

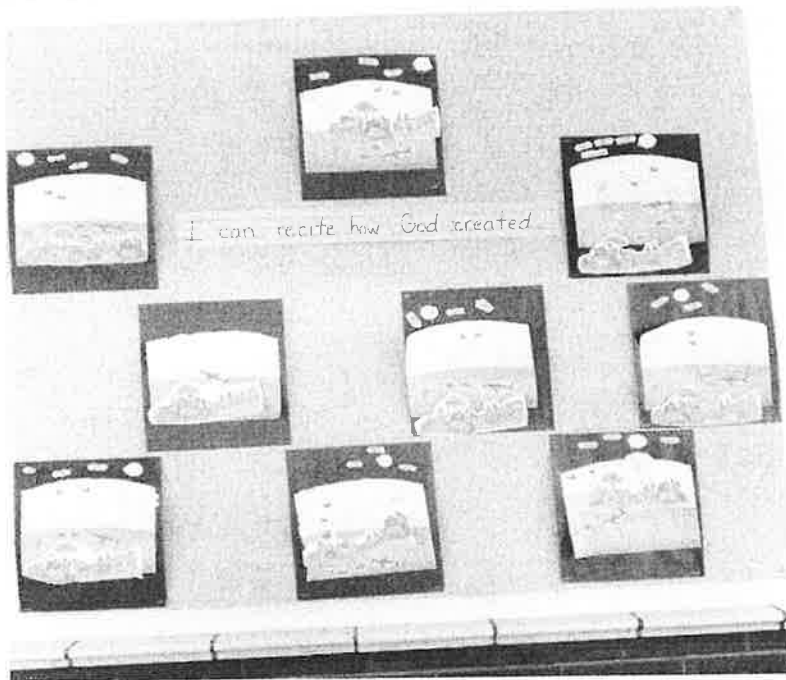


# ST. ROSE NEWS

## St. Rose of Lima Catholic Academy

Forming Excellent Catholic Scholars and Faithful Disciples of Jesus  
Denver, CO

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### Key Dates and Announcements:

**MASS Days:**

**Friday's in February (9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>)**  
**Wear Mass Uniforms**

**Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**NO School – PD Day**

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30 Mass – Student of the month Given for January**

**Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30 Mass – Ash Wednesday Mass**

**Friday & Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**No School – President's Holiday Weekend**

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester/ SLC's**

**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Report Cards go Home**

**Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**No School – AoD PD**

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30 Mass - 12:30 Dismissal for Holy Thursday (NO AFTERCARE PROVIDED)**

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**No School – Good Friday**

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**No School Easter Monday**

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*Our Goals:  
College and more importantly:  
Heaven*



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## Principally Speaking: A Message from Mrs. Cárdenas

See attached letter

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### In-climate 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 phone numbers and emails with the office and check that your class dojo is working if you get a new phone.** We will 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 6:30 am. We will change the voicemail on the school phones informing callers that school has been canceled as well.



### Cold Weather

We plan on taking the children outside a couple of times daily even if it is cold to have them get fresh air. This is the best and safest time for children to take a mask break and distance themselves from their classmates safely!

Please make sure to send your children with coats, gloves, and hats if you have them. Most times if it warms up when the sun comes out for lunch and second recess the children take off the heavier jackets. It is still nice for them to have a heavier jacket when the clouds cover the sun. Snow boots are not necessary as we do not allow the children to step into deep snow or throw snowballs!

Dear Families,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! Allow me to express my deep and sincere gratitude to you for choosing to send your students to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Academy. It is an honor to partner with you in forming your children and encouraging them forward in their education and spiritual growth.

I have some exciting news to share with all of you. Our school is the recipient of the 2024 Shea School Improvement Grant! We first applied for the grant in October of 2022. The Shea Foundation then began visiting our school repeatedly, looking at all the different aspects of our building. They gave us final approval in late December, and construction will begin June 7, 2024. Here is a list of the scheduled improvements:

- new plumbing throughout
- new bathrooms (8)
- new cafeteria (appliances, workspace, flooring, ceiling, lighting)
- a storage room where the accordion doors are in the cafeteria
- new windows and window coverings throughout the Middle School/Elementary School (also in replacement of the glass block)
- cabinetry/countertops in all classrooms
- new flooring in the Middle School hallway & offices
- new interior/exterior paint
- updated cooling/heating throughout the building

This is an incredible gift to our school; the total investment is 2.7 million dollars. The Shea Foundation is asking our community to contribute \$100,000 to this effort, and I have been working with our Development Board to raise these funds by May. Thus far we have raised \$35,000.

