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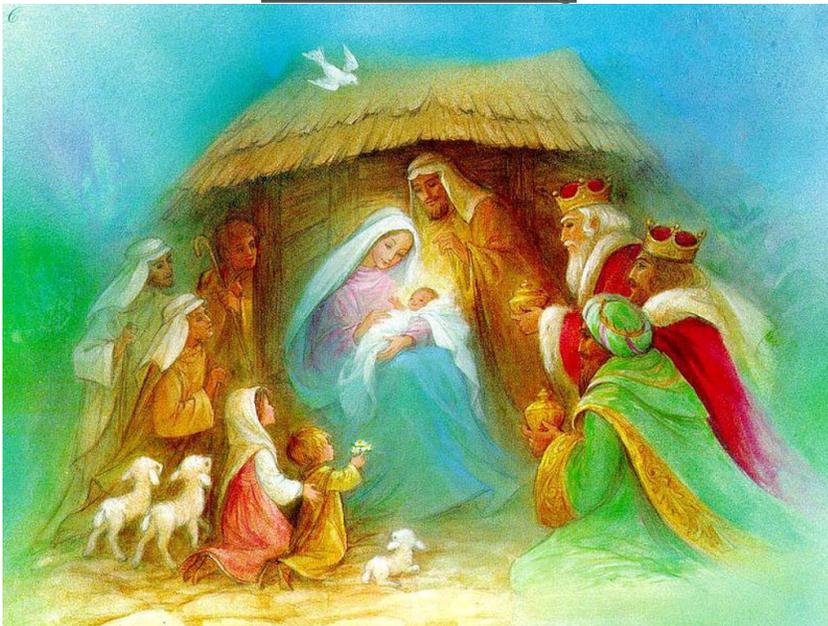
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Academy

A Catholic Expeditionary Learning School

Forming Excellent Catholic Scholars and Faithful Disciples of Jesus

Denver, CO

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Key Dates and Announcements:

Wednesday, December 19th
Early Lunch in Gym – 12:00-2:30
- Crown Center

Thursday, December 20th
6pm – Christmas Program –
Posada, December birthdays
celebration, HASA meeting -
out of uniform

Friday, December 21st
12:30 dismissal – Begin Vacation

Monday, December 24th –
January 4th
No School - Winter Break

Monday, January 7th
No School – PD Day

Tuesday, January 8th
School Resumes

Tuesday, January 15th
Parent Q & A – STAR, Sycamore,
New Behavior Plan

Friday, January 18th
12:30 Dismissal (EL) PD

Monday, January 21st
No School – MLK Holiday

Thursday & Friday, February 7th
& 8th
No School – SLC's

Thursday, February 7th
Intent to return for 2019-2020
due

December 2018

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*Our Goals:
College and more importantly:
Heaven*



Principally Speaking: A Message from Mr. Gallegos

Hello St. Rose of Lima families,

During the season of Advent we are preparing our minds and our hearts for the arrival of Christ. At St. Rose of Lima we have been gathering in our crew families to pray together and light the candles of the Advent wreath on Monday mornings. As Father Nick has shared with us in Mass, each of the four candles remind us of our shared hope, faith, joy and peace, and these gifts are constantly present at St. Rose. I see **hope** in the eyes of our students, and I feel blessed to work with families and staff who are so committed to the hope and promise of building a better world together. **Faith** has been the gift of the Holy Spirit that we share during prayer, Mass, and acts of service towards one another. Faith is the well that we continue to draw from as we go out as disciples of Christ. **Joy** is present in our daily celebrations of learning, and how we affirm each other as a crew family. **Peace** is always remembering our goal of preparing young men and women for heaven, but to also create a more just society on earth. Thank you for sharing in the hope, faith, joy, and peace that is present at St. Rose.

Wishing you a safe, relaxing, and joyful holiday season.

Mr. Gallegos

Principal

Construction Updates

The construction has been completed! I could not be more grateful for our entire staff, but in particular our remarkable preschool team, who have demonstrated such phenomenal perseverance during the past few months.

In order to transition back into the classrooms, **we will unfortunately need to cancel school for our preschool students on Friday, December 21st**. Please know that this is a last resort, but our biggest shared goal is to have everyone back in their classrooms on January 8th. It is not possible unless we start to move supplies and give our preschool teachers time to begin preparing their classrooms before break. That being said, we are reaching out to members of our community and our high school volunteers to help us begin the move on Thursday, December 20th. **If you are able to join us between 8:00 and noon on Thursday, December 20th, we would love your help moving furniture, cleaning, and sanitizing.** We will be providing bagels and coffee, and it is a wonderful way to help complete some of the time and talent hours in your tuition contract. We hope to see you then.

