe and healthy environment that is conducive to learning. With flu season approaching, please consider the following steps to mitigate the spread of illness:

- Encourage your children to wash hands frequently and cover mouth when sneezing or coughing. Parents can set a good example by doing this themselves.
- Keep students home at the earliest symptoms of the flu. Students should stay home for at least 24 hours after they become symptom-free without the benefit of fever-reducing drugs. Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.
- Teach students no to share personal items such as drinks, food, and dirty utensils.
- **DO NOT SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SICK.** Any child who is determined to be sick while at school will be sent home.

Bullying Prevention Month: This October, Saint Rose will be participating with many schools throughout the nation to take a stand against bullying. October 1st, we encourage students to wear blue in

support of bullying prevention. Blue tops and jeans are acceptable; if students do not choose to wear jeans or a blue top, school uniform is required. Students across the country will be wearing blue to support the end of bullying. Each week the school will focus on a different theme and a small activity will be provided.

Week 1 - Wear Blue October 1st

Week 2 - Random Acts of Kindness Week

Week 3 - Stand Up for Others Week

Week 4 - Make New Friends Week

Week 5 - Building a Community of Love and Respect Week.

Volunteer Opportunities: There are plenty of opportunities available for parents and family members to volunteer their time and services at St. Rose. Many classes need parent volunteers, and most events need adults to staff these.

To volunteer on campus (classroom helper, field trip chaperone, working with students on projects in or outside of the classroom, running booths at school events, etc.) you will need the following: Live Scan fingerprinting, Current negative T.B. test (good for four years), VIRTUS online training courses.

To volunteer as a driver, you will need the following: "Volunteer on campus" requirements AND a copy of current drivers license and auto insurance policy (100,000/300,000 minimum) with term length, Diocesan Driver form, Smart Driver online training via CMG Connect.

Please remember to document and submit all volunteer hours by May 15.

Pioneer Day Parade: The St. Rose Parent Teacher Organization (P.T.O) is still looking for a volunteer to head up our school participation in the Pioneer Day Parade which is scheduled for Saturday, October 13. Our application for admittance into the parade has been filed and our position in the parade is set. If we do not have a chairperson by Tuesday, October 2 we will need to withdraw from the parade. If you are interested in chairing the event, or if you had any questions about what chairing the event entails, please contact our P.T.O. President Kristina Takken at kristinatakken@gmail.com.

Upcoming October Dates to Remember

October:

- 1 Pet Blessing @ 8:00, National "Wear Blue" Day to Stomp Out Bullying (blue top and jeans/school bottoms or full school uniform)
- 2 Picture Make-ups, Custodian Appreciation Day, Home volleyball game vs. Santa Lucia @ 3:45
- 3 PTO Board Meeting @ 8:00
- 4 Volleyball game @ Trinity Lutheran (Kennedy Club Fitness Gym) @ 3:45
- 5 Minimum Day/Extended Care closed, School Mass @ 8:30, Faculty meeting @ 1:00
- 7 Saint Rose Family Mass @ 10:00
- 9 8th Grade Discovery Day @ MCP, Home volleyball game vs. Coastal Christian @ 3:45
- 11 Away volleyball game @ SLOCA @ 3:45, PTO General Meeting in Room 8 @ 6:00
- 13 Pioneer Day Parade
- 14 2nd Annual St. Rose Golf Tournament: Flyers available in the school office

- 16 Home volleyball game vs. Cayucos @ 3:45
- 17 Buck - A - Jeans Day
- 18 Away volleyball game @ Shandon @ 3:45, SAC Board Meeting @ 5:30
- 19 8th Grade Free Dress, End of Quarter 1, Donuts With Dad @ 7:30, Minimum Day/Extended Care Open, Living Rosary @ 8:30 in Parish Hall, Faculty Collaboration Meeting @ 1:00, Middle School Dance @ 6:00
- 23 M.C.P. Parent Discovery Night time TBA
- 24 Auction Meeting @ 8:00 in room 4, Home volleyball B game vs. Almond Acres @ 3:45
- 25 Spirit Shirts, Gospel Awards @ 8:30, Harvest Festival @ 6:00, Report cards mailed home
- 26 No School: Staff Development Day
- 29 - 2 7th Grade Yosemite Field Trip
- 30 Home volleyball vs. Lillian Larsen @ 3:45
- 31 Wax Museum of Saints @ 9:00

November

- 1 All Saints Mass @ 8:30, Away volleyball game @ Santa Lucia @ 3:45
- 2 Minimum Day/Extended Care Closed, Faculty Meeting @ 1:00

Did You Know?

All St. Rose Catholic School parents are a part of the Parent Teacher Organization commonly referred to as PTO. This organization was formed to support the needs of the school as well as the needs of parents and families while enriching the community spirit at St. Rose. The primary function of PTO is to promote communication between parents and school staff, sponsor events, organize and facilitate fundraisers, and to support the school in its educational development. Additionally, PTO is the primary facilitator for volunteer opportunities outside of the classroom at St. Rose. Through the help and generosity of parent volunteers, St. Rose Catholic School can enrich the educational experience while keeping school operating costs as low as possible. All parents are encouraged to become involved and attend monthly PTO General Meetings which typically land on the second Thursday evening of each month at 6:00 in school room 8. Please check for updates on the school calendar if you are interested in attending.

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.

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