



ST. ROSE NEWS

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Academy

A Catholic Expeditionary Learning School

Forming Excellent Catholic Scholars and Faithful Disciples of Jesus

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Key Dates and Announcements:

Thursday, September 28th
August/Sept. Birthday Party

Friday, September 29th
NO School - Teachers EL Professional Development Day

Sunday, October 1st
10:15 am - 1st of Parent Classes for Sacraments

Friday, October 6th
8:30 – First Friday Mass
9:30-12:00 Lap-A-Thon
12:30 Dismissal

Thursday, October 12th
Individual School Pictures-out of uniform

Thursday and Friday, October 26th & 27th
Student-Led Conferences
No school for PK-8th grades

Monday, October 30th
NO school –EL Professional Development Day

Tuesday, October 31st
All Saint's Eve Family Night 6 pm

Wednesday, November 1st
All Saints Day Celebration and 8:30 Mass

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*Our Goals:
College and more importantly:
Heaven*



Principally Speaking: A Message from Mr. Moo

Dear St. Rose Families,

The school year is now in full swing! We are entering the month of October and with us arrives the fall and many beautiful moments to look forward to. We continually seek to find and make God present among us as a community that believes that *God is alive in our flower and song (flor y canto)*. Now that the dust of the beginning of the year has settled, I did want to take a moment to review and update you on two important aspects of our program: **Grading and Family Nights**.

Grading:

With one month into the school year, you may have already tried to log into Sycamore to see your children's grades and have asked, "*What is in the grade?*" This year, we have made some shifts in how our teachers approach the gradebook based on best practices, and more importantly, out of our root belief at St. Rose of Lima that *we are always learning*.

The grade you will see in Sycamore and on major reports will only consist of assessment and project grades, things such as quizzes, test grades, completed projects, and expedition products. For us, these give you the best sense of a child's performance and achievement

What about homework, classwork, class participation or behavior? These are all important, they communicate the effort a student is putting forth in their work and class. They do not necessarily communicate if students understand the content being covered in class. Therefore, teachers this year will be sending separate reports at least once a month, communicating to you how students are doing with their effort, participation, and behavior. Grades for homework or classroom completion, behavior, or participation will not be included in the Sycamore grade

Family Nights:

At St. Rose we believe that *parents are the primary educators of their children* and we believe it is our duty to support you in the formation of your children. This year one of the ways we will be supporting you in these efforts is by providing a series of *Family Learning Nights*. These are scheduled at different times throughout the year. Our first *Family Learning Night* will be on Tuesday, October 31st at 6pm. It will be our All Saints Eve Celebration. The school calendar does say Tuesday, September 26th as being the first, but due to a conflict in scheduling, this one will be cancelled.

We hope you will be able to join us for these nights. The whole family is welcome to attend. We will have activities designed for the entire family. Also, for attending, you will receive *Family Time and Talent Hours*.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or comments. We are at your service.

May the peace and love of Christ continue to be with you and your family.

Sincerely in Christ,

Elias J. Moo
Proud Principal

Important Dates and Details!

Individual school pictures

All children will take their individual pictures on Thursday, October 12th for the yearbook. The children may be out of uniform on this day. Your children should dress up for the pictures. Remember to follow the school dress code in the handbook for out of uniform day. Tennis shoes must be worn for PE: no spaghetti straps, no short skirts or short dresses, no inappropriate clothing.

The order forms will be going home as soon as we receive them. The order forms and payment must accompany the children on the day of pictures. There will be a retake day on November 9th. You can also order pictures online if you prefer. Information with the code for St. Rose school will be on the order form.

There will be another picture day in the Spring that will be class pictures as well as individual pictures with students in uniform.

Sycamore Update

Families who have registered and logged onto Sycamore need to update their preferences. Through the app, users at school have the ability to access your information if the "family directory" box is clicked. If you prefer your information private, please unclick the box marked "include". This will keep your information confidential and visible only to teachers and school staff. If you have further questions or need help, please see Mrs. Kelly or Mr. Moo.

Important Dates and Details!

