



St. Rose of Lima School

2023-2024 Blue/Gold MEMO from the Principal's Office

November 6, 2023

Dear School Families,

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. My knee replacement surgery went well. I am home from the hospital and recovering well. I appreciate your kind messages and look forward to getting back to our school community.

Here we are again at Christmas Bazaar Week! There are a few items I want to go over this week as we prepare for the big day. Looking forward to all of the excitement that this week brings, while also continuing to maintain our important routines.

- 1. Bazaar Day Uniforms: Winter Uniform with Christmas Accessories!**
Students should wear their formal Winter uniforms on Bazaar day. They are permitted to wear festive Christmas accessories such as hats, necklaces, earrings etc. Anything that covers the students' face is not permitted.
- 2. Half Day of School with *No Aftercare* on Friday, November 10**
Due to the Christmas Bazaar, we will not be offering AfterCare on Friday, November 10.. Thank you for your understanding.
- 3. Afternoon Dismissal on Christmas Bazaar Day - Friday, November 10**
All students will be dismissed from the 3rd Ave doors on Bazaar day.
Teachers for students in grades K - 5 will stay with students until they are picked up by their parents. Students in grades 6-8 will be dismissed by teachers in school and allowed to exit the building on their own. **We will begin staging students outdoors for dismissal at 11:35 a.m. for Kindergarten and 11:45 a.m. for grades 1-8.** If you are volunteering at the Bazaar during dismissal time and cannot step away from your booth, please make arrangements in advance for a family member or friend to pick up your student outside.
- 4. Santa Pictures on Friday, November 10**
Santa will be coming to school on Friday morning to take group pictures with each homeroom on the decorated Bazaar stage! If you would like to purchase a class picture with Santa, please [see attached](#). **Santa will also be available for you to take individual portraits with your cell phone from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Thank you and God Bless,
Deacon Joseph Rafferty



IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER:

St. Rose of Lima School is located near very busy roads, and Kings Highway is especially busy. We have noticed that children like to congregate on “the hill” on the corner of Kings Highway and 4th Ave after school.

Please be very mindful of the busy traffic on Kings Highway if you let your children play on the hill.

Please do not leave them unattended.. We have seen children very close to the curb and some even stepping off of the curb as their sports balls fall into the street.

Congratulations to our October Students of the Month!

October’s Virtue was Courtesy. Please [click here](#) to learn about why these students were chosen for this honor. **November’s Virtue is: Generosity.** 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



KA - Ava P.



KB - Cooper A.



1A - Esme W.



1B - Jacob B.



2A - Harper D.



2B - Mae F.



3A - Sienna S.



3B - Caroline C.



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Students of the Month!

Recognized for Excellence in the Virtue of: **Courtesy**



4A - Jack C.



4B - Vincent B.



5A - Abigail S.



5B - Anthony S.



6A - Daniel C.



6B - Brody W.



7A - Tenley N.



7B - Addison R.



8A - Korey O.



8B - Robert R.



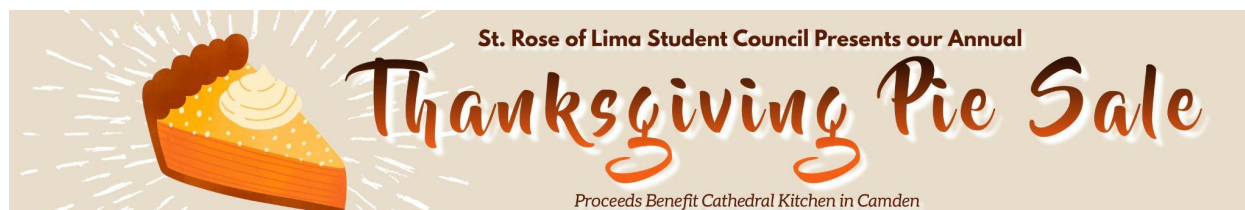
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Parent Teacher Conferences:

November 16: 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November 17: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (School Closed)

Teachers will be sending out Sign Up Genius links to sign up for conference times no later than Monday. If you have any questions about scheduling your conferences, please reach out to your student's homeroom teacher directly.



Student Council Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Need pies to bring to your Family's Thanksgiving dinner? The Student Council is selling 10" pies from Deluxe Bakery for Thanksgiving! The pies are \$14.00 each and the **order deadline is Tuesday, November 14.** Pies can be picked up after school on **Tuesday, November 21.** [Please click here for the pie order form.](#) Stay tuned for more service project information coming soon from the Student Council. The annual Sock Drive is coming up next!

Thanksgiving Food Donations

Due: November 10

The St. Rose of Lima Social Action Committee is collecting food items to be given to families in need for Thanksgiving. Each grade is being asked to bring in a different item so we have a large assortment to be given to each family! [Please click here for the list](#) and consider donating! Donations can be sent in with your children to school and placed in the food bin in their classroom.



Falcon Fest Nominations Needed!

The St. Rose Athletic Committee is preparing for the annual Falcon Fest event, honoring individuals who have made significant contributions to the school and parish community, and who have made the St. Rose family proud by their successful business, education, arts, philanthropic, and civic endeavors. If you know of a St. Rose alumnus, parent/former parent, or parishioner who you would like to nominate please complete this [Falcon Fest nomination form](#), or [submit this form online](#) and submit by November 10. Questions? email athletics@strosenj.com.

