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January 6, 2026

Dear St. Rose Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and joyful break filled with your favorite traditions, special moments, and time with family and friends. We are so happy to be together again as we begin this new year and new chapter of learning.

This past Sunday, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, remembering the journey of the Magi who traveled a great distance, some historians believe over a year, to encounter the Christ Child. They were not Jewish and did not yet believe in one God, yet something drew them to seek Him, honor Him, and pay Him homage.

At Mass, my pastor posed a beautiful question: How have we honored Jesus in our homes through the busy Christmas season beyond the events, parties, gatherings, and gift-giving? And even more importantly, how do we continue to honor and celebrate our faith and Jesus now that the season is ending?

As we look ahead, we are excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, which begins with our opening Mass on Sunday, January 25 at 9:30 a.m., and continues through Saturday, January 31. We look forward to all the great events and opportunities as well as welcoming prospective families to our school during our Open House after mass on the 25th and celebrating the gift of Catholic education together as a community.

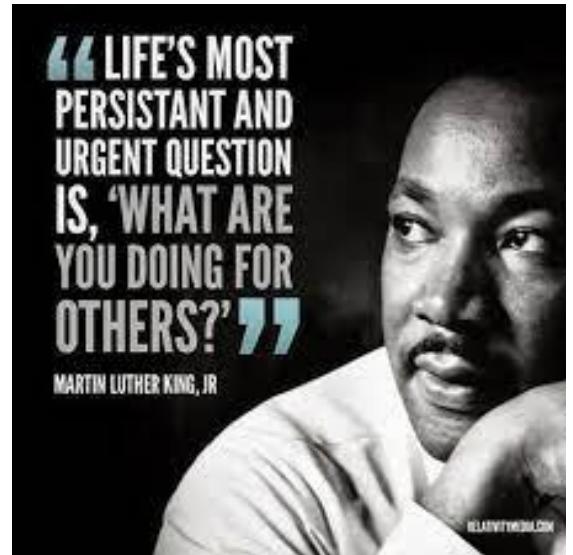
As we begin this new year together, I encourage all of us, at home and in our classrooms, to continue that spirit of reverence, gratitude, and wonder, allowing our faith to shape not just a season, but our everyday lives.

Wishing you a blessed, joyful, and grace-filled New Year.

***Dr. Deirdre Rood***

## **Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** **Monday, January 19, 2026**

This year Martin Luther King Day is on **January 19, 2026**. We will be having a full day of school that day and celebrating his life and legacy by attending Mass together as a school, and doing age appropriate lessons and service oriented activities related to the work of Dr. King. Teachers will be sharing more information about grade level activities. We are looking forward to honoring him in this way—"a day ON, not a day OFF."



## **2026-2027 Tuition Assistance and Re-Registration**

### **Re-Registration**

**Re-Registration for the 2026-2027 school year opened on December 15.** We are excited to be moving to a new online platform called FinalSite for enrollment. You should have received an email from FinalSite with detailed instructions and a link to re-register on December 15. **If you did not receive this email, please reach out to Fran Watson so we can resend it.** The fee for registration will be going up to \$150 per student this year. Please see below for important dates. **Please also note that there will be no \$40 enrollment fee to pay through FACTS this year.**



### **St. Rose of Lima School: Grades K through 8**

**Early-Bird Discounted Re-enrollment Fee:** \$125 ( if you re-enroll by January 19)

**Regular Re-enrollment Fee:** \$150 (January 20 through February 16)

**Late Re-enrollment Fee:** \$165 (After February 17)

**Kindergarten and all New Students Registration Fee:** \$150 (All dates)

### **Tuition Assistance:**

The Tuition Assistance Portal opened beginning on Tuesday December 9 for Tuition Assistance for the 2026-2027 school year. Although we will not be using FACTS for our tuition management for the 2026-2027 school year, tuition assistance applications continue to be processed by FACTS. Please complete your tuition assistance applications by **March 15, 2026**. [Please click here for information on applying for tuition assistance for next year.](#)

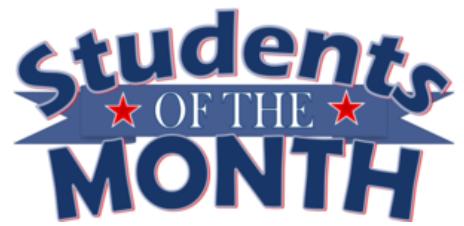


## December Students of the Month: **Coming Soon!**

We will be recognizing our December students of the month at our school Mass this Friday. **December's Virtue was**

**Gratitude. 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](#)



## Catholic Schools Week: January 25 - January 31

Catholic Schools Week is back! The full schedule is not yet available but will be shared next week. Tradition runs deep here – you can look forward to all of your favorite events and maybe some new traditions too!