Honor Roll

Gold Honor Roll (4.0 – ALL A's)

8th grade:

Tiana Fuentes Joslynn Handley
Mariah Quintana

7th grade:

Rocco González Andrea Hernández
Grisela Madrid Rubí Sierra
Isabella Trujillo Diana Vélez

6th grade:

Diego Casas-García Jenny Ruvalcaba
Valeria Miranda Yaharia Rodríguez

5th grade:

Ayelen Avitia Valerie Duque
Brayan Santana Dohnovan Valdez

Silver Honor Roll (A's & B's)

8th grade:

3.9 - Kayla Duran 3.7- Ángel Ávila-Ponce
3.9 - Lourdes (Lulú) Mendoza

7th grade:

3.8 - Lorena Díaz 3.8 – Jimena Molina
3.7 – Jorge Valdés 3.5 – Mariah Díaz
3.5 – Jovann García

6th grade:

3.9 - Yaneria Rodríguez 3.7 – Camila Castillo
3.6 – Claudia Hensley

3.8 – Tomas Duran 3.8 – NeVaeh Roybal
3.6 – Lillianna Torres

Dear St. Rose of Lima Catholic School Community,

Merry Christmas! I hope and pray your Christmas break is filled with the joy of the Lord.

As you gather as family with your larger parish family at Mass this Christmas, with all the hurts, sins and brokenness, around the crib of a little child, contemplate his face. It is the face of God made visible in a human child. A God who calls us to repentance, healing and holiness. He came in human flesh so that sins might be forgiven.

We don't always appreciate that a baby is the greatest blessing that can ever come to earth, and the greatest joy that has ever come to creation is the birth of this baby, Jesus, the human child who brings us the life of God.

When we gather around his crib we are the people the prophet Isaiah speaks of *"the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined"* (Is 9:2).

It's an incredible paradox that this child, who is the light, can only be truly appreciated and understood by those who are in touch with their own darkness, their own littleness and need. It has always been like that. Sinners understand forgiveness best, like sick people understand healing. They are the ones who, like moths drawn to a lamp, are truly able to appreciate the light they are being drawn to.

It was the tax collectors and the prostitutes, who lived in the dark, who were drawn to Jesus. The respectable ones were not. They were already bathing in the splendor of their own so-called light.

Brothers and sisters of St. Rose of Lima Catholic School Community, today the darkness is all around us. Sometimes the world seems to be on the brink of disaster. Let me tell you: that is why this Christmas is a time for rejoicing, and only those who see the darkness may rejoice. They are the only ones who have a reason to rejoice, because the light has come into the world. His name is Jesus, the Christ child.

This Good News of light is why it is such an honor to be the pastor of your children's Catholic School education. I will do my best, with the help of the staff, to continue to foster and nurture in our school environment, what you have already begun at home, a living and breathing faith and trust in Jesus Christ and His Church.

Why is this important to me? Because God has come down into the world, not just to be with us, but that we might be with him. He is not here to be looked at and admired, but to be lived! He does not only want to appear in little cribs, but in human hearts! This is the ultimate goal of Catholic education, which begins at home.

I wish you all a merry Christmas! May the Christ child reign in your families and in your hearts.

With love and prayer,

Fr. Nick

Important Dates and Details!

5th grade Liturgy

All of the 5th grade students in the Archdiocese of Denver will attend a mass at the Cathedral with the Archbishop. Our St. Rose students will attend Mass on Thursday, February 28-2018. Mr. Martinez will need drivers and chaperones to help take the 5th graders downtown. Volunteers must have completed the Safe Environment training with the Archdiocese and have a current driver's license and auto insurance on file in the school office before transporting students.

Resource for your children

Need clothes for your kids? Clothes To Kids can help!

To be eligible, students must:

1. Be age 3-21 and be enrolled in preschool in preschool-12th grade, or working toward a GED.
2. Live in the 10-county Denver Metro Area
3. Be considered in need of assistance.

Eligible students receive:

- 5 pairs of new underwear
- 5 pairs of new socks
- 5 Tops
- 4 bottoms (pants, shorts, skirts or dresses)
- 1 jacket
- 1 pair of shoes

Ready to shop?

Step 1. Determine if your student automatically qualifies to shop or if they will need a referral. The three ways that a student can automatically qualify are 1. Receive free or reduced Lunch (Esther can give you a letter). 2. Attend a public school on the Universal Qualification List (we will give you a referral letter). 3. Foster child or Kinship care.

