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Dear St. Rose Families,

November has arrived, and with it comes one of my favorite times of the year; a season filled with gratitude, reflection, and joyful anticipation. As the vibrant colors of fall begin to fade, we turn our hearts toward thankfulness for the many blessings in our lives and prepare for the hope and light of the Advent and Christmas season that is soon to come.

We begin this month with two very special feast days, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. Reminders of the great communion of saints and the eternal promise of God's love. These days invite us to celebrate the holy men and women who have gone before us in faith, and to pray for all souls who await the fullness of God's mercy. They remind us that we are all called to holiness in our own lives and that heaven is our shared destination.

This November begins with joyful news from Pope Leo, who has declared St. John Henry Newman the 38th Doctor of the Church and co-patron of Catholic education alongside St. Thomas Aquinas. His profound wisdom and love for truth continue to inspire Catholic educators and students around the world. Newman's reminder that "heart speaks to heart" resonates deeply in our mission here at St. Rose, where faith and knowledge work hand in hand to form both mind and spirit.

Throughout this month, our classrooms and halls will reflect themes of gratitude, service, and community. During this season of thanksgiving, I'm reminded of something simple yet meaningful I found in my *Devotions for the Fall* book. It is the Pumpkin of Thankfulness. Each day, I invite you to pause with your family and write one blessing on your own "pumpkin," whether real or symbolic, as a way to see how richly God has blessed us. It's a wonderful visual reminder that gratitude grows when we take time to notice the good around us.

As we look ahead to the coming Advent season, may we carry hearts full of thankfulness and hope. Let's cherish these days of warmth, togetherness, and reflection before the joyful anticipation of Christmas begins.

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more."
— *Melody Beattie*

Wishing you peace, joy, and blessings of gratitude this November,
Dr. Deirdre Rood

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR UPDATE!

JUST 3 MORE DAYS!

Friday, November 7, 2025

12 pm - 8 pm



General Information

The 104th Annual St. Rose of Lima will take place in the gym this year. The students will shop in the morning during school hours before the Bazaar opens to the public. The Bazaar will open to the public at noon after the students are dismissed. Please note that all students in grades K-5 will need to be picked up by a parent or their designate. The kitchen will begin serving food for purchase in the cafe beginning at noon. All Disney and 50/50 Grand Slam raffle tickets MUST be dropped by 7:30pm. Tombola tickets must be dropped by 7:50pm. We will begin the Tombola, Disney and Grand Slam 50/50 raffle winner selection at 8:00pm in the gym and will live stream the selection on the SRL Alumni Facebook page. Good Luck to all!

Christmas Catalog Orders

Catalog orders can be picked up at the credit card table in the gym. Bazaar day pick up hours will be from 12pm to 7pm. All orders must be picked up by 7pm.

Reminders

1. Pre-Sale Tombola orders were due on Monday. We are not able to accept late orders. You are welcome to purchase Tombola tickets at the Bazaar!
2. Keep selling Disney Raffle and 50/50 Tickets! You can send these into school by Thursday 11/6 or hand them directly to the raffle booths on Bazaar Day. (Must be in by 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7). Additional tickets are available at the rectory until Bazaar Day.
3. We love and appreciate when our students return to school to experience the Bazaar while it is open to the public. Please remind your student(s) to behave in a way that shows their Falcon Pride for all to see.

Donations Still 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](#).
- **Cheer Baskets:** The [list of Cheer Baskets is available here](#).

Volunteers

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.](#)