Student-Led Conferences

The calendar states that Conferences are the 20th & 21st of October. Conferences this year will be on Thursday, October 26th and Friday, October 27th. We apologize for the confusion. There is no school either day. We are only doing one paper per family this year. Please return the form for conferences as soon as possible so Esther can schedule your conference. Please be sure to put all students on your form. Conferences are Thursday 10/26 from 8 am to 7 pm and Friday, 10/27 from 10:00 am to 5 pm.

Winter Weather

With the weather changing to cold and snow there may be a chance that school will have to close. **Please make sure to update your Sycamore phone numbers and emails** on a continual basis so we can send out an email or text to families if we need to close school (to current phone numbers and e-mails). We will also have the **news stations (4, 7, 9, and 31)** announce a closure by 6:30 am. We will change the voice mail on the school phones informing callers that school has been canceled as well.

HASA

We will text parents through Flock note! We will continue Monthly Class Food Sales. Our Goal is to continue to host food sales sponsored by parents. Although raising funds for the school is important, community building and direct support of students is going to be the best motivator moving forward. There will be an added incentive: 10% of all sales go to their children's classroom for a fun social event to be decided on between the classroom teacher and the room-parent/organizing parents. For example, if 7th grade sells \$900, then \$90 can go towards an in-class movie, popcorn, or some other fun treat. The more money made, the bigger the treats or events (i.e. field trips, pizza parties, etc).

- This year as an added incentive to going to HASA meetings, the children of parents that go to the meetings will receive free dress at a designated day later that month. The hope is as many parents as possible will continue to attend meetings, but especially the parents of the grade level putting on the sale that month or the following month.

- Here are the dates of the HASA food sales, which class will be putting on the sale, and when students will have free dress if their parents go to that meeting:
 - September meeting: Sept. 28 free dress
 - October 15th: 7th grade families- free dress on Oct. 25th
 - Nov.- All Saints (St. Rose Ambassadors) and Craft Fair (HASA sponsored)- free dress on Nov. 30th
 - Dec.- Posada (HASA- PK & Kinder plus all): free dress on Dec. 20th
 - Jan 21st- 6th grade families- out of uniform January 31st
 - Feb 25th- 5th grade families- out of uniform February 28th
 - Mar 11th- 4th grade families- out of uniform March 29th
 - Apr 22nd- 3rd Grade- out of uniform April 30th
 - May 20th: 1st and 2nd grade- out of uniform May 31st
 - Again, the incentive for parents going to the meeting: out-of-uniform pass for those students
- This year, every hour of service at the food events counts for two hours
- Our parent Ambassadors will be responsible for the All Saints and Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations

Sports Update

The last two cross country meets are:

Holy Family Cross Country Meet:

Wednesday, October 3rd- Holy Family High School 5195 W 144th Ave.

Mullen High School Cross Country Meet :

Saturday, October 14—Mullen High School 3601 S. Lowell Blvd.

All student athletes are required to have insurance on file in order to participate as an athlete in any school CSAL sponsored team or event.

For those families who do not have insurance, the Office of Catholic Schools has provided a student insurance coverage, serviced by K&K Insurance Group, Inc. that can be purchased for the year, as a low cost option for families. Registration forms for this insurance are attached to every St. Rose Athletics registration packet given to you for each sports season. Should you need more information about it or to enroll online, you can go to www.studentinsurance-kk.com.

Lastly, all parents of student athletes in grades 5th-8th are required to have attended the **Play Like a Champion Today** training offered by the Catholic Schools Athletic League. If you have not taken the training this year or in years past, your child will not be able to play. **This year, any parents who have taken the coaches training before, but not the parent training must take the parent training for their child to be able to play.** If you have questions or concerns, please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Martinez.

Our Mission:



Responding to Christ's call to go and make disciples of all nations (Mt. 28,18), our mission is to educate and inspire young men and women to love God, seek Truth, pursue excellence, and give witness to the world as excellent Catholic scholars and faithful disciples of Jesus.

Non-discrimination Statement

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Academy admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. We admit handicapped students unless the school cannot provide sufficient care, or make reasonable accommodations of the handicapped child in accord with Archdiocesan policy #2000 concerning student admission. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, age, handicap, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of policies, admissions practices, scholarship and loan programs or athletic or other school administered programs.