The Votes are In!

Congratulations to our 2023-2024 Elected Officers!

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS



(Pictured from left to right)

Owen Foley - President
Benjamin Wilkerson - Vice President
Erin Callinan - Secretary
James Rotaecche - Treasurer

NJHS OFFICERS



(Pictured from left to right)

Korey Owens - Treasurer
Seren Young - Officer-at-Large
Robert Crawford - Vice President
Caleb Noonan - President
Eva Angers - Secretary
Charlie Fleming - Historian

We look forward to seeing what these student leaders and our other students will accomplish this year!

National Junior Honor Society

Our first community cleanup of Newton Lake Park took place last Monday. We will do two additional cleanups later in the year as part of the Camden County Parks Community Cleanup Program. Special thanks to our chaperones, Conor Hadden, Dave Pauley, Stephanie Casiano, Lynn Costello, Jackie Valvardi, and Mrs. Durkin.

Our newly elected treasurer, Korey Owens, will be collecting yearly dues of \$20 to cover affiliation fees.



Thank you to all who helped raise funds for Hawaiian Disaster Relief and our NJHS Program through our Pretzel for a Purpose Program. Our next Pretzel for a Purpose will be held on Thursday, November 16th.



CHRISTMAS SHOWS

Save the Dates!

- **Band Christmas Concert in the church: December 11 @ 6:30 p.m.**
- **School Christmas Pageant in the church: December 13 at 6:30 p.m.**

Our school Christmas Pageant (All students in Grades K - 8 participate) will be December 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. We will be sharing more details about this event. Please save the date!

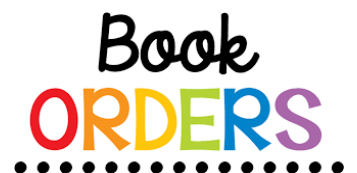
Barnes and Noble - Save the Date!



We are pleased to announce our St. Rose students will be performing again at our St. Rose Night at Barnes and Noble on December 4, 2023. This year's B&N book fair will be for one day only at the Cherry Hill store. More information will be forthcoming, but for now mark your calendar for Christmas Shopping at B&N on Monday, December 4!

Scholastic Book Orders

October Scholastic book orders have been distributed, If you have not received the books you ordered please contact Ms. Crowell at pcrowell@strosenj.com.



Extra Care



Reminder: **There is No Aftercare on Friday, November 10 due to the Christmas Bazaar.** Please submit payment for any outstanding invoices. Remember to fill out the [November form](#) and send to your child's homeroom teacher so that it is entered into the system for the aftercare staff. All ExtraCare information and forms can be found on the [Extra Care page](#) on the website.

Christmas Bazaar Update

JUST 4 MORE DAYS!

Friday, November 10, 2022

12 pm - 8 pm NEW START TIME THIS YEAR



Please [click here for our final Christmas Bazaar Update!](#) We are still looking for volunteers especially in the areas of set up and security. Even two hours of your time will help us greatly! [Please sign up here!](#) We are still accepting [baked good donations](#) and [kitchen donations](#). Thank you for your support!

Tombola Basket List Now Available!

[The most updated list of Tombola Baskets is available here.](#) Please note that an asterisk (*) signifies it's a children's basket



Lost and Found

Mrs. Knapp will be cleaning out the Lost & Found at the end of November. When you are visiting the school for Parent/Teacher conferences, please take a moment to visit the cafeteria and look in the lost & found bins over by the gym stairs. All items not claimed by the end of November will be donated.

Dine and Donates:

Chick-fil-A (in Barrington)

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Mention St. Rose when ordering! Chick-fil-A Dine and Donate proceeds benefit the SRL PTA. Dine and Donate proceeds benefit the Athletic



Chuck Lager in Barrington

Thursday, November 16, 2023

No need to cook dinner on Parent/Teacher Conference night! Head to **Chuck Lager** for your dinner or call and order Takeout!

Dine and Donate proceeds benefit the Athletic Committee. You must have this coupon with you for St. Rose to receive a credit!



Important Upcoming Dates

November 7 - Chick-Fil-A Dine and Donate -Barrington Location

November 10

- **Christmas Bazaar Day!**
- Thanksgiving [Food Donations](#) due
- Falcon Fest [Nominations](#) Due
- Class [Pictures with Santa](#)
- **Half Day**
- **Dismissal at 3rd Ave doors for everyone.**
- **NO Aftercare.**



November 14 - Student Council [Pie Orders Due](#)

November 16

- **Parent Teacher Conferences** (3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
- [Chuck Lager Dine and Donate](#): 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

November 17

- **NO SCHOOL**
- Parent Teacher Conferences (8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)
- 8th Grade [High School Forms](#) Due
- Teacher Conferences in the evening 3:30p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November 21 - Student Council Pie Sale Pick-up after school 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. in Gym.

November 22

- Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program 11:00 am (in the church)
- Kindergartners Dismissed immediately following the Thanksgiving program.
- Students will attend 8:30 am Mass
- **Half Day Dismissal** (12:00 Grades 1- 8)
- **No Aftercare**

November 23 & 24 - **NO SCHOOL.** Happy Thanksgiving!

December 4 - Save the Date: Barnes & Noble Night (Cherry Hill location)

December 11 - Band Christmas Concert at 6:30 p.m.

December 13 - School Christmas Pageant at 6:30 p.m.