



# St. Rose of Lima School

2020-2021 Blue/Gold MEMO from the Principal's Office

October 3, 2021

Dear School Families,

We are nearing the end of our 100th Year Anniversary activities. On Friday, we held our Time Capsule Ceremony where our 8th graders talked about each item that will be placed in our 100 year time capsule. (To be opened in 2071!). We also dedicated a memorial plaque to the Dominican Sisters who started our school. It was a beautiful morning.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Karen DeLano and Jackie Valvardi for all of their hard work as co-chairs of the 100 year planning team. Faced with roadblock after roadblock, they persevered and have given us many things to remember about this special year. Thank you to everyone who has registered to attend our Cheers to 100 Years Event on October 16. It is looking like we will have close to 250 people celebrating our centennial that night.



## **October: The Month of the Holy Rosary:**

Roman Catholics traditionally observe the month of **October** as the month of the Holy Rosary, which is celebrated in many parts of the country with special acts of devotion in honor of the Blessed Mother including the holding of prayer vigils, novenas, and the praying of the holy rosary in parish communities. Please take this opportunity to renew the important habits of saying the Rosary with your family and attending Mass together.

## **Help for Refugees:**

Please stay tuned for more information about an additional drive our school will be participating in to help the refugees from Afghanistan with clothing and supplies.

Thank you and God Bless,

*Deacon Joseph Rafferty*

## Congratulations to our September Students of the Month!

Please [click here](#) to learn about why these students were chosen for this honor.

**October's Virtue is: Courtesy.** If you would like a printable page about courtesy to hang at home to reinforce this month's virtue, [please click here](#). For questions or more information about our Student of the Month program, please reach out to coordinator Jackie Valvardi at [happyjackiev@gmail.com](mailto:happyjackiev@gmail.com).



**Students OF THE MONTH** Role Models in the virtue of: **AFFABILITY**

*Congratulations!*  
**September 2021 Students of the Month**

Kindergarten: <b>Eva Chiarulli</b>	5th Grade: <b>Eric Bruce</b>
1st Grade: <b>Hudson Bednarczyk</b>	6th Grade: <b>Emma Anthony</b>
2nd Grade: <b>Anthony D'Angelo</b>	7th Grade: <b>Noah Richardson</b>
3rd Grade: <b>George Merryfield</b>	8th Grade: <b>Douglas Gush</b>
4th Grade: <b>Evalyn Gush</b>	Specials: <b>Damien Nelson (3A)</b>

## Extra Care

The September Extra Care statements will be going home on Monday. Please check your child's folders or ask them if they received something from Ms. Crowell. If you do not receive them or if you have any questions about them please email Ms. Crowell at [pcrowell@strosenj.com](mailto:pcrowell@strosenj.com). All payments should be submitted within a week of the day you receive them.

Any student that is using after school care should be submitting the weekly or monthly form to the homeroom teacher so that it is entered into the system for the aftercare staff. The [October After Care Form](#) was distributed last week and can be downloaded here. Emailing Mrs. Thomas or your homeroom teachers should only be done in an emergency situation.

If you would like to use the extended morning care from 7AM to 7:45AM you must notify Mrs. Thomas at least 48 hours in advance.





## Advancement News

If you have a child that will be attending our **KINDERGARTEN in 2022**, just wanted to send an additional reminder to fill out [this Save A Seat Google form](#). Looking forward to having many more siblings filling our classrooms next year!

## Picture Day! - October 15, 2021

LifeTouch Fall portraits will be taken on **Friday, October 15**. **Winter Uniforms are required**. You can [order pictures here](#). Our picture day ID is: **EVT3QVSGJ**



## Bishop Sullivan's Christmas Card: Artists Needed!

Each year, Bishop Sullivan selects the cover for his Christmas card from artwork submitted by students in South Jersey Catholic Schools. Students in grades 5-8 are invited to submit artwork for consideration.

Interested students should follow the guidelines below and **bring their drawing to Mrs. Knapp by Tuesday, October 12**. Please email Mrs. Knapp: [sknapp@strosenj.com](mailto:sknapp@strosenj.com) with any questions.



- Artwork may come from students grades, 5-8.
- All original artwork should be submitted on a white, 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper.
- The artwork will be resized for production, so artists should leave a margin of white space around the edges to ensure nothing gets cut out of the image.
- The scene should focus on the Holy Family and the story of the Nativity of Jesus as proclaimed in the Gospels.

## Student Council

Campaigns for Student Council are underway and the election will take place on **Tuesday, October 12**. If you have a student running for office please go over with your child the campaigning guidelines that Mrs. Durkin distributed.





## National Junior Honor Society



We will be holding elections for NJHS Officers once the Student Council elections have been completed. Any 8th grade NJHS member who would like to run for the office of The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian will be invited to present a speech to all NJHS members. If you have a student who is eligible, take the time to talk to them about taking on a leadership role in our NJHS.

Our next Pretzel for a Purpose will be held on **Friday, October 29th** with the purpose of contributing to the Lymphoma Leukemia Society. This is a purpose that is close to our hearts as our first grade teacher, Mrs. Frazee, and Leah, a NJHS member, and Sean Frazee (4th grade) lost their husband and dad to this terrible disease just last year. So in conjunction with the "Light the Night Walk" in Sean Frazee's honor on Oct 28th we will be contributing all proceeds to this important work which along with research supports the families of those enduring the unimaginable.

