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October 5, 2025

Dear St. Rose Families,

To say the least, September was eventful! Thank you for all your trust and support as I navigate being new to the St. Rose community along with all the unexpected occurrences. And now, welcome to October, one of my favorite months of the year! There's something special about the crispness in the air, the golden leaves dancing from the trees, and the cozy return of hoodies and hot chocolate. It's also been a season of fun in my house since I was a child. I jokingly tell people my Dad was, and still is, the Clark Griswold of Halloween. My son and I love Halloween! From silly costumes to spooky decorations, it's a time that brings out smiles, laughter, and imagination at home and at school, along with a healthy dose of excitement for what is to come too!

October is also a month rich in faith and tradition. As we journey deeper into fall, we celebrate some beautiful moments in our Church. The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi reminds us to care for God's creation and love all creatures, great and small. I always brought my dog Hannah to the blessing of the animals. It is the Month of the Rosary inviting us to reflect on the life of Christ through the eyes of our Blessed Mother and October is also Respect Life Month, when we consider and acknowledge why every human life is valuable from the moment of conception.

In the spirit of October, we're embracing learning, creativity, and community. Keep an eye out for our school-wide Halloween festivities, fall-themed classroom projects and activities and opportunities for faith formation, service, and togetherness

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let's make this October one to remember, full of warmth, gratitude, and just a little bit of magic.

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."

— L.M. Montgomery

Wishing you pumpkin-spiced joy and blessings,

Dr. Deirdre Rood

Rosebud Academy

ROUND-UP

This week we welcomed NJHS officers to kick off our "Bridge to the Big School" program. Each Wednesday, Honor Society members visit the Buds and spend some time with the Future Falcons! It was great to see some of our Alumni as well!



September Students of the Month!

Congratulations to our September students of the month, recognized for excellence in the virtue of Affability. Please [click here](#) to read about why these students were each chosen for this honor. **October's Virtue is: Courtesy.** 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 - Jimmy M.	KB - Valentina G.	1A - Edward K.	1B - Zachary E.	2A - Ava P.	2B - Lachlan H.	3A - Peyton Q.	3B - Vivienne K.
				<p>Congratulations to our SEPTEMBER 2025 Students of the Month! Recognized for Excellence in the Virtue of: Affability</p>			
4A - Cooper C.	4B - Sullivan K.	5A - Sean F.	5B - Tessa N.	6A - Maeve M.	6B - Madison G.	7A - Veronica P.	7B - Sailor M.
8A - Griffin K.	8B - John G.	Library: Liam E. (8B)	8A - Griffin K.	8B - John G.	Library: Liam E. (8B)	8A - Griffin K.	8B - John G.

Winter Uniform Start Date:

Reminder: Winter Uniforms start on Tuesday, October 14. Please take a moment to look over the [uniform guidelines](#) to be sure your child's uniform conforms to the dress code.



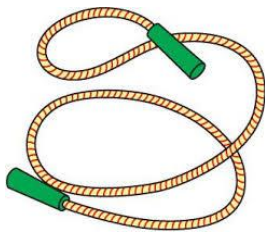
Extra Care

If you have any questions about After Care invoices on FACTS, please email Mrs Hull at mhull@strosenj.com. All payments should be submitted within a week of the day you receive them.

Any student that is using after school care should be submitting the weekly or monthly form to the homeroom teacher so that it is entered into the system for the aftercare staff. The [October After Care Form](#) was shared in the Weekly Wrap last week and can be accessed at the link above. Emailing Mrs. Thomas or your homeroom teachers should only be done in an emergency situation.



If you would like to use the extended morning care from 7AM to 7:45AM you must notify Mrs. Hull at least 24 hours in advance. Please remember to take the time to read the [AfterCare Guidelines and Routines](#).



Recess Duty:

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for recess duty so far! Mrs. Aime Callinan is the contact for recess duty. If you have not yet signed up for recess duty, please [click here to access the monthly SignUp genius links](#) by grade. If you have any questions about recess duty, please reach out to Mrs. Callinan at acallinan@strosenj.com

Enrollment News

- If you have a child that will be attending our **KINDERGARTEN in 2026**, please fill out [this Save A Seat Google form](#). Looking forward to having many more siblings filling our classrooms next year!
- **Rosebud Academy Openings:** You can also save a seat in preschool at Rosebud Academy for younger siblings by [clicking this Save a Seat form](#).





Picture Day! - October 24, 2024

[LifeTouch Fall portraits](#) will be taken on **Friday, October 24**. *Winter Uniforms are required.* You can [order pictures here](#). Please use **picture day ID: EVT3SGXNJ**

Student Council

Student Council Elections were held this week. Congratulations to all of our candidates who did a wonderful job speaking in front of their peers! The election was close but the final winners were:

President - Gerald Healey

Vice President - Evalyn Gush

Treasurer - Brayden Berg

Secretary - Brooke Filinuk



Congrats to all of our candidates!



