



# St. Rose of Lima School

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

December 16, 2024



## Reflections of Advent

### Week 3: Joy

This third candle is rose and symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas Day. The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday as we reflect on the joy the shepherds felt at the birth of Jesus.

Dear School Families,

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

God Bless you all.

*Deacon Joseph Rafferty*



## Christmas Dress Down Day

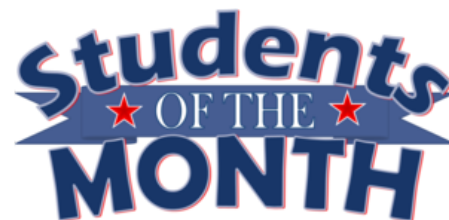
**Friday, December 20**

We will be allowing students to have a Christmas Dress Down Day this Friday, December 20. As a reminder, we will be attending Mass as a school on Friday. Please be certain that their clothing is appropriate for Mass. (No shorts, pajamas, or costumes permitted.) All other dress down rules apply.

## **November and December Students of the Month**

**We will be recognizing our November & December students of the month at the school Mass on Friday, January 3. January's Virtue is:**

**January's Virtue is: Kindness.** If you would like a printable page about Kindness 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 [lcoulter9@comcast.net](mailto:lcoulter9@comcast.net)



### **SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE UPDATE: Christmas Donations Due: **DECEMBER 20****

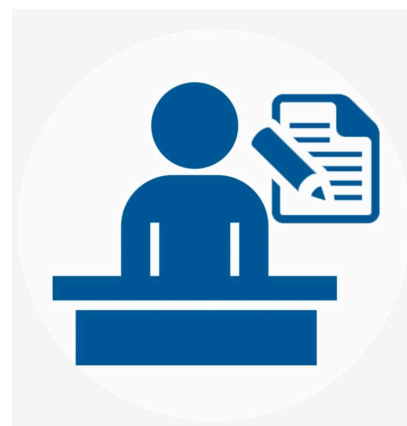
The Social Action Committee would like to say a huge thank you again to all of the families who donated for helping to provide meals for families at Thanksgiving! We would also like to thank everyone who donated to the Food Bank Fund on Giving Tuesday. We raised almost \$4,000 that will help with much needed facilities upgrades and replenish our food from our Holiday give-outs.



We are now collecting food for Christmas baskets! Would you consider donating again to help these families in need this Christmas? Please [click here for a list](#) of what each grade is being asked to contribute. Thank you as always for your generosity!

## **2025-2026 Tuition Assistance and Re-Registration**

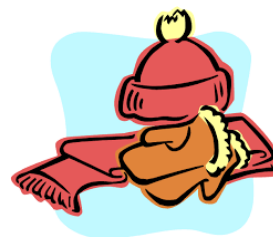
- Re-Registration for next year is **NOW OPEN!** [Click here for a Timeline and links to re-register.](#)
- The Tuition Assistance Portal is now open to apply for Tuition Assistance for the 2025-2026 school year. Please complete your tuition assistance applications by **March 15, 2025.** [Please click 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 include them when you register and also [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.





## Extra Care

[The January AfterCare form is now available here.](#) **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.



## Recess Duty

Thank you to all of our recess duty volunteers. There are still many spots open in January. The [The January Sign Up is available here.](#)



## Christmas Ornaments

Thanks for decorating our tree with your beautiful ornaments! We will send ornaments home after Christmas.

And many thanks to Bella (left) and Logan (right) of the [Tri-County Canine Response Team](#) and volunteers Eileen and Janice, who came to our school to provide comfort to our students and faculty.





### **Adopt A Family Gift NEW Deadline: December 17**

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 17**. 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. **Thank you for your generosity!***

### **National Junior Honor Society**

The NJHS would like to thank all those students and families who helped to make this month's Pretzels for a Purpose collection over \$1300 in memory of our dear Mrs. Murray. The outpouring of love and support was beautiful.



The NJHS was able to work with the Grandparents Club to send over 500 Christmas cards for seniors and housebound individuals who could use a little Christmas cheer!

### **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 Mrs. Reich, Mrs. Costello, Mrs. Gigliotti, and our new band director Mr. Spadea for sharing their amazing talent in helping to showcase our students. Thank you to all the teachers, parents, and students who came out during this busy time of year to support this event.



## Spring Musical

### **Beauty and the Beast Jr. Interest Meeting:**

**Wed., December 18**

**2:30 - 3:15 in cafe**

This meeting is for interested students in grades 3-8 only. Parents are welcome to attend the meeting but are not required to attend.

More information will be coming soon about participating in our Junior Ensemble. (Grades K-2)



## Important Upcoming Dates

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

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| <b>December 17</b>    | Adopt-a-Family Gifts due to Homerooms/Classrooms   |
| <b>December 18</b>    | Beauty and the Beast Interest Meeting 2:30 - 3:15 in the cafe<br>(Grades 3-8 only)   |
| <b>December 20</b>    | 1) <a href="#"><u>Food Bank Donations</u></a> Due<br>2) Christmas Dress Down Day<br>3) 8:30 Mass <b>Half Day - Noon dismissal</b> (11:50 for Kindergarten)<br>4) <b>No AfterCare</b> |
| <b>Dec 23 - Jan 1</b> | <b>NO SCHOOL. <i>Merry Christmas !</i></b><br><b><i>(School Resumes on Thursday, January 2)</i></b>  |
| <b>January 2</b>      | First day back to school   |
| <b>January 3</b>      | 8:30 Mass (Full day of school)   |
| <b>January 17</b>     | End of 2nd Marking Period  |
| <b>January 24</b>     | Falcon Friday and Pretzels for a Purpose   |
| <b>Jan 26 - Feb 1</b> | Catholic Schools Week (Additional Info coming in January!)   |