Step 2. Call 720-379-4630, ext. 2 to make an appointment. Leave a message to receive a return call.

Step 3. Bring photo ID with you to your appointment. Questions? <http://www.clothestokidsdenver.org/referral-process/>

Athletics

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January 11: 5:00 – JV Girls
6:00 – JV Boys
7:00 – Varsity Boys
Vs. Sacred Heart of Jesus

January 17: 5:00 – Varsity Boys
6:00 – JV Girls
7:00 – JV Boys
Vs. Notre Dame

It is always so much fun attending home games in our gym and cheering on our student athletes. Come join us for some home games.

HASA

HASA meetings will be:

December 17th

January 16th

February 20th

March 11th

April 17th

May 15th

at 6pm in the cafeteria.

We will have babysitting for our next HASA meeting. Please email the names and ages of your children to Samantha.Archuleta@strosedenver.org if you are interested in this.

Please join us plan each fundraising item at these important meetings. If you attend your children will be able to be out of uniform on the last day of the month chosen to celebrate that month's birthdays.

Statement of Intent to Return

Please fill out and return your intent forms for the school to hold your spot for the 2019-2020 academic year. The deadline for intent forms is **February 7, 2018**. On the form, please submit your entering Pre-K and any other children that you would like to enroll. Please enter their birthdates and grades they will enter in the 2019-2020 academic year. This will help us figure out the number of students in each class for next year. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know. Beginning the week of February 11th, we will be opening spots to the families on our waitlist.

Student of the Month

November Student of the Month

Koalas – Josie Kelly is an outstanding Koala crew member. Josie is our smallest St. Rose scholar but yet mighty. This year she has met 3 goals. She has persevered to learn how to write her name, count to 20, and identify numbers 1-5! She is a sweet friend to all and has the best giggle to brighten our day. Josie you are one Kool Koala!

Pandas – Alizee Duque is the model of perseverance! She has already met 5 goals and is well on her way to learning all 26 letters! When she finishes her work Alizee eagerly asks what can I do now? She encourages her classmates and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Keep up the hard work, Alizee! We are proud of you Panda!

Kindergarten – Faith Vigil is very kind to her classmates. Every day she shows her love for Jesus and others. Faith works very hard on her craftsmanship in all that she does. She is always willing to help out especially during center time. Shout out to Faith!

First grade – Louis López-Ruiz Jr. shows true craftsmanship every day in Math and centers! Louis also has awesome collaboration skills and is always happy to work with everyone in 1st grade crew. Thank you Louis!

Second grade – Anthony Miramontes has been working really hard on his accountability in the classroom and on his work. He has been striving to reach his academic and behavioral goals. He shows solidarity by focusing on his work, paying attention and removing himself from situations that take away from his learning. He also helps those who are struggling with such kindness and understanding. Thank you for being an image of God!

Third grade – Ulises Hernández consistently holds others accountable to following crew norms by his example and with gentle reminders. He carefully chooses a spot for lessons and work time where he will be able to do his best learning, and completes his work with craftsmanship and care. He is quick to step up and lend a helping hand, and is always looking for ways to show greater solidarity and grow as a disciple of Jesus. Keep up the great work, Ulises!

Fourth grade – Yamilet Valdés always uses craftsmanship and perseverance in everything she does. She works hard and always does her best. Yamilet is always collaborating with her classmates and is always kind to others and showing solidarity by putting others first. Keep up the good work!

Fifth grade – Daniel Martínez has demonstrated the habit of perseverance and solidarity. He has been participating in class and has maintained a positive attitude while doing many of his tasks. He is respectful towards all members of the school community. He also makes others feel welcomed, valued, and appreciated. Daniel keep up the good work and continue to work hard to get your work done.

Sixth grade – Ángel Arroyo has been a consistent leader for 6th grade. He advocates for himself in class, has volunteered as an alter server, and has turned in high quality work in all of his classes. He is reflective and honest, and he encourages those traits in others. He is living out the habits of solidarity and his growth is the result of craftsmanship. Nice work, Angel!

Seventh grade – Adrián Rodríguez has been a model of accountability to his classmates and has shown that persevering through difficult times will produce amazing results. Thank you, Adrian!

Eighth grade – Melanie Hernández really cares about being a good person. She shows solidarity by advocating for others and accountability by communicating with teachers. Melanie strives to improve her work and responds well to feedback. Keep up the good work, Melanie!

Congratulations to all of you!