## Scholastic Book Order Forms

I have heard from Scholastic that they are experiencing some difficulties in staffing and that shipping is a bit delayed. So while we have not yet received our September books I will be distributing October forms this week with a due date of **Tuesday, October 12**. Orders may be sent to Ms. Crowell in the library with checks made out to Scholastic, or you may order online using teacher code H746Z at

[the Scholastic website](#). *Please make sure you use the above mentioned code and not the Homeroom teacher's name.*



## Tech Reminders



**Chargers** -All students in grades 3-8 should be bringing their chromebook chargers to school each day. If a child needs to charge their chromebook and does not have a charger they should report to the Library Media Center to borrow a charger. No borrowing from other students is allowed.

**Headphones** - All students are required to have headphones with them for all classes. If a student is required to use headphones and does not have them a new pair will be provided and a \$5.00 charge will be required. As we are unable to share or reuse these devices, there can be no refunds.

**Chromebook Case Straps** -Students have had the opportunity to obtain a strap for their chromebook case. If your child would like to have a strap and was not issued one, please send them to the library media center to pick one up.

## Blessing of the Animals:

**October 4, at 3:30 p.m.**

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Rose of Lima Parish is hosting a blessing of animals (family pets) in the Rose Garden at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, October 4..



## All Saints Day

In celebration of All Saints Day, on **Monday, November 1**, children in grades K-3 will dress as Saints and lead our school procession to our All Saints Day 8:30am liturgy.

## ATHLETICS NEWS

### Winter Sports Registration Now Open!

- Winter Sports are open to students in grades 7 and 8 this year.
- If you have already signed up your students in younger grades, your reimbursement for the athletics fee will be sent to you via check.
- Registration for winter sports is now open on Family ID. [Click here to register for Basketball or Cheer.](#)
- All students will need an [updated sports physical submitted to participate.](#)



## PTA NEWS

### Trunk or Treat: **Friday, Oct 22, 2021**

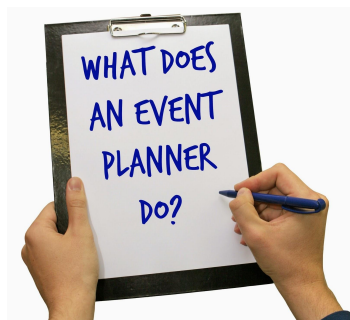
Join us for our 8th Annual Trunk or Treat held at Rosebud Academy Preschool's Parking lot! St. Rose and Rosebud families decorate their cars and hand out candy & treats to our students and their siblings. It's a fun night including a DeeJay, concessions, and prizes for the best decorated cars. [Please click here for more information and to register.](#) \$15 per car. Please note: there is a max of 4 kids per registered car if they are not all siblings.



Trunk or Treat

## SCRIP Gift Card Program:

Help raise money for our school **PLUS earn a refund for yourself at the end of the year!** [Learn more about our Scrip Gift Card Program here.](#) It's easier and more convenient than you might think! If you have any questions about the Scrip Program, please reach out to [Rebecca Vives.](#)



## PTA Event Chair Management Meeting

**Monday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.**

### Rectory Lounge

Are you an event chair for one of our PTA events? Or Have you ever considered chairing an event for the PTA? Come to this meeting to learn more about the process and how it might not take as much time as you think! [Please click here for a flyer.](#) Hope to see you there!



## Christmas Bazaar Update

Only **33** more days until our 100th Annual Christmas Bazaar on **Friday, November 5th!** Local guidelines and regulations will be followed to make this a safe event. This year, the Grand Slam 50/50 Raffle, Disney Raffle, and Tombola baskets will return to being drawn at the conclusion of the event on Friday evening.

Each family has received an envelope with Grand Slam 50/50, Disney Raffle Tickets and a copy of the Christmas Catalog. Thank you for selling these tickets! Need more raffle tickets to sell? If you are looking for more Disney Raffle tickets please reach out to [Missy Rotaeché](#) or [Rachel Wesner](#). If you need more 50/50 raffle tickets please let [Mande Hall](#) know.

Donation Needs! Please click on the flyers below for more information about the donations that are currently needed.

- [Tombola](#) Basket donations
- [Christmas Cheer](#) donations
- [Baked Goods Table](#) Donations
- [Kitchen](#) Donations



We will be sharing the Christmas Bazaar Facebook Event on Facebook tomorrow. Please share this post with your friends and family members when you see it!

## Important Upcoming Dates

- October 4** - Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi: The Parish is hosting a Blessing of Animals (family pets) in the Rose Garden at 3:30 p.m.
- October 11** - **NO SCHOOL** (Columbus Day)
- October 15** - [Lifetouch Pictures](#) Use School ID :EVT3QVSGJ (Winter Uniforms)
- October 12** - Student Council Elections
- October 12** - October [Scholastic book orders](#) due: Use code:H746Z
- October 12** - Artwork for Bishop Sullivan's Christmas card due to Mrs. Knapp. (optional)
- October 16** - Cheers to 100 Years Event.
- October 22** - **NO SCHOOL** - (Faculty Meeting)
- October 22** - [Trunk or Treat](#)
- October 22** - [Tombola Basket](#) Donations Due
- October 25** - [PTA Event Management](#) Meeting
- October 29** - Falcon Friday and Pretzels for a Purpose
- November 1** - All Saint's Day. **8:30 a.m. Mass**. Students in grades K-3 may dress as Saints and will lead our procession to the Liturgy that morning.
- November 5** - 100th Annual Christmas Bazaar!