St. Rose of Lima School



2021-2022 Blue/Gold MEMO from the Principal's Office

March 7, 2023

Dear School Families:

Lent is a time to refocus and clear our minds and hearts. As we travel through the forty days of lent let us look at it as an opportunity to be open to Jesus Christ in our lives

During lent we focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. When you **PRAY**, you engage your heart and mind to prepare you for a full relationship with Jesus Christ.

When you **FAST** (to give up something for lent) make it something that you turn away from that is a reminder of the importance of putting Christ first in your life. Fasting should be something that is not seen as punishment or chore. It should spark you to engage the Holy Spirit deeper into your life. Taking time away from your cell phone and sitting quietly in silence to think of our spiritual

relationship. Taking time to really practice actively listening to others and not just going through the motions. To physically engage your spirituality by taking a walk for 15 to 20 minutes instead of watching the television or sitting at your computer.

To **GIVE** alms to others is to give individuals and groups the things that they need. Mother Teresa said that "we cannot do no great things, only small things with great love." A smile, hug and being present to others is a wonderful gift for a person in a time of need. To say please, thank you and I am sorry with compassion and respect. Whether it be a gift of time, of money, or of simply being present to others – may we focus on giving with kindness. love and respect.

The Parishes and Pastors of our Deanery are offering programs during Lent to renew your relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The <u>most recent Parish Bulletin</u> has this information and many more events happening soon. I hope you will participate.

-Deacon Joe

Congratulations to our Students of the Month!

January & February virtues were Kindness and Loyalty! Please click on the links below to read about why each student was chosen for this honor.

- January Students of the Month (Kindness)
- February Students of the Month (Loyalty)

March's Virtue is: Obedience. If you would like a printable page about Obedience to hang at home to reinforce this month's virtue, **please click here**.





New Director of Religious Education:

St. Rose of Lima has engaged Patricia O'Connell-Smith as the new Director of Religious Education. As former Director of Cathedral Parish Religious Education at Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, Patty brings many years of firsthand experience to our parish. Patty provides the skill sets for organizing, implementing and administering faith formation programs and sacramental preparation for children, youths and

adults. Patty's experience with providing structure and development of a catechist team will continue a solid formation program. Please join me in welcoming Patty to our team as we collaborate in the ministry of raising our families of faith.



St. Patrick's Day Dress Down Day Friday, March 17, 2023

Students may wear St. Patrick's Day shirts or colors with jeans, leggings or sweatpants. Closed back shoes are required. Students may opt to wear their gym uniform.

Lifetouch Spring Pictures: March 24, 2023

Lifetouch Studios will be here on March 24 to take Spring pictures. A paper order form is available here. Please note that students are permitted to wear spring outfits for pictures. Please click here for information about ordering online.



Getting your child's picture taken on Spring Picture day is <u>optional</u>. If they are not getting their picture taken, they should come to school in their regular uniform.

REMINDER: Bus Transportation Reimbursement Form

Families who live in a busing district and live 2 or more miles from St. Rose of Lima School must complete this (B6T) Transportation

Form for the 2023-24 school year in order to receive a bus transportation reimbursement.

Please complete the form and send it in to the



school main office by tomorrow, **Wednesday**, **March 8**, **2023**. You need to complete a separate form for each child.

Scholarship Information & Tuition Assistance

The deadline for <u>Tuition Assistance applications</u> is March 15, 2023 for current families. Please note that if you would like to be considered eligible for the Joann Hoke Scholarship, or one of the Batavick Family Scholarships, you must apply for tuition assistance through FACTs.



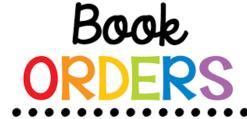
- Welsh Scholarship: Please <u>click here for application</u> <u>information</u>. Due: March 20, 2023
- Joann Hoke Scholarship (open to students entering grade 5) Please <u>click</u> here for application. <u>Due: April 30, 2023</u>
- Batavick Family Scholarships: (Open to Students Entering Grades 1-8). The
 Batavick Family has generously started a \$100,000 scholarship fund in memory
 of their parents, Frank and Agnes Batavick. In the 2023-2024 school year, the
 Scholarship fund will be providing up to \$25,000 in tuition assistance to families
 in need. Please click here to read more about the Batavick Family
 Scholarship Fund. There is no need to submit an application for the
 Batavick Family Scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded as part
 of the tuition assistance program.

Library News

Our World Series of Reading Program is off to a fantastic start! Our all-star readers are rounding the bases of our library display and we have just completed the first week! With five more weeks to go there is plenty of time to get off the bench and start reading and turning in slips. More information and additional slips are available on our school website. Please help us reward our readers by donating a prize for our prize drawing.

Spring order forms will be distributed this week. Please send in your orders by Wednesday, March 15th. If you would like to order online make sure you use class code H746Z at the Scholastic website.

If there are any students who did not receive an ordered book from this year's book fair please contact Ms. Crowell at pcrowell@strosenj.com





National Junior Society

Thank you to all those who have been donating to our Pretzel for a Purpose program. This month, on March 31st, we will be donating to Catholic Relief Services who are supporting emergency relief efforts led by local partners in both Syria and Turkey with Caritas Internationalis. Caritas Internationalis, in coordination

with authorities, is bringing displaced people to safe, open spaces and distributing hot meals and clothing.

NJHS members will be tutoring on Monday afternoons. If you have a student who could benefit from this service please contact Liam Wesner, NJHS president at wesnerli23@student.strosenj.com



Yearbooks - On Sale Soon!

