



St. Rose of Lima School

2022-2023 Blue/Gold MEMO from the Principal's Office

December 4, 2022

.Dear School Families,

Advent is the season of preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ.

Advent can be a very busy period especially if we focus only on the demands of the nonspiritual world.

Materialism sometimes clouds the spiritual perspective, and we can forget the most important reason for Christmas is that ***Jesus is coming!***

Please take time during the next four weeks and embrace the tradition of the Advent Wreath: **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. Each of the candles represents an aspect of spirituality in our lives that brightens the pathway to eternity. The secular world and materialism will darken and disappear and have no place in eternity.

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love will be illuminated and enlighten heaven and stay with us throughout eternity.

Jesus is inviting you to look past the materialism and secularism “busyness” and come to His manger. He’s asking you to join him and give the greatest gift: the gift of yourself.

God Bless.

Deacon Joseph Rafferty



Congratulations to these students in 5th- 8th grade who made the First Quarter

Honor Roll. ***Keep up the great work!***


November Students of the Month

Congratulations to our November Students of the Month who were recognized for excellence in the virtue of Generosity!

We are missing one student's photograph from that day so we will share the photo spread of all the winners on FaceBook this week!

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

December's Virtue is: Gratitude. If you would like a printable page about gratitude 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.



Role Models in the virtue of:
GENEROSITY

November 2022 Students of the Month

KA: Evelyn Flacco	KB: Stella Tiniakos
1A: William Roseboro	1B: Nathan Merryfield
2A: Celena Myers	2B: Theo Tracey
3A: Benjamin Hillen	3B: Riley Platt
4A: Matthew DeLano	4B: Chloe Shirley
5A: Katie Fitzpatrick	5B: Kennedy McDermott
6A: Tenley Narkiewicz	6B: Valentina Gigliotti
7A: Madison Campbell	7B: Nathan Karley
8A: Owen Watson	8B: Nick Contento
Specials-Miss Knauer: Nicolina Fischetti	

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE UPDATE: Christmas Donations Due: **DECEMBER 5**

The Social Action Committee would like to say a huge thank you again to all of the families who donated for helping to provide meals for families at Thanksgiving! Because of your generosity, we also had food leftover and now have overflowing shelves!

As you know, we are trying something a little different this year as we collect for Christmas baskets. We are asking for \$1 or \$2 from each of our students so we can purchase turkeys and hams for the families we serve. [Please click here for more information!](#) You can also choose to [donate via PayPal on this page.](#)





Important Reminder:

We will not have school on **Thursday, December 8, 2022** in recognition of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Please check www.strosenj.com or your home Parish for Mass times.

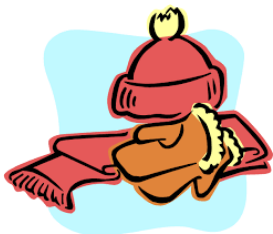
Tuition Assistance and Re-Registration

- Re-Registration for next year is **NOW OPEN!** [Click here for a Timeline and links to re-register.](#)
- The Tuition Assistance Portal is now open to apply for Tuition Assistance for the 2023-2022 school year. Please complete your tuition assistance applications by **March 15, 2023.** [Please click here for information on applying for tuition assistance for next year.](#)
- If you have any younger siblings who will be joining us for Kindergarten next year, please be sure to [fill out this Google Form so we can save them a seat.](#) If you have already filled out this form you do not need to fill it out again.
- If you have any younger siblings who would be new students at Rosebud Academy next year, you also have the option to [save them a seat in Preschool.](#)



Extra Care

Statements for November will be sent home soon. Please check your child's backpack or folder and send in your payment as soon as possible. [Click here for the December Aftercare form](#) to be turned into your child's teacher.



Reminder: Please send hats, gloves and scarves to school with children when coming to after care. We do try to take the children outside even if only for 10 minutes or so when the weather is dry. It is also a good idea to label these items so that we can get them back to you if they are misplaced.

Christmas Concert

St. Rose of Lima Church

Thursday, December 15, 2022

6:30pm

Performances by each class K-8, the School Band, and the 2nd & 3rd Grade Choir.

We will share more information about logistics soon. In the meantime, please [click here for information about dress code/costumes](#) for each class.



Advent Penance Service

In addition to our regularly scheduled Saturday confessions here at St. Rose, there will also be an Advent Penance Service at **St. Vincent Pallotti Church** (901 Hopkins Rd, Haddon Township) on **December 14 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** Priests from St. Joseph the Worker, St. Rose of Lima, and Christ the King parishes will be available to hear confessions.



RECESS
DECEMBER SCHEDULE
NOW AVAILABLE!