## 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. \(Click here\)](#) We know it is cold out there during these months so we really appreciate your willingness to volunteer. Be sure to bundle up and wear comfortable (and warm!) shoes!

# RECESS

## Student Council



### **Chick-Fil-A Lunch Day Fundraiser: Friday, Jan. 16**

The Student Council will be sponsoring their first Chick-Fil-A day next Friday, January 16th, [click here for more information and to order!](#) **Orders due by Wed.**

**January 14.** No Duke Lunches will be available 1/16 but students can pack a lunch.

### **Sock Drive:**

#### **Now accepting Donations!**

The SRL Student Council is hosting their annual sock drive to help the homeless in our area again this year. New socks will be collected in each homeroom from **January 7 through January 30**. Please return new, unused socks to homerooms by Friday, January 30.

The St. Rose of Lima School Student Council Presents our annual:



## National Junior Honor Society



This month we will be having two pretzel days! On Falcon Friday, January 23rd we will be raising funds for the "Make A Wish" Foundation. During Catholic Schools Week, as a thank you to all the students and families for supporting our Pretzel for a Purpose Program, the NJHS will be purchasing pretzels for all students.

If your student is in need of a student tutor, please contact Ms. Crowell at [pcrowell@strosenj.com](mailto:pcrowell@strosenj.com) to see if one of our NJHS members would be able to provide this service to you. Please include your child's homeroom and the area of study on which they would like to focus.





## **8th Grade Parents - Important Yearbook Information**

**Graduation Ad - Class of 2026.** Parents of this year's 8th grade please see [this flyer](#) for instructions on preparing a graduation ad for this year's yearbook. All graduation ads must be submitted by February 14th.



**Seussical, Jr. : [CLICK HERE](#)** for Show Page with Full Info!

### **Audition & Ensemble Sign Up Information**

- [Audition Information](#) (Grades 3-8) (Audition for Featured or Lead Roles only)
- [Junior Ensemble Info](#) (Grades K-2) (No Audition Needed)
- [Audition Registration Form](#) (Must bring completed form to Audition.)
- [Audition Time Slot Sign Up Form](#)

### **Ensemble Sign Up Information (No Auditions Needed!)**

- [General Ensemble Sign Up Form](#) (Grades 3-8) (Closes on 1/21)
- [Junior Ensemble Sign Up Form](#) (Grades K-2) (Closes on 1/26)

## ***Save The Dates!***

### **Annual Pasta Dinner:**

**January 31, 2026**

**6:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

**REGISTRATION COMING SOON!**

### **Father Daughter Dance 2026:**

**February 21 - SAVE THE DATE!**

All Fathers and Father Figures are invited to  
spend an evening with their St. Rose daughters! Theme coming soon!

***More details and ticket information coming soon!***



**SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES: More info coming soon.**



- **Designer Bag Bingo:** March 14, 2026
- **St. Rose of Lima Annual Golf Outing:** Monday, June 1 at Pennsauken Country Club. Sponsorship & Prize donation information coming soon!
- **Grandparents Candy Bingo:** Date coming soon



### **HHYA Spring 2026 Baseball/Softball Registration Now Open**

Sign up for Baseball (ages 5-14) and Softball (ages 5-12) through Friday, February 6, 2026. Discounts available for siblings. Volunteers wanted. Program and registration details are available at [www.HHYA.org](http://www.HHYA.org).

