



St. Rose of Lima School

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

March 5, 2025

Dear School Families:

It is hard to believe that Lent begins today. We attended Mass this morning together for Ash Wednesday as a school community and received ashes. [The complete Lent, Holy Week, and Easter calendar is available here.](#)

As we begin our way through the forty days of Lent, I am resharing what Deacon Rafferty shared with us last year:

*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.*



*When you **GIVE**, you 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." 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.*

Thank you everyone and I'm looking forward to a great month!

-Mrs. Terry Durkin



DROP BOX: New security procedure

We now have a drop box that will be placed outside of the main entry doors on Kings Highway every morning before school begins.

If you are bringing something to school that one of your students forgot, please label the item with their name and homeroom, place the item in the drop box, ring the bell, and tell Ms. Elaine about the item you are dropping via the speaker system.

We will be monitoring the drop box throughout the day to make sure the students get their items as soon as possible. The drop box will be taken inside at the end of every school day, and placed back outside each morning before school.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

DEADLINE

Tuition Assistance Reminder:

[Tuition Assistance Applications](#) are due by March 15, 2025.



Congratulations to our Students of the Month!

The February virtue was Loyalty and we look forward to announcing our February Students of the Month at our School Mass on Friday, March 7. **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](#).



The Living Stations Of The Cross

Friday, April 11, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

Deepen your Lenten experience and open up the hearts of others to Jesus by being a part of this prayer in action presentation. The opportunity to participate is open to all St. Rose of Lima Youth Community members in grades 7 and 8. All grades are welcome & encouraged to attend the presentation on April 11.

NEEDED: performers, readers, candle bearers, and tech helpers

[Please click here for a flyer with a practice schedule and a link to sign up to participate!](#)

Spring/Summer Uniform Begins: **Monday, April 14**

Spring Uniforms will start on Monday, April 14. There will be a Second Hand Rose Sale on **Sunday, April 6**. Please [click here](#) if you need a reminder of the uniform items worn in the Spring.



Second Hand Rose Sale

Sunday, April 6 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Spring/Summer Uniforms will start on April 14! 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, April 4!



St. Patrick's Day Dress Down Day **Monday, March 17, 2025**

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.





SRL Garden Flags for Sale

The St. Rose of Lima PTA is selling Garden Flags for the Spring of 2025 so families can show their St. Rose pride—outside! You can order the flags with or without a pole kit. [Click here for the paper order form.](#)

[If you would like to pay via PayPal, please visit our website here.](#) Please note if you pay via PayPal there is no need to submit a paper form, and there is a small convenience fee added to each order.

All orders are due by March 14, 2025



AfterCare News:

The [March AfterCare form is available here.](#)

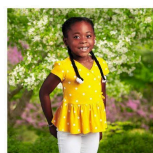
Lifetouch. SPRING PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

¡YA LLEGA EL DÍA DE LA FOTO DE PRIMAVERA!

Friday, March 21, 2025
St. Rose of Lima School



Scan to
order now!
¡Echa un vistazo para
encargar ahora!



Lifetouch Spring Pictures: March 21, 2025

Lifetouch Studios will be here on March 21 to take Spring pictures. **All students should come to school dressed in their "Spring Best."** This is not a dress-down day. Students should not wear jeans, T-shirts, sweat pants or sweat shirts.

[A paper order form is available here.](#) Order forms were sent home with your child. [Please click here for information about ordering online.](#)

Scholarship Information & Tuition Assistance

The deadline for Tuition Assistance applications is

March 15, 2025 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 [click here for application information](#). **Due: March 18, 2025**
- **Hoke Scholarship: (\$1,000 available)**
Open to students entering 5th grade for the 2025-2026 school year. [Please click here for an application](#). Applications due by **April 30, 2025**.
- **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 2025-2026 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

It is already halftime in the Eagles Super Bowl of Reading Program! Two weeks down and two weeks to go! Congratulations to all our superstar readers that have already reached our 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th down and touchdown! but if your child is still on the bench, there is still plenty of time to get in the game and reach for those reading slips and find time to read!.



It is also not too late to donate prizes to reward these readers at our Reading Incentive Raffle Drawing in the spring. Thank you to those families who have already sent in prizes for this event.

National Junior Society

Thank you to all those who donated to our February Pretzel for a Purpose program. We were able to raise over \$400 for the Eagles Autism Awareness Foundation.



YEARBOOKS ON SALE



Yearbooks - On Sale Now!!

Yearbooks are on sale now. 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! Click on the [link to order online](#) or send in a check for \$35 made payable to St. Rose of Lima School.

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 2025**. You can access the page directly [by clicking here](#).

The first practice schedule can be found [here](#). Information about the Track & Field Mass & Communion Breakfast on March 23 is [available here](#).

Winter Sports Night

March 26, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Winter Sports Night is on **March 26, 2025 at 6:30** p.m. in the gym. Come celebrate a great cheer and basketball season! Open to all members of the cheerleading teams and all boys and girls basketball team members.



