St. Rose Parent Newsletter

ST. ROSE NEWS

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:

Tuesday, November 26th Report Cards go Home in envelopes provided

Wednesday the 27th-Friday 29th No School-Thanksgiving Break

Monday, December 2ndNo Daycare -Begin ChSign & return envelopesprovided that held Report CardsDecember 23rd to 31st

Tuesday, December 10th <u>McDonald's Fundraiser</u> <u>4pm – 7pm.</u> <u>Even drive through helps</u>

Thursday, December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Tuesday, December 17th Crown Center Field Trip for Students

December 19th 6:00pm Posada

December 20th-12:30 Dismissal No Daycare -Begin Christmas Break

December 23rd to 31st Christmas Break – No School

January 1st – 3rd Christmas Break – No School

Monday, January 6th No School – PD Day

Tuesday, January 7th School Resumes

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Principally Speaking: A Message from Mr. Gallegos

Dear St. Rose of Lima Families,

I wanted to start this note by thanking you for your continued support of our mission and our students. I was blessed with the opportunity to attend many Student-Led Conferences, and it was wonderful to be able to hear our students demonstrate their accountability and perseverance when they talk about their academic growth and future goals. It is also humbling to see how parents react to Student-Led Conferences. Being able to see their faces light up, and hear their gratitude, in addition to seeing their children grow on a daily basis, carries us through our ministry. We are lucky to partner with you in the support of our student disciples, and I am tremendously grateful for our staff and the many ways they work tirelessly to support all of our learners.

Our celebrations of faith continue to be our anchor, and we are grateful for your support and presence during All Saints' Day and Donuts with Dads. In fact, the Denver Catholic featured St. Rose in their article, "Saints in the Making," which is available here: <u>https://denvercatholic.org/saints-in-the-making/</u>. We also wanted to thank you for your help with our fundraisers, particularly the Panera and McDonald's fundraisers, which help support our HASA events and classroom purchases. We look forward to seeing you at the next McDonald's fundraiser on December 10th. We will be marketing for it in a special way, please keep an eye on your Tuesday Folders. Please remember to follow handbook norms. Pants cannot have jean pockets.

Just a reminder that we are sending home report cards with this newsletter, and we expect to have the signed envelopes returned on Monday, December 2nd. Please reach out to teachers if you have any questions, particularly if you have not signed up for Class Dojo yet.

I consider myself truly blessed to be a part of our community and am honored to work with you and our staff to prepare our students for college and heaven. I look forward to seeing you at our school-wide masses (including the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th), and Las Posadas on the 19th. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers and would ask you to do the same.

Humbly in Christ, Tomas Gallegos Principal

Inclement Weather

Daycare

Accident Insurance

Inclement Weather

With the weather change and snow there may be a chance that school will have to close. <u>Please make sure to</u> <u>update your Sycamore phone numbers and emails</u> on a continual basis so we can send out an email or text to families if we need to close school. We will also have the <u>news stations (4, 7, 9, and 31)</u> announce a closure by 6:00 am. We will change the voicemail on the school phones informing callers that school has been canceled as well by 6am. We will also send out a notification on Flocknote.

December 20th 1/2 Day Dismissal

Students will be allowed to be out of uniform for the day. If students would like to, they can wear pajamas. We will have the annual teacher hockey game and piñatas for the children following the game.

There is no daycare on December 20th.

Student Accident Insurance

The Archdiocese of Denver offers Accidental Insurance at a reduced cost to students needing or seeking this type of insurance. Please see flier attached.

Important Dates and Details!

SLC's

Thank you to all of the students and families who attended SLC's. You are all incredible. Students are nervous sometimes and it is great to see them leave the school with big smiles on their faces.

Thank you to all of the teachers and staff who stayed extra hours to make sure families could have their child's SLC's when it was most convenient for them.

A HUGE thank you to the families that provided food, beverages, napkins, plates, and plasticware to feed all of the teachers and staff that stayed late for SLC's. We appreciate your tremendous generosity and the food was so delicious!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

We will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th at 8:30 Mass. We will have a recreation of the story of Our Lady and a celebration in the gym following. All are welcome to attend.

Posada

We will have our annual Las Posadas celebration on December 19th at 6 pm. We will meet in the church to watch the middle school students reenact the story of the birth of Jesus, listen to students sing, and celebrate our faith. We will have food in the gym following our performances.

Student of the Month for October

Koalas – Charlotte Frank is an amazing crew member. She is always eager to help a friend meet targets and complete work. Charlotte has persevered to meet two goals and is now ready to learn letter sounds. She has also shown amazing craftsmanship when writing letters. She is a caring member who makes the best horse sound. Charlotte, you are one Kool Koala!

Pandas – Brian Martinez is a wise beyond his years and a mature leader in our classroom. He is always helpful, friendly and consistently exhibiting the St. Rose habits. Keep up the great work Brian, we love you!

