

# 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:**

#### Thursday, Oct. 31st

October Birthday party and HASA out of SLC's 15 minute time slot with uniform

6pm All Saints Eve procession, rosary, snacks and refreshments in Church

#### Friday, November 1st

All Saints Day/Dia De Los Muertos Mass & Celebration

Wednesday, November 6th 12:30 Dismissal

Thursday, November 7th SLC's 15 minute time slot with teachers, students and parents No Classes

#### Friday, November 8th

teachers, students and parents No Classes

Tuesday, November 12th Picture retakes

Friday, November 15th End of 1st trimester

Tuesday, November 26th Report Cards go Home in envelopes

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

Monday, December 2nd Sign & return envelopes from Report Cards

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# Principally Speaking: A Message from Mr. Gallegos

Dear St. Rose of Lima Families,

We wanted to thank you for your continued partnership in Catholic education, this year is off to a fantastic start. We have upcoming celebrations of learning (Student-Led Conferences and report cards), celebrations of faith (All Saints Day), and celebrations of community (Donuts with Dads) in the coming weeks. We look forward to celebrating these school-wide events with you. More information on the time and location can be found on the front page of this newsletter.

In conjunction with Superintendent Moo, Fr. Nick, and the office of the Archdiocese of Denver, I want to restate our commitment to the safety and care of our most precious gifts, our student disciples. We will continue to ensure that St. Rose is one of the safest places for your sons and daughters. We are training additional staff members to administer Safe Environment Training, which is a prerequisite for volunteering in our building or driving for field trips. We will publish more information for classes as soon as it is available, but would encourage you to use the link to find current course offerings <a href="https://archden.org/safe-environment-training-classes/#.XbHzQUZKilU">https://archden.org/safe-environment-training-classes/#.XbHzQUZKilU</a>. Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping all of our children safe.

On November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> we look forward to celebrating our Catholic scholars learning with you for Student-Led Conferences. Thank you for your attentiveness in returning the forms to request your meetings, and for your support leading up to the conferences. If you could please arrive 15 minutes before the start of your SLC, it will help us ensure that the night goes smoothly and we stay on schedule. A huge thank you to our entire staff for the gift of their time on those two days.

Please know that I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers and hope that you will do the same. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Humbly in Christ,

Tomas Gallegos Principal

#### **Inclement Weather**

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With the weather change 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. We will also have the news stations (4, 7, 9, and 31) 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.

#### **Picture Retakes**

If you purchased pictures for your children in October, they will take them home before November 10, 2019. You can keep the pictures or send the whole packet back on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> for retakes. November 12<sup>th</sup> is also an opportunity for anyone who did not purchase a picture package in October to purchase them in November. The order forms for you to order pictures will be sent home soon.

On retake day your children can wear dress clothing, but they MUST change into their school uniform after they take their picture. Retakes are usually complete for everyone by 11:00am.

All of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be out of uniform to take their pictures since they were at a field trip in October when pictures were taken. Please be sure to put their uniform in their backpacks.



# **Important Dates and Details!**

#### Lap-A-Thon

Thank you to all of families who provided gifts for every child in the school. The teachers gave out the gifts at the assembly on Friday, October 4th. The winning ticket was drawn at the assembly and one of our second graders, Susanna Velez won the \$100. Congratulations Susanna!

Most families turned in their \$100 Lap-A-Thon fundraising money. If you have not turned in your \$100 per family, Esther will add it into FACTS the week of November 25<sup>th</sup>. The payment will be over the remaining plan and will make your payments increase to reflect the additional \$100.

#### Student of the Month for September

Koalas – Josephine Kelly is an amazing crew member. This is her second year and she is a great helper! She shows solidarity by helping new friends learn about all our norms. She has grown so much. She is persevering to learn letter sounds and number recognition. Josie, thanks for all the stories, shining, sweet dance moves and laughs. You are one Kool Koala.

Pandas – Jazlyne DeLaCruz is a joy in the classroom. Jazzy is always helping friends. She collaborates with everyone and tries her best all the time. Jazzy shows the habits every day! Thank you Jazzy!

Kindergarten – Yuridia Castro is a new student this year, but you would never know it. She has become a leader in our crew. Yuredia does her best to make sure everyone is following norms and has a good learning environment. Yudi shows accountability by listening and following directions. She also makes sure everyone has a friend. Thank you for being a great addition to our Kindergarten crew!

1st grade – Carlos Valdez has shown both perseverance and solidarity consistently these first couple of months of school. He leads by example for all of his peers. Carlos is quiet, sweet, funny and kind to all. We are very proud of you, Carlos!

**2nd grade – Louis Lopez-Ruiz** is the scholar of the month because no matter what time of the day it is he is always trying his best and persevering. When we practice a new concept in math he is one of the first ones to be a risk taker and raise his hand. During centers he always tries his hardest to get his work done at every single center. Louis is a friend to all and always willing to help out no matter what the task is. Louis is a great addition to the second grade crew.

3rd grade – Darrell Roybal has started the year strong and shown accountability by following norms in class and completing ALL of his homework so far! He shows collaboration, not only by sharing his ideas, but also by listening carefully to others, and he is always ready to work with any crew member with a positive attitude. Keep up the great work, Darrell!

**4**th **grade** – **Fernanda Ramirez** is always working on her use of the habits. She especially demonstrates solidarity through her kindness and the loving choices that she makes. Her collaboration with others and accountability makes her a true model for others. Keep up the great work Fernanda!

5<sup>th</sup> grade – Joselyn Ramirez is always following our St. Rose habits. One habit she is demonstrating is the habit of solidarity. She always wants to help not only herself but her class when they are struggling. Keep up the great work, Joselyn. God bless.

**6**<sup>th</sup> **grade – Neve Valdez** truly exhibits solidarity and accountability with her work and relationships with her peers. She has truly been a joy to have in class. The respect that she shows for the class and her peers is truly inspirational.

7<sup>th</sup> grade – Atany Peter has started the year with all of the habits, especially solidarity. She has been patient and consistent with her mass buddy. She is polite and respectful to adults in the building, she's helpful toward her peers, both in classwork and student jobs. She has taken on extra work to help out un injured classmate, and her daily work is done with craftsmanship and accountability. Way to start strong Atany!

8<sup>th</sup> grade – Henry Garcia has started off the year displaying all 5 habits and has come to school each day with a positive attitude. Henry communicates with his teachers, asks questions, and works well with his peers. Great job, Henry!

### **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 November 12th "Donuts with Dads" after 8:30 mass. McDonald's fundraiser will also be November 12<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade from 4-7pm. Join us for the Panera Bread fundraiser at 650 So. Wadsworth. November 19th from 4-8pm. The next HASA meeting is @ 7:45 am in the Library on November 21st. Thank you in advance for all of your participation and support.

#### 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.