All Saints Day

Monday, November 3

In celebration of All Saints Day, on **Saturday, November 1**, **children in grades K-2** will dress as their favorite Saint and lead our school procession to our All Saints Day 8:30am liturgy on **Monday, November 3**.. Please reach out to your teachers if you need more information!

Lost & Found:

Please label your clothing & personal items!

We are already starting to collect jackets and sweatshirts without names on them. Please label your clothing, lunch boxes, & backpacks with first and last name or last name so that lost items can be returned to you. Lost items that have been collected are located in the cafeteria.



Altar Server Formation Program Training:

Our Parish is looking for Altar Servers to join the Altar Server ministry. Students in Grades 4 and above are eligible. There will be (3) 90-minute sessions on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the church. (Enter at the parking lot doors near the sacristy) The sessions are 10/8, 10/15, 10/22 and if needed a 4th session will be added on 10/29. Please email altar.servers.st.rose@gmail.com to register.



Thanksgiving Food Bank Donations Needed:

Thanksgiving is November 27th this year and we need your help! Would you please consider purchasing [one of these items](#) and return to your classroom no later than **Friday, November 7th**? Thank you for your generosity!



National Junior Honor Society



This year's National Junior Honor Society is off to a busy start this year. Our first visit to Rosebud took place on Wednesday, October 1st, and students were warmly welcomed by Mrs. Love, the teachers, staff, and children! Some of our officers even got to reconnect with teachers from when they were at Rosebud! We are looking forward to our next visit! NJHS parents [please look at this Rosebud visit schedule](#) to see if you can help transport students. Please email Ms. Crowell at pcrowell@strosenj.com if you think you can help.

NJHS will again be taking part in the Camden County Community Cleanup. Our first community cleanup event took place last Monday at Haddon Heights Park. We would like to thank the parent Mrs. Migaleddi, Mrs. Ricci, Mrs. Filinuk, Mrs. Stackhouse, Mrs. Klauder and Mrs. Durkin for helping out. . Our next cleanup will take place next month.



We also want to thank all those that participated in NJHS's first Pretzel for a Purpose. Our next pretzel day will be October 17th! We can order gluten free pretzels for your child if necessary, however, the wholesale cost of these pretzels is \$2.00.

October Scholastic Book Order Forms are being distributed this week and must be returned by **Tuesday, October 14**. Cash only orders may be sent to Ms. Crowell in the library, or you may order online using teacher code **H746Z** at [the Scholastic website](#). **Please do not use the homeroom teacher's name or code when ordering books as they will not be processed correctly.** If you have any questions please contact Ms. Crowell at pcrowell@strosenj.com. Thank you!



REMINDER: Family Masses 2025-2026

Our Pastor, Father Dave Grover, has designated the Sunday Liturgy at 5:30 p.m. as the **Family Mass**. He is offering students from St. Rose of Lima School, and Religious Education, the opportunity to host Mass with their classmates one weekend each month.

Please consider signing up your student to participate in these Masses with their classmates and attend with your families.



Saint Rose of Lima Parish **FAMILY MASS**

All are welcome!

Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

St. Rose of Lima School and Religious Education
Students in Grades 3 through 12 & alumni are
invited to volunteer to be part of the Mass.

- 1st Sunday of each month: [3rd & 4th Grades Host \(Sign Up Here\)](#)
- 2nd Sunday of each month: [5th & 6th Grades Host \(Sign Up Here\)](#)
- 3rd Sunday of each month: [7th & 8th Grades Host \(Sign Up Here\)](#)
- 4th Sunday of each month: [Alumni & High Schoolers host \(Sign Up Here\)](#)



church
**Decorators
Needed!**



Holiday Church Decorators Needed!

Mrs. Payne, who has been decorating St. Rose of Lima Church for Christmas and Easter for as long as we can remember, is ready to pass the torch down to a new volunteer! This ministry involves decorating the church for both Christmas and Easter and your creative ideas are welcomed! Mrs. Payne will work side by side with you this year to show you the ropes. (The church pays for the flowers and decorations. Your ideas and time are all that is needed!)

Please reach out to Kathy Miller if this interests you! parishsecretary@strosenj.com



Northeastern Music Program Still Enrolling!