## Important Upcoming Dates

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

Date	Event
January 8	Seussical Jr. Prep Session (optional) 2:30 - 3:30 in cafeteria
January 9	School Mass @ 8:30 a.m.
January 11	<a href="#"><u>Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 5th &amp; 6th Grade Host</u></a>
January 13,15,16	Star Testing (In classrooms)
January 14	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. NJHS <a href="#"><u>Rosebud Visit Group 6</u></a> : Drivers Needed! Contact Ms. Crowell if you can drive. <a href="mailto:pcrowell@strosenj.com"><u>pcrowell@strosenj.com</u></a></li><li>2. <a href="#"><u>Chick-Fil-A Lunch Orders due</u></a> (For lunches on 1/16)</li></ol>
January 15	Seussical Jr. Prep Session (optional) 2:30 - 3:30 in cafeteria
January 16	Chick-Fil-A Lunch Fundraiser Day. (Or packed lunches. <b>NO DUKE LUNCHES</b> ) <a href="#"><u>Orders due by 1/14/26</u></a>
January 18	<a href="#"><u>Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 7th &amp; 8th Grade Host</u></a>
January 19	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Martin Luther King Day: School Mass @ 8:30 a.m. Classroom lessons and activities related to Dr. King during the day.</li><li>2. Rosebud Academy Open House 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.</li><li>3. Final day for discounted registration fee. (Save \$25 per student if you register on or before this date.)</li></ol>
January 21	NJHS <a href="#"><u>Rosebud Visit Group 1</u></a> : Drivers Needed! Contact Ms. Crowell if you can drive. <a href="mailto:pcrowell@strosenj.com"><u>pcrowell@strosenj.com</u></a>
January 22	Seussical Jr. <a href="#"><u>Auditions</u></a>
January 23	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. End of 2nd Marking Period</li><li>2. Falcon Friday and Pretzels for a Purpose</li></ol>
January 25 - January 31	Catholic Schools Week - Full Calendar of Events coming soon. See below for some CSW Save the Dates
January 25	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Catholic Schools Week Mass @ 9:30 a.m. followed by coffee &amp; donuts, book fair, Second Hand Rose sale (9:00 - 12:00) and school OPEN HOUSE and Book Fair Grand Opening!</li><li>2. <a href="#"><u>Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. Alumni &amp; HS Students Host</u></a></li></ol>
January 26	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Parents &amp; Grandparents Coffee &amp; Donuts 8:00 - 9:00 in cafe</li><li>2. Parents &amp; Grandparents Classroom Visits: 9:00 - 10:00 in classrooms</li></ol>
January 28	NJHS <a href="#"><u>Rosebud Visit Group 2</u></a> : Drivers Needed! Contact Ms. Crowell if you can drive. <a href="mailto:pcrowell@strosenj.com"><u>pcrowell@strosenj.com</u></a>
January 29	Seussical Jr. <a href="#"><u>Callbacks</u></a>

<b>January 30</b>	1. <b>HALF DAY</b> - 12:00 Dismissal 2. Sock donations due for Student Council Sock Drive
<b>January 31</b>	Annual Pasta Dinner: 6:30 - 9:00 Registration Coming Soon.
<b>February 1</b>	<b><u>Family Mass</u></b> @ 5:30 p.m. <b><u>3rd &amp; 4th Grade Host</u></b>
<b>February 4</b>	1. 8:30 Mass & <b>HALF DAY</b> - 12:00 Dismissal Faculty Meeting 2. <b>TENTATIVE</b> : NJHS <b><u>Rosebud Visit Group 3</u></b> : Drivers Needed! Contact Ms. Crowell if you can drive. <a href="mailto:pcrowell@strosenj.com">pcrowell@strosenj.com</a>
<b>February 8</b>	<b><u>Family Mass</u></b> @ 5:30 p.m. <b><u>5th &amp; 6th Grade Host</u></b>
<b>February 11</b>	NJHS <b><u>Rosebud Visit Group 4</u></b> : Drivers Needed! Contact Ms. Crowell if you can drive. <a href="mailto:pcrowell@strosenj.com">pcrowell@strosenj.com</a>
<b>February 14</b>	8th Grade <b><u>Graduation Ads</u></b> Due
<b>February 15</b>	<b><u>Family Mass</u></b> @ 5:30 p.m. <b><u>7th &amp; 8th Grade Host</u></b>
<b>February 16</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Presidents' Day
<b>February 18</b>	Ash Wednesday - School Mass @ 8:30 a.m.
<b>February 20</b>	Activity Pictures for Yearbook
<b>February 21</b>	Save the Date: Father-Daughter Dance - Registration Coming Soon.
<b>February 22</b>	<b><u>Family Mass</u></b> @ 5:30 p.m. <b><u>Alumni &amp; HS Students Host</u></b>
<b>February 25</b>	NJHS <b><u>Rosebud Visit Group 5</u></b> : Drivers Needed! Contact Ms. Crowell if you can drive. <a href="mailto:pcrowell@strosenj.com">pcrowell@strosenj.com</a>
<b>February 27</b>	Falcon Friday & Pretzels for a Purpose