Yearbooks will be on sale soon. Keep a look out for more information in next week's Weekly Wrap! There's nothing else like your school yearbook. Get

your hands on the limited edition collection of our stories from the year. Share it with your friends and hang on to it for years to come!

Frozen Jr. Pancake Breakfast Saturday, March 18

The St. Rose of Lima School Drama
Department is hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's in Audubon on
Saturday, March 18. There will be two
seatings: 8:00 – 9:00 am and 9:00 – 10:00
a.m. The Breakfast is \$10.00 per person and includes a buffet breakfast of pancakes,
eggs, sausage, coffee and juice. Frozen Jrs.'
Featured characters will be available for a
Meet and Greet and there will be raffle
baskets!



You can REGISTER and PAY on this page.

Second Hand Rose Sale Sunday, March 19 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Spring/Summer Uniforms will start on April 17! Join us at the Second Hand Rose sale to stock up before then!

Have any items to donate? Any uniform or spirit wear donations can be sent into school or dropped off at the office by Friday, March 17!





Track Team News

The Track Team Page is up and running on the school website. To access the track page please go to

www.stroseoflimaschoolnj.com and then go to Student Life
→Athletics → Track and Field 2023.

You can access the page directly by clicking here.

Golf Outing May 1, 2023

The Annual St. Rose of Lima Golf Outing will be held on May 1, 2023 this year. **Save the Date! Registration coming soon!** For more information about registration, volunteering, or sponsorship, contact Josh Haas at joshua.c.haas@gmail.com





Easter Food Drive

Feb. 24 to March 24

Easter Donations to Food Bank

You were generous with our Christmas collection and we hope you're willing to help with our Easter food drive. We are less than a month away from distributing food bags for the 100 families we feed. Would you be so kind as to bring the following items to school for Easter? Items due March 24.

Save the Date:

Grandparents Club Candy Bingo

April 29 @ 6:30 pm.

More information coming soon! This is a great event for the whole family to attend with grandparents and other relatives!





Save the Date - BAG BINGO! May 13, 2023 - 6:30 pm

\$40 ticket cost includes dinner and Bingo Card for 10 Bingo Games, plus a ticket for door prizes. There will be door prizes, a separate basket raffle, a 50/50 and more!

This event is open to the public. Registration coming soon!

Laps for Learning

May 19, 2023

It's that time of year again already! Students will be writing letters to friends and family members in school. Envelopes were sent home this week with the youngest or only child in each family. We are asking for parents to send sponsor envelopes back with names and addresses of potential donors. (10 per family) Sponsor Envelopes are due by March 14. Please see the packet that was sent home for more information.





St. Rose of Lima Parish Youth Ministry

St. Rose of Lima Parish has an active youth ministry group that offers activities for students and parishioners. There are two upcoming events to check out:

- 1. Lent Youth Ministry Event: March 11 6:00 9:00 p.m. (Grades 6-12)
- Wings Lacrosse Game and Tour of Wells Fargo Center:
 April 23:15 5:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Sponsored Event! Register Here and enter "STROSE" as coupon code for \$0 cost!

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

Eucharistic Congress Family and Youth Night March 23. 2023

SAVE THE DATE: The Diocese of Camden is holding aThis event takes place March 23rd from 6:30pm-8:00pm. All are welcome to attend. Please click here for more information on how to register.

iRace 4 Vocations

Sunday, April 30, 2023 at Cooper River Park

iRace4Vocations is an annual event by the Diocese of Camden Office of Vocations that welcomes people of all ages to run in our 5K or walk in our 1 Mile courses both praying for and promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Sullivan and ends with food and family entertainment. Please click here for more information about this fun and free event!



Important Upcoming Dates Dates are subject to change and we will keep you updated if changes occur. Please click here for full academic calendar.

Date	Event
March 8	B6T Transportation Forms Due
March 10	NO SCHOOL - Teacher in-service day
March 11	Parish Youth Ministry Event (Grades 6th - 12th) 6:00-9:00 pm
March 12	Track and Field Mass (9:30) and Team Communion Breakfast
March 14	Laps for Learning Sponsor Envelopes Due (10 per family)
March 15	Tuition Assistance Application Deadline.
	2. Scholastic Book Orders Due
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Dress Down
March 18	Frozen Jr. Pancake Breakfast @ Applebees: Register Here!
March 19	Second Hand Rose Sale: 9:00 a.m 12:00 pm
March 20	Welsh Scholarship Applications Due
March 23	Diocesan Eucharistic Congress Family Night
March 24	Lifetouch Spring Pictures: See paper order form Here. (Students do NOT have to wear uniforms for these pictures.) Please click here for information about ordering online. Easter Donations Due
March 30, 31 & April 1	Frozen Jr. Performances (7pm) Ticket info coming soon.
March 31	Falcon Friday
SAVE THESE UPCOMING DATES!	
April 4	Winter Sports Night
April 5	Half Day - 12:00 Dismissal
April 6 -16	Easter Recess. School on April 17, 2023
April 17	Summer Uniform Start Date!
April 28	Falcon Friday
April 29	Grandparent's Club Candy Bingo: 6:30 p.m. More information & Registration coming soon!

April 30	 Joann Hoke Memorial Scholarship (for 5th graders) due. (Will accept on Monday, May 1 as well.) iRace for Vocations: More info here.
May 1	St. Rose of Lima's Annual Golf Outing
May 5	8th Grade Graduation Pictures
May 13	Save the Date: Boy Band Bag Bingo @ 6:30 pm
May 19	Laps for Learning

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

The Arts at CCHS Presents: Holiday Inn: March 10, 11, 17 & 18.

- 1. Show Tickets **ON SALE** now!
- 2. They are also hosting a Holiday Inn Brunch event on March 12.