Beauty and the Beast Ad & Patron Drive



Please support the drama department's spring musical!

We're able to put on each SRL production with the generosity of our friends, family and community.

- Consider being a sponsor or patron
- Place an ad or shout-out for your cast members
- Advertise your business

All sponsorships, ads, and shout-outs will be featured in the Playbill which will be given out to all audience members at each performance.

[Click here for more information on how to support our production!](#)

Easter Donations to Food Bank



Easter Donations!
DUE: March 28

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 28.

FaithFULL Food Drive

During the Easter season we also participate with the Diocese of Camden in their FaithFULL Food drive to help those across the whole Diocese who are experiencing food insecurity. Please [click here](#) for more information. Please bring your donations to any church in our Diocese **March 15-March 16** and there will be a drop off location for the items.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food"
Matthew 25:35

Faith Food

FaithFULL Food Drive

FULL Drive

**DROP OFF AT YOUR
LOCAL CATHOLIC CHURCH**
MARCH 15-16, 2025

ITEMS IN MOST NEED:

> CANNED CHICKEN/TUNA	> MACARONI AND CHEESE (BOX)
> CANNED VEGETABLES	> PASTA WITH CANNED SAUCE
> CANNED SOUPS	> DRIED MASHED POTATOES (BOX)
> CANNED FRUIT	> CEREAL/RICE
> CANNED BEEF STEW/ CHILI	> COFFEE AND TEA

A Diocese of Camden Food Drive Sponsored by:

Diocese of Camden
Life & Justice
Ministries

Catholic
Charities
South Jersey

Grandparents Candy Bingo

April 5, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

Join us for another year of Grandparents Candy Bingo! [Click here for a registration form.](#) Registration forms are due by March 28.



Designer Bag BINGO!

April 12, 2025- 6:30 pm

More information is coming soon.
Registration fee of \$40 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!**

Hershey Park Tickets

The PTA is selling discount Hershey Park tickets, meal tickets and parking vouchers again this year!

[Please click here for more information.](#)



All orders are due by March 31, 2025.



Mother Son Event:

Friday May 2, 2025 @ 6:45 p.m.

REMINDER: The Mother-Son baseball game is on Friday, May 2, 2025. Philadelphia Phillies vs. The Arizona Diamondbacks. [Please visit this page on our website for details & ticket purchasing options.](#)

Laps for Learning **Friday May 16, 2025**

Laps for Learning is already right around the corner!
REMINDER: The youngest or only child in each family received a Laps for Learning Packet recently. Please send in the addressed envelopes as soon as possible! We would also appreciate any stamp donations as well!



Do you need more envelopes or have questions? please email or call/text: Maureen Hillen (maureenhillen@gmail.com or 215-490-2220) or Kristie Saunders (kristie.gallo@gmail.com or 609-364-3811)

[You can visit the Laps for Learning 2025 web page here.](#)



Golf Outing

Monday, June 2, 2025 @ Pennsauken Country Club

The Annual St. Rose of Lima Golf Outing will be held on Monday, June 2 this year. **Save the Date! Registration coming soon!** For more information about registration, volunteering, or sponsorship, contact Marc Tumolo via email @ met327@gmail.com

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

Date	Event
March 7	8:30 Mass & HALF DAY with Faculty Meeting February Students of the Month announced
March 9	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 5th & 6th Graders Host
March 10	NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service Day
March 14	Garden Flag orders due
March 15	1. Tuition Assistance Application Deadline. 2. FaithFULL Food Drive Food items Due

March 16	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Graders Host 2. FaithFULL Food Drive Food items Due
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Dress Down Day
March 18	Welsh Scholarship Applications Due
March 21	Spring Picture Day
March 23	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Track & Field Mass & Communion Breakfast - 9:30 a.m. 2. Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. Alumni & HS Students
March 26	Winter Sports Night : 6:30 p.m. in gym
March 28	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End of Third Marking Period 2. Falcon Friday & Pretzels for a Purpose 3. Grandparents Candy Bingo Registrations Due 4. Easter donations for food bank due to classrooms
March 31	HersheyPark Discount Ticket Orders due.
April 4	8:30 Mass & HALF DAY with faculty meeting
April 5	Candy Bingo: Registration Form Available here
April 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Second Hand Rose Sale 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 2. Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 3rd & 4th Graders Host
April 11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Falcon Friday & Pretzels for a Purpose 2. Living Stations of the Cross 7 pm in church
April 12	Designer Bag Bingo: Registration Coming Soon!
April 13	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 5th & 6th Graders Host
April 14	Summer Uniform Start Date!
April 16	HALF DAY - No After Care
April 17 - April 25	SCHOOL CLOSED - HAPPY EASTER!
April 28	School Resumes - Welcome Back!
April 30	Hoke Scholarship Applications Due (5th Grade 25-26)