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A Catholic Expeditionary Learning School

Forming Excellent Catholic Scholars and Faithful Disciples of Jesus

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Key Dates and Announcements:

Friday, September 25th

St. Isidore families take Survey to return to in-person classes or remain in distance learning

Friday, October 2nd

No School - Professional <u>Development Day</u>

Tuesday, October 6th

Lap-A-Thon money due

Friday, October 9th

12:30 Dismissal, no aftercare -Professional Development Day

Friday, October 16th End of 14 Quarter

Monday, October 19th

St. Isidore student may return to in-person classes

Friday, October 23rd

No School - EL Conference

Tuesday, October 27th

Report Cards go Home

Thursday, October 29th & Friday, 30[™]

No School – SLC's



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Our Goals: College and more importantly: Heaven





Principally Speaking: A Message from Mr. Gallegos

St. Rose of Lima families,

I wanted to thank you for your support and prayers over the last month. This has no doubt been a challenging start to the school year, but we hope that you have seen some of the fruits of the school year thus far.

We appreciate all of your help with the health survey forms, temperature checks, staggered arrivals and dismissals, and reduction of visitors into the school. Our teachers have done a remarkable job of adjusting to increased safety protocols and adjustments to support cohorting. They have completed this with less plan time, and those efforts have been nothing short of heroic. We also appreciate all of the patience and support of our St. Isidore families, with navigating the Chromebooks, Zoom calls, and help with attendance. We miss seeing you in person, but are so grateful to have you as part of our community.

For St. Isidore families, we just wanted to send a reminder that Friday, Sept. 25th is the deadline to fill out the survey. The links are available here:

English- https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SICC-2ndQtr-StRose-English Spanish-

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SICC-2ndQtr-SPANISH

There is no doubt that the next few months will have their own unique challenges, particularly as the weather gets colder, and flu season begins. We appreciate your help dressing your children to be outside as much as possible, and keeping them home when they have any COVID-like symptoms.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers and know that you remain in ours.

God bless,

Mr. Gallegos Principal

Staying in touch

It is very important to stay in touch with all of our community members. If you have a question about policies, changes, daily events, or just how things are going, PLEASE do not hesitate to call us at the school. We may not always answer if we are on duty outside, in the halls, or testing students, but please leave your name and number so we can respond to your voicemails as quickly as possible. We love hearing your voices and remember we are in this together! We look forward to sending you weekly updates as we navigate the next few months together.



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Important Dates and Details!

Lap-A-Thon

Thank you for helping us with the virtual Lap-A-Thon. The fundraiser is definitely needed this school year after we had to cancel the chocolate sales last year. Some of you paid the \$10 for a field trip that was not able to happen. We are working with the teachers to make sure your payments are counted. If you did pay last year and would like to have the \$10 deducted from your \$100 Lap-A-Thon donation, please let Esther know so she can apply it in FACTS.

Lap-A-Thon Billing

Each family is responsible to raise \$100 by October 4, 2020. If the \$100 is not turned into the office by October 27th the \$100 will be added to your balance of tuition in FACTS. This will make your monthly payments increase for the remainder of your payments.

Individual school pictures

We will not have individual pictures until the spring. We will get out more information as soon as we can.

We still have last year Yearbooks available for \$12.00 if you are interested, please let Esther know. You can send a check, exact cash, or money order to the office.

Student Led Conferences (SLC'S)

We have SLC's scheduled on October 29th & 30th for the 1th quarter. Each student and their parents are required to attend. This is counted as a school day. This gives your children a chance to share their studies and goals with you on a very personal and inviting level. The SLC's are anywhere from 15 minutes to 1/2 an hour depending on the time frame your child needs to share this special time with you.

During the 2 days of SLC's (October 29th & 30th) there will NOT be regular school classes. Teachers, students, and parents over Zoom for 15 minutes each. Attendance is taken during SLC's and recorded on the student's permanent record.

We will be sending out links for you to sign up for a time for your student and their teacher to meet with you over video. The links will go out on the same day, teachers will also send them via Class Dojo or email.

Family Acknowledgement of Risk AND Commitment to Abide by School Protocols and Guidelines

The Archdiocese of Denver has released a document that outlines the background, acknowledgement of risk, and commitment to abide by school protocols and guidelines. This form will need to be signed by each family. Our delay in sending this out was that the Spanish version was not available until this week. Please review this document with your family, sign, and send a photo of the signed copy back to esther.gutierrez@strosedenver.org.

Aftercare

Thank you for all of your help signing up for aftercare on the SignUpGenius Link. We are very appreciative of all of our aftercare staff, who have supported the program can be as safe and organized as possible. They have done an amazing job.

We did want to let you know of one change. We will not be able to offer <u>preschool aftercare</u> on Fridays, starting on Friday, October 2nd. We unfortunately are a bit short staffed, and Friday is the day that we complete family billing. We appreciate your help with this and apologize for any inconvenience that this causes.

Just a reminder that all students need to be signed up prior to arriving at Aftercare. The link is available here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4baca82bab f94-strose

Mass

We will be streaming mass weekly at 8:30 on the St. Rose of Lima Parish Facebook page. Feel free to invite family members or friends to join us.

https://www.facebook.com/srlchurchdenver/



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Inclement Weather

We plan on taking the children outside a couple of times daily even if it is cold to have them get fresh air. When roads are slick or unpassable we may have to close school for safety reasons. St. Rose will never have a late start. If St. Rose has to close, Please, make sure to update your Sycamore phone numbers and emails on a continual basis so we can send out information to families if we need to close school. You can also email new information. We will post closing on the **news** stations (4, 7, 9, and 31) by 6:00 am. Our voicemail will be changed on the school phones informing callers that school has been canceled by 6am. We will send out a notification on Class Dojo. We have stopped using the Flocknote text system for this purpose since so few families have kept their information current, and since Class Dojo is the primary method of communication between families and teachers.

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.