Bazaar Day Logistics

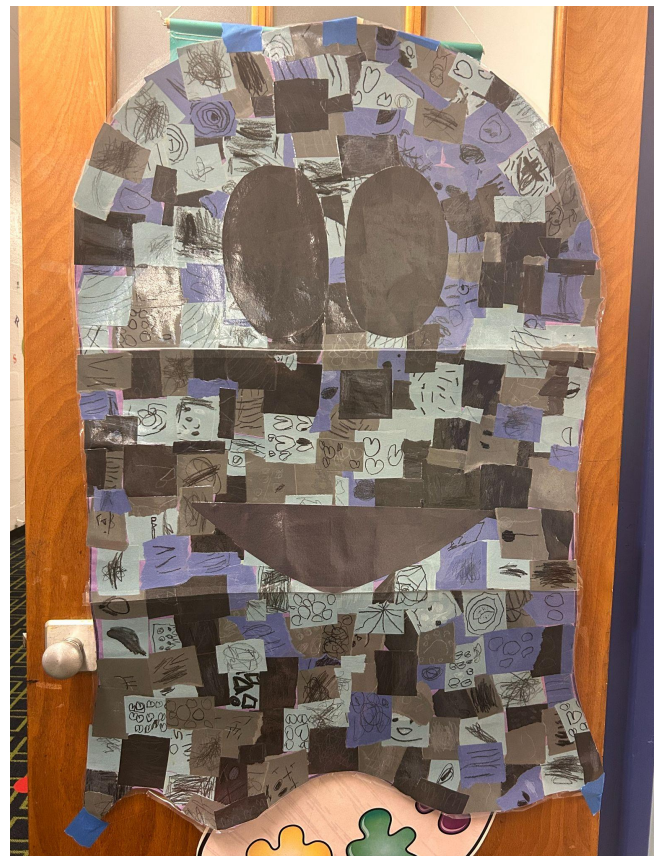
1. **Bazaar Day Uniforms: Winter Uniform with Christmas Accessories and/or Christmas Sweater/Sweatshirt!** Students should wear their formal Winter uniforms on Bazaar day. They are permitted to wear festive Christmas accessories such as hats, necklaces, earrings etc. They can also choose to wear a festive Christmas sweater or sweatshirt **over their uniform blouse/shirt**. (Uniform bottoms need to stay the same.) Anything that covers the students' face is not permitted.
2. **Bazaar Day Shopping:** The students will all have a chance to visit the Bazaar on Friday 11/7. If you would like for your child(ren) to participate in shopping, please send them with cash and a list or the Santa's Secret Shop envelope that you received in the Bazaar packet sent home last week. The following shops will be open for student shopping: Re-Gift, Santa's Secret Shop, Baked Goods, Crafts, Kids Games, Sweetz Shop, Personalization, SRL Spiritwear, and Christmas Balls. Following the half day dismissal, Tombola, Grand Slam 50/50, Disney Raffle, Christmas Cheer Raffle, Granny's Attic and Grandpa's Garage Presented by the SRL Grandparents Club, and the Bazaar kitchen will open if you would like to come back and experience the Bazaar with your child(ren). Cash and credit card will be accepted. We will be unable to accept any Venmo payments.
3. **Santa Pictures on Friday, November 7**
Santa will be coming to school on Friday morning to take group pictures with each homeroom on the decorated Bazaar stage! Each homeroom will have their class photo taken with Santa. If you would like to purchase the photo, please fill out the form in your Bazaar packet and return to Ms. Crowell.
4. **Half Day of School with No Aftercare on Friday, November 7**
Due to the Christmas Bazaar, we will not be offering AfterCare on Friday, November 8. Thank you for your understanding.
5. **Afternoon Dismissal on Christmas Bazaar Day - Friday, November 7**
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.

Rosebud Academy

ROUND-UP

"Boo"tiful day at Rosebud!

On Wednesday, October 29, Rosebud celebrated Halloween as all the students participated in a parade and performed a song for their parents, went to the *Playground Pumpkin Patch* and picked a pumpkin to decorate and finished the morning by trick-or-treating around the building as practice for the big day. They practiced saying, "trick-or-treat" and "thank you". They also spent the week building community as they participated in a school wide *Community Collage* in the **Afternoon Art Lab**, tearing and decorating paper and working together to create a cooperative ghost! A+ for Halloween 🎃



Rosebud Academy also received [this beautiful thank you letter](#) from the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Center for the shoes project we did last Spring to honor and remember Pope Francis.

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 - Amelia W.	KB - Teddy R.	1A - Madeline B.	1B - Carmella C.	2A - Cooper A.	2B - Rhyen M.	3A - Leyton K.	3B - Deklan N.
 Congratulations to our OCTOBER 2025 Students of the Month! Recognized for Excellence in the Virtue of: Courtesy							
							
4A - Cooper S.	4B - Chloe H.	5A - Abigail K.	5B - Benjamin W.	6A - John M.	6B - Conor H.	7A - Matthew T.	7B - Avery V.
							
8A - Delaney W.	8B - Evie G.	Phys Ed: Logan K. (1B)					

Main Entry Signage:

You may have noticed the new signage hanging at our main entrance. These signs outline the only situations in which parents and visitors are permitted to enter our school building during the school day. This is an important part of our safety program. Please remember to have your identification with you if you will need to enter our school building for one of these reasons.



Enrollment & Billing Update: FinalSite

Reminder: Beginning with enrollment for the **2026–2027**

school year, our school will transition to **Finalsite Enrollment and Billing**, a new platform that brings

together enrollment and tuition management in one

easy-to-use system. We will begin using Finalsite for **re-enrollment purposes** this school year.

We will provide clear instructions and personalized support to guide you through each step of

the process. **Please note that your 2025–2026 school year billing will continue to be**

available in the FACTS system until the current academic year concludes. For now, there's

nothing you need to do, just stay tuned for additional details and next steps once our

re-enrollment season begins in mid-November during Discover Catholic Schools Week!



School Band Concert: December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the church

School Christmas Pageant: December 12 at 1:30 p.m in the school gym

We are moving our Christmas Pageant back to an afternoon event this year. Students in Grades K-5 will be required to participate. Students in Grades 6-8 will have the option to participate. More information will be coming soon.