Students interested in joining the school band or orchestra may still enroll throughout the month of October. As a reminder, participation in band instrumental music is available to students in grades 4-8, and orchestra instrument participation is available for students in grades

3-8. If you are interested in joining this wonderful program, [please click on this Northeastern Music enrollment link here.](#)

REMINDER: Winter Sports Registration Open! Registration for winter sports is now open on Family ID for grades 3-8. [Click here to register for Basketball or Cheer.](#) REMINDER: All students in grades 6 through 8 will need an [updated sports physical submitted to participate.](#)



Children's Choir: Open to grades K-6

Our children's choir is looking for members in Grades K-6! [Click here for a flyer](#) with more information. [Sign up for the Choir Here!](#)



PTA Dine and Donate: Tap Room/Santucci's

Tuesday, October 14: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Support the PTA with dinner out at the [Tap Room/ Santucci's](#) on October 14. Make sure you mention St. Rose when ordering!



Raise Right (formerly "Scrip")

Gift Card Program:

Help raise money for our school **PLUS earn a refund for yourself at the end of the year!** [Learn more about our Raise Right Gift Card Program here.](#) It's easier and more convenient than you might think! If you have any questions about the Scrip Program, please reach out to Denise Nicholson at teamnicholson17@gmail.com or her cell: 609-790-6477.



Trunk or Treat:

Friday, October 17, 2025

Join us for our 11th Annual Trunk or Treat held at Rosebud Academy Preschool's Parking lot! St. Rose and Rosebud families decorate their cars and hand out candy & treats to our students and their siblings. It's a fun night including a DeeJay, concessions, and prizes for the best decorated cars. [Please click here for more information and to register.](#) \$25 per car. Please note: there is a max of 4 kids per registered car if they are not all siblings. PLUS: New this year! You can register to participate without a car. See webpage above for details. Please register by 10/12!



Christmas Bazaar Update

Friday, November 7, 2025

The countdown is on. There are **33** days until the 104th Annual Christmas Bazaar on November 7th! This year's event will again be held inside and the Grand Slam 50/50, Disney Raffle, and Tombola basket drawing will all be held at the conclusion of the event. The event will be open to the public from 12:00 pm - 8:00 p.m.

Each family should have received an envelope this week with Grand Slam 50/50 tickets, Disney Raffle tickets, and a copy of our Christmas Bazaar Catalog. We thank you in advance for selling these tickets to help support our school. If you need more 50/50 or Disney raffle tickets please reach out to Chrissi McSweeney (ChrissiMcPTA@gmail.com) or Donna Conte (bridoncon@yahoo.com).

We also need your help with donations. Please click on the links below for more information about our current needs.

- [Tombola](#) Basket donations
- [Christmas Cheer](#) donations
- [Baked Goods Table](#) Donations
- [Kitchen](#) Donations
- [Craft](#) Donations

We will be sharing the Christmas Bazaar Facebook Event on Facebook soon. One of the easiest ways to help is to like and share our event page with as many friends and family as possible.



UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

	Camden Catholic High School Admissions Site: Click here Open House : October 23 at 6:30 p.m
	Gloucester Catholic High School Admissions Site: Click here Open House : October 22 at 6:00 p.m. Register Here.
	Paul VI High School Admissions Site: Click here Open House : November 6 at 6:30 pm

Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
October 8	First Altar Server Training - 3:30 p.m. in church
October 12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trunk or Treat Registration Deadline 2. First Children's Choir Practice: 10:30 -11:00 in school gym 3. Family Mass 5:30 pm: 5th & 6th Grade host
October 13	NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
October 14	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winter Uniform Start Date! 2. Scholastic Book Orders Due (Use Code: H746Z) 3. Dine and Donate: 5—8 p.m. Tap Room/Santucci's
October 15	Second Altar Server Training - 3:30 p.m. in church
October 17	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Falcon Friday & Pretzels for a Purpose 2. 6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat
October 19	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Host
October 22	Third Altar Server Training - 3:30 p.m. in church
October 24	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fall School Pictures (Winter Uniform) - Click here for info 2. Peter Pan Performance - More info to come 3. Christmas Bazaar Booths Donation Deadline (except food items)
October 25	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 8th Graders: High School Placement Test 2. Peter Pan Performance - More info to come
October 26	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. Alumni & HS Students Host
October 29	TENTATIVE Altar Server Training - 3:30 p.m. in church (only if needed)
October 31	Last day of First Marking Period
November 1	Please register for Winter Sports (Basketball & Cheer) by this date.
November 2	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 3rd & 4th Grade Host
November 3	All Saint's Day. 8:30 a.m. Mass. Students in grades K-2 may dress as Saints and will lead our procession to the Liturgy that morning.
November 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanksgiving Food Bank Donations due to classroom bins. 2. Christmas Bazaar Day 12:00 - 8:00 3. HALF DAY (11:50 dismissal K, 12:00 Gr 1-8) & NO AFTERCARE
November 9	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 5th & 6th Grade Host
November 10	NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service