



St. Rose of Lima School

2024-2025 Blue/Gold MEMO from the Principal's Office

November 5, 2024

Dear School Families:

Thank you to everyone who has reached out to me about my retirement news. In case you missed my announcement it can be read [here](#). A letter from Father Grover is also available [here](#). I appreciate everyone's kind words as I prepare for this next chapter in my life.

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 8**

Due to the Christmas Bazaar, we will not be offering AfterCare on Friday, November 8. Thank you for your understanding.

3. **Santa Pictures on Friday, November 8**

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.**

4. **Afternoon Dismissal on Christmas Bazaar Day - Friday, November 8**

All students will be dismissed from the 3rd Ave doors on Bazaar day. 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.

- **Kindergarten** will line up at 11:30 a.m. and be dismissed to parents.
- **Grades 1-5** will be called for dismissal starting at 11:40 a.m.
- **Grades 6-8** will be called for dismissal at 11:45 a.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 continue to 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 roll 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 Lisa Coulter at lmcoulter77@gmail.com.



KA - Logan K.



KB - Tommy F.



1A - Loclyn K.



1B - Dominic C.



2A - Reese P.



2B - Brooklyn G.



3A - Kevin D.



3B - Michael W.



Congratulations to our
OCTOBER 2024 **Students of the Month!**
 Recognized for Excellence in the Virtue of: **Courtesy**



4A - Angelo V.



4B - Caroline C.



5A - Riley P.



5B - Josephine P.



6A - Colette R.



6B - Evan C.



7A - Lucas G.



7B - Brooke F.



8A - Christian C.



8B - Brielle N.



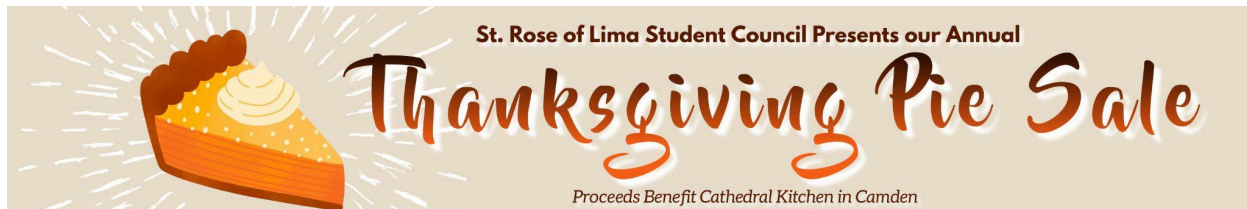
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Parent Teacher Conferences:

November 13: 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November 14: 12:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. (HALF DAY)

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 13.** Pies can be picked up after school on **Tuesday, November 26.** [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 7

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.



Technology Reminders

As per our signed chromebook agreements, students should keep their chromebooks in the work-in cases at all times to protect them from accidental mishaps. Also students should have their chargers with them at all times and should not borrow chargers from other students. Students are responsible for knowing where their chromebooks and chargers are at all times. Thank you for going over these guidelines with your children.

The Votes are In!

Congratulations to our 2024-2025 Elected Officers!

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS



Jimmy Rotaeché - President
Noah Watson - Vice President
Jacob Smith - Treasurer
Valentina Gigliotti - Secretary

National Junior Honor Society

Our first community cleanup of Haddon Heights Park took place on Monday, October 28th. 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, Michael Costello, and Mrs. Durkin.

Our treasurer, Patrick Deery, will be contacting those members who have not paid their yearly dues of \$20 to cover affiliation fees. Please send your dues in as soon as possible.

Thank you to all who helped raise funds for Hurricane 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 22nd.

NJHS will be offering tutoring services for students who need that little bit of help. If your child would like to be tutored please email Ms. Crowell at pcrowell@strosenj.com

NJHS OFFICERS



Pat Deery-Treasurer,
Liam Fleming-Historian
Kellen Holmes-President,
Dominic Batastini-Member at Large
Peyton Ferry - Vice President
Tenley Narkiewicz- Corresponding Secretary
Lana Costello-Member at Large
Joseph Mangini- Recording Secretary



Children's Christmas Choir

Spread some cheer and join the St. Rose of Lima Parish Children's Christmas Choir! We will be singing at the 4:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve. The Children's Christmas Choir is open to all students in grades 1-8 to a maximum of 35 children. Please [click here for a flyer](#) with rehearsal dates and times. [You can join the choir by filling out this Google Form](#). For more information, please contact Mia Reich at mreich@strosenj.com.



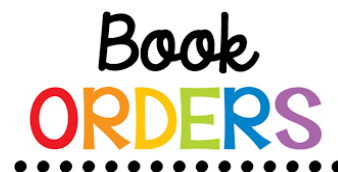
Barnes and Noble - Save the Date!



We are pleased to announce our St. Rose students will be performing again at our St. Rose Night at Barnes and Noble on December 2, 2024. 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 2!

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 8 due to the Christmas Bazaar.** Please submit payment for any outstanding invoices. Remember to fill out the [November form](#) and send it 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.

Tissues & Wipes Needed for the School Library!

The library is in need of tissues and disinfectant wipes, if you can help we would appreciate it!



Christmas Bazaar Update

JUST 4 MORE DAYS!

Friday, November 8, 2024

12 pm - 8 pm NEW START TIME THIS YEAR

Please [click here for our final Christmas Bazaar Update!](#)

We are still looking for volunteers and need your help. Even two hours of your time will help us greatly!

- **Adult Volunteers:** Please [sign up here to volunteer!](#)
- **High School Volunteers:** New! We have a separate sign-up for high school students in need of service hours. [They can sign up here.](#)
- **Donations Needed!** : We are still accepting [baked good donations](#) and [kitchen donations](#). Thank you for your support!



Tombola & Cheer Baskets Update:

- Tombola: The most updated [Tombola List is available here.](#)
- Christmas Cheer: You can access the most updated [Christmas Cheer list here.](#)



Lost and Found

We will be cleaning out the Lost & Found at the end of November. When you are visiting the school for Parent/Teacher conferences and the Christmas Bazaar, 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.**



Band Concert & Christmas Pageant: December 10 at 6:00 p.m

Our Band Concert & Christmas Pageant will be December 10, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the church. **All students in Grades K - 8 participate in the Christmas Pageant portion of the concert.** We will be sharing more details about this event. Please save the date!

Important Upcoming Dates

November 7 - Thanksgiving Food Bank donations due.

November 8

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



November 13

- Student Council [Pie Orders Due](#)
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

November 14

- **HALF DAY**
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** (12:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.)

November 22 - Falcon Friday

November 26 - Student Council Pie Sale Pick-up after school 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. in Gym.

November 27

- 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 28 & 29 - **NO SCHOOL.** Happy Thanksgiving!

December 2 - Save the Date: Barnes & Noble Night (Cherry Hill location)

December 10 - Band Concert & Christmas Pageant at 6:00 p.m. in the church