Parent Teacher Conferences:

November 13: 3:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November 14: 12:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. (HALF DAY)

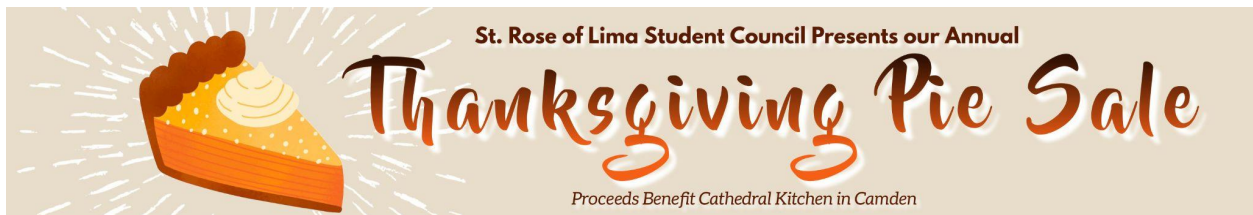
Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 13th from 3:15 - 7:00 pm and on Friday, November 14th from 12:30

- 2:45 pm. Conferences are to discuss your child's progress and are 10 minutes long. If you require additional time to talk to your child's teacher, please contact his/her teacher to make a separate appointment.



- For students in K-5, your child's teacher will be sending a signup genius link to you, so you may sign up for a conference time. Conferences will be held in the child's classroom.
- For students in 6-8, conferences will be held in the cafeteria. There are no set conference times, it will be on a first-come basis. Parents who are waiting, please wait quietly in the cafeteria or hallway.

If you have any questions regarding conferences, please contact your child's teacher.



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 25.** [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

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

The NJHS/Rosebud connection program has been going great, but we are still in need of drivers for upcoming trips. Please check out the [Signup Link here](#) to see if you can help out with rides. A schedule of upcoming visits is [linked here](#).

Our second community cleanup of Haddon Heights Park took place on Monday, November 3rd. We will do an additional cleanup later in the year as part of the Camden County Parks Community Cleanup Program. Special thanks to our chaperones, Mrs. Migaleddi, Mrs. Ricci, Mrs. Klauder, Mrs. Stackhouse, and Mrs. Durkin.

There are still a few students who have not paid this year's dues. Please take care of this as soon as possible.

Thank you to all who helped raise funds for Eagles Autism Foundation through our Pretzel for a Purpose Program. Our next Pretzel for a Purpose will be held on Thursday, November 21st.

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!

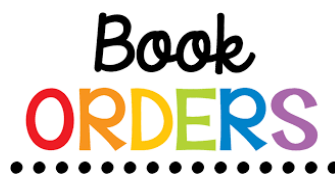
We are pleased to announce our St. Rose students will be performing again at our St. Rose Night at Barnes and Noble on December 1, 2025. The band will be performing at 4:30pm and Choral performances will be at 7pm. This year's B&N book fair will be for one day only at the Cherry Hill store. So mark your calendar for Christmas Shopping at B&N on Monday, December 1st! [Click](#)

[here for St. Rose Bookfair Voucher.](#)



Scholastic Book Orders

We have extended the November Scholastic Order due date to November 6th. 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 include last names on your orders. Do not use the homeroom teacher's name or code when ordering books as they will not be processed correctly.



Extra Care

Reminder: **There is No Aftercare on Friday, November 7 due to the Christmas Bazaar.** 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!





Lost and Found

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.

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.**

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.



Dine and Donate: Pops Trattoria

November 19: 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Support the PTA on November 19 by dining at Pops Trattoria in Audubon. They will donate 15% of your total order to the St. Rose PTA. (Dine in or Takeout) [Click here for a flyer to show when you order!](#)

Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
November 6	Scholastic Book Orders Due
November 7	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
November 12	Registration Deadline for 3rd & 4th Grade Cheer & Basketball
November 13	1. Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00 p.m. 2. Student Council Pie Sale Orders Due
November 14	1. HALF DAY - 12:00 Dismissal 2. Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
November 16	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Host
November 19	Dine and Donate: Pops Trattoria 4:30-8:30 p.m.
November 21	Falcon Friday & Pretzels for a Purpose
November 23	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. Alumni & HS Students Host
November 25	Student Council Pie Sale Pick-up: 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. in the gym
November 26	8:30 Mass & HALF DAY (12:00 Dismissal)
November 27 & 28	NO SCHOOL - <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>
November 30	NO FAMILY MASS Scheduled this week
December 1	Barnes & Noble Night. Click here for St. Rose Bookfair Voucher.
December 5	School Mass @ 8:30 a.m.
December 7	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 3rd & 4th Grade Host
December 8	NO SCHOOL - <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i>
December 10	Fall Picture Retakes
December 11	Band Christmas Concert - 7:00 p.m. in the church
December 12	1. Falcon Friday & Pretzels for a Purpose 2. School Christmas Pageant - 1:30 p.m. in the Gym