In the next few months, we will be holding small fundraisers in the school so that students and families can help contribute to this amount. "Dress Down for Two Dollars," will happen every Thursday and begin next week. Students may come to school in out-of-uniform clothing if they bring a small donation of at least two dollars. (Students must adhere to the our-of-uniform dress code in the handbook.) Thank you in advance for your support!

The generosity of the Shea Foundation is extremely humbling. It also signals that God has a unique plan for St. Rose of Lima: a plan that encompasses a new standard of excellence not only in the features and surfaces of our building but also in our academic pursuits and in our Catholic formation. Our school is poised to become the leader in urban Catholic education, and I look forward to working with you to achieve it.

May God bless you,

Tricia Cardenas  
Principal



Members of the Shea Foundation along with Fr. Martin and Superintendent Moo in October 2022.

## 2024-2025 Registration

## Counselor

### Registration for 2024-2025

We will send home your registration packets with your children for you to complete and return by April 12, 2024.

Please let Esther know if you want to enroll a new PK or Kindergartener student ASAP before we open it up to the students on the wait list.

Scholarships with Seeds of Hope can be completed when you have you taxes for 2023 completed for uploading in the portal <https://denvercatholicschools.com/variabletuitionprogram/>

ACE scholarship renewals have already sent out the email to families. Their due date is April 11<sup>th</sup>. Remember that tax uploading does not always work the first time, so complete the application early as soon as you file your 2023 taxes



### Hello!

My name is Paulina Gutierrez, and I'm the school counselor at Saint Rose of Lima. I support students and staff in managing emotional and social concerns that may affect the student's ability to learn. Please review the documents, sign them, and return them with the student in their Tuesday folders.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [paulina.gutierrez@strosedenver.org](mailto:paulina.gutierrez@strosedenver.org) or call 720-381-2409.

Sincerely,  
Paulina Gutierrez, School counselor



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## February 2024 Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
				1) Yogurt & Granola  Chicken a la King Mix Vegetables Dinner Roll Mandarin Oranges Milk  Snack: broccoli	2)  <b>No School Teacher PD Day</b>	
	5) Pancakes  Chicken Fajitas Tortilla Corn Strawberry Cup Milk  Snack: sweet peppers	6) Cereal  Breakfast Eggs Pancakes Tater Tots Spice Apples Milk  Snack: Pineapple	7) Egg n Cheese  Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Mixed vegetables Orange Milk  Snack: snow peas	8) Breakfast burrito  Baked Potato Ham & Cheese Roll Peaches Milk  Snack: red apple	9) Baked oatmeal  Meaty Nachos Black bean Mixed fruit Milk  Snack: Jicama	
	12) Biscuit & Jelly  Cheese Burger Fries Apple Milk  Snack: oranges	13) Bagel & Cream Cheese  Hot turkey & Cheese Sandwich California Vegetable Pear Milk  Snack: zucchini	14) Cereal  Ravioli Roll Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Milk  Snack: Grapes	15) French toast  Pozole Diner Roll Cabbage & Radish Pineapple Milk  Snack: carrots	16)  <b>No School President's Day weekend</b>	
	19)  <b>No School President's Day weekend</b>	20) Cereal  Turkey Cheese Hoagie Shredded Lettuce French fries Apple Milk  Snack: Grapefruit	21) Waffle  Chicken Nuggets Roll Green Bean Strawberry Cup Milk  Snack: squash	22) Pancake Sausage stick  Rotini w/ Meat Sauce Roll Side Salad Pineapple Milk  Snack: Kiwi	23) Yogurt & granola  Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Diced Pear Milk  Snack: Green Bean	
	26) Pancakes  Chicken Alfredo Roll Broccoli Cutie Milk  Snack: watermelon	27) Cereal  Pepperoni Pizza Carrots Applesauce Milk  Snack: carrots	28) Egg n Cheese  Hot Dog Baked Beans Strawberry Cups Milk  Snack: banana	29) Breakfast burrito  Roasted Chicken Cornbread muffin Mashed Potatoes Mandarin Oranges Milk  Snack: cherry tomato	1) Baked Oatmeal  Bean & Cheese Burrito Rice Peas Pears Milk  Snack: green apple	