Kindergarten – Sebastian Avitia is a wonderful addition to our crew this year. Sebastian comes ready every day to learn and follow norms. He works hard to make sure he is showing solidarity and helping others. He is always accountable is always the best. Thanks for your kind and helping example in our kindergarten crew, Sebastian! 1st grade – Emelyn Kelly is an absolute joy to have in 1st grade! She is a great example of a St. Rose scholar and disciple. Emelyn shows solidarity by being kind to all crew members and by helping her crew members grow in their learning. Emelyn is always accountable for her actions both at school and stories she tells about us. Emelyn, thank you for your kind heart, stories, chicken dances and for being you! Keep being you and let your light shine bright!

2nd grade – Aubrey Cruz does an excellent job of showing our habits throughout the day. Aubrey always show perseverance when tasks are difficult and helps motivate other students to do their best. During group tasks she is a great example of what collaboration should look like and how we should work with a partner. Great job Aubrey!

3rd grade – Laila Gali is a kind and helpful crewmate to all, showing solidarity and jumping in to help with a mess that is not hers or to comfort a friend who is upset. She has worked hard to improve her accountability this month by turning in more work and taking responsibility for her choices, whether good or bad. She models respect, compassion and integrity, and we are blessed to have her in our crew. Keep up the great work, Laila!

4th grade – Aaron Cruz-Lopez has been a role model to his classmates by using the 5 habits. He is always accountable and always uses craftsmanship by doing his best work. Aaron always maintains a positive attitude! Keep up the good work!

5th grade – Alonso Casas is always showing our St. Rose habits. He always shows accountability by turning in all of his homework and classwork. Alonso also shows collaboration because he is always on task and follows norms. Keep up the great work, Alonso!

6th grade – Ashley Rosales truly exhibits the 5 qualities, with a special emphasis on accountability and perseverance. She has made the transition to Middle School with ease and has truly shown what it means to advocate for oneself. Thanks for a great 1st trimester, Ashley!

7th grade – Jenny Ruvalcaba has been a model of craftsmanship in her school work. She has taken care to complete all of her assignments with quality and has taken her challenges and used them as an opportunity to grow. Way to grow and persevere. Keep up the good work, Jenny!

8th grade –Diana Velez has been pushing herself to take on a leadership role recently. In class, she is polite, accountable, and great at collaborating with group members. Great job, Diana!

Congratulations to all of you!

Athletics

Basketball

Basketball has begun. Here are the basketball practice times for 3 teams so far:

Widget Girls - Wednesday's & Thursday's from 3:15 - 4:15

Varsity Boys - Monday's, Tuesday's & Thursday's from 4:45 - 6:00

Varsity Girls - Monday's, Tuesday's & Thursday's from 6:00 – 7:20

Game schedules will be printed and shared as soon as we receive them.

Remember that tuition must be current for students to play sports. Eligibility will be coming out soon and will be monitored weekly. Athletes, continue to keep up your good grades!

HASA

The next event for HASA will be the night meeting on January 15th at 6pm. We are encouraging all families to bring old uniforms to swap with other members of the community. "Donuts with Dads" was so much fun and we are grateful to all that could make it. Panera and the McDonald's fundraisers were very successful. Thank you for your participation. We love seeing members of our community joining together, and we appreciate your help!

Free Lunch Provision 2

Thank all of you for taking the time to fill out the FREE Lunch applications in August and September. The number of Free and Reduced meals we serve to the children now will determine the percentages we will be paid over the next 3 years to purchase food to make FREE meals for ALL of our enrolled children.

There is one thing we would like you to know:

You can apply for FREE meals any month during the school year. Because some of you get paid more in one season than the others it may make your children and our 3-year cycle receive more money each month. Please feel free to fill out another application anytime your family financials decrease. The applications are in the office if you have your child(ren) ask for one and return it we would be most grateful!

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

The Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Denver, under the jurisdiction of Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila, A.T.L. and at the discretion of the Superintendent, state that all of their Catholic schools admit 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. Furthermore, Archdiocesan schools admit disabled students in accord with the policy on Admissions in the Archdiocese of Denver Catholic Schools Administrator's Manual. These schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, age, disability, color, and national or ethnic origin in the administration of their educational policies, employment practices, scholarship and loan programs, athletic or other school-administered programs.

Reporting

- A) Original copies of the two page statements above and methods of publication are to be dated and maintained in the administrative school file on a five (5) year retention schedule.
- B) The signed Acknowledgement form (Appends F1, Non-Discriminatory Guidelines (Acknowledgement) and a copy of all requested materials are due to the Office of Catholic Schools by the date announced each year.
- C) The Archdiocese of Denver Accounting Office, working with information from the Office of Catholic Schools, file the Annual Certification of Racial Nondiscrimination forms with the IRS.
- D) All paperwork associated with the publication of the statements are to be government and Archdiocesan personnel when/if requested.