Recess Duty

Thank you to all of our recess duty volunteers. The [December Schedule is available here.](#)

You can also [sign up to volunteer here.](#)

Picture Retake Day: December 14

LifeTouch Studios will be here on **December 14** to do Fall absentee photos and picture retakes. If you would like to have your student's photo retaken, please send in the unsatisfactory picture package that you received with your student on the day of the retakes.



Christmas Ornaments - Decorating our school Christmas Tree!

We will be decorating our St. Rose Family Christmas Tree starting on **Monday, December 5**. *Please send in one ornament per family.* (If you have more than one child, you may decide which of your students hangs the ornament for your family.) Students will be called to the office after announcements to hang their ornament and say a prayer. If you miss your day, please bring it in the next day. Please label your ornaments, we will return them after Christmas!

Grades	Date
Kindergarten and Grade 1	Monday, December 5
Grade 2	Tuesday, December 6
Grade 3	Wednesday, December 7
Grades 4 & 5	Friday, December 9
Grades 6, 7, & 8	Monday, December 12



Knights of Columbus Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbia is sponsoring a “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. [Please click here for more information.](#) All students are invited to participate! Please give your posters to Mrs Knapp by **December 15**. Thank you!



Adopt A Family Gift Deadline: December 12

Thank you to all of the families who are participating in our Adopt A Family service project with the Holy Name section of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden! Gifts should be sent in with your students **no later than December 12**. Please send gifts unwrapped, and consider sending wrapping paper and bows in as

well. If you are sending a clothing item, please send the item in a box with tissue paper ready to be wrapped. *Homeroom teachers are collecting items and the Adopt A Family Coordinator will pick them up from homerooms.* We will not be having a wrapping party in the classrooms this year. *Thank you for your generosity!*

National Junior Honor Society

Any member that has not paid their annual dues please make sure you give them to Olivia Winkler by **Friday, December 9th.**

Our next Pretzel for a Purpose will take place on **Friday, December 16th.**



Student Council Updates

Sock Drive - The SRL Student Council is hosting their annual sock drive to help the homeless in our area again this year. New socks will be collected in each homeroom from **November 28 through December 16.** Please [click here for a flyer](#) with more information!

Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Thank you to all the creative and performing artists who helped to make this year's Barnes and Noble Christmas Event such a joy! It was wonderful to be able to enjoy the live performances and share it with the B&N shoppers! A special thank you to Ms. Knauer, Mrs. Reich, and Mr. Spangenburg for sharing their amazing talent in helping to showcase our students. Our school was able to raise approximately \$500.00 in book credit for our library. Thank you to all the teachers, parents, and students who came out during this busy time of year to support this event.



Scholastic Book Orders

LAST CALL for Books!!! We will be placing one last Scholastic Book Order before Christmas. So if you are looking for stocking stuffers, Pollyanna gifts, or just that special gift for someone special please make sure you get your order in by **Tuesday, December 6th**. Online orders can be placed at <https://clubs.scholastic.com/> using **class code H746Z**. In order to be sure of a before Christmas delivery, we will not be able to accept late orders. (Please mark your [order form](#) if you do NOT wish these books to be delivered to your child, or if you are ordering online you can email Ms. Crowell at pcrowell@strosenj.com.)



Important Upcoming Dates

Dates are subject to change and we will keep you updated if changes occur.

- December 5-**
- 1) [Food pantry Donations](#) Due (Optional \$1- \$2 per Student)
 - 2) Grades K & 1 Bring Family Ornament for Christmas Tree
- December 6-**
- 1) Scholastic Book Orders Due
 - 2) Grade 2 Bring Family Ornament for Christmas Tree
- December 7-**
- Grade 3 Bring Family Ornament for Christmas Tree
- December 8 -**
- NO SCHOOL** Due to Feast of Immaculate Conception
- December 9 -**
- Grades 4 & 5 Bring Family Ornament for Christmas Tree
- December 12 -**
- 1) Adopt A Family Gifts due to Homerooms
 - 2) Grades 6, 7 & 8 Bring Family Ornament for Christmas Tree
 - 3) DIY Christmas Ornament Pick Up

- December 14-** Fall Picture Retake Day
- December 15-** 1) Christmas Concert: 6:30 p.m. in the church.
2) Knights of Columbus [Poster Contest Entries](#) Due
- December 16 -** 1) Falcon Friday and Pretzels for a Purpose
2) Final day of [sock collection](#) for Student Council Sock Drive.
- December 21 -** Christmas Dress Down Day (More info to come!)
- December 22 -** **Half Day - Noon dismissal** (11:50 for Kindergarten)
- December 23 - January 2** **NO SCHOOL. *Merry Christmas!***
(School Resumes on Tuesday, January 3)