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March 9, 2026

Dear School Families,

As we enter the month of March, we continue our journey through the holy season of Lent, a time for prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. Lent reminds us that through small acts of sacrifice and generosity, we grow closer to Christ and to one another. Whether it is giving of our time, helping someone in need, or setting aside something we enjoy, these intentional choices help strengthen our faith and deepen our gratitude for the many blessings God has given us.

Along with Lent, March is a month filled with meaningful celebrations within our Church and our community. St. Patrick's Day reminds us of the great missionary saint who brought the Christian faith to Ireland and whose life reflected courage, perseverance, and trust in God. Later in the month, we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, the quiet and faithful protector of the Holy Family. St. Joseph's humility, strength, and unwavering trust in God serve as a beautiful model for all of us.

March is also Women's History Month, an opportunity to recognize the remarkable contributions of women throughout history, including the many holy women of our Church whose faith, courage, and leadership continue to inspire generations. From saints and educators to mothers and community leaders, their witness reminds us of the profound ways faith can shape and strengthen the world around us.

As winter slowly begins to give way to the promise of spring, we are reminded of the beauty of renewal. The longer days, warmer sunshine, and new life beginning to bloom around us mirror the hope of the Resurrection that we await at Easter. Just as the earth awakens after the quiet of winter, Lent prepares our hearts for the joy, light, and new life that Christ brings through His Resurrection.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership in nurturing both the minds and hearts of our students.

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future full of hope." — Jeremiah 29:11

Wishing you a blessed and grace-filled March.

Dr. Deirdre Rood

February Students of the Month:

Congratulations to our February Students of the Month, recognized for excellence in the virtue of Kindness. If you would like to read about why these students were chosen to receive this award, [please click here](#). **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](#).

KA - Keira C. KB - Hadley Q. 1A - Patymariett R-G. 1B - Landon W. 2A - Brian M. 2B - Milo V. 3A - Eloise B. 3B - Christopher C.

Congratulations to our FEBRUARY 2026 Students of the Month!
Recognized for Excellence in the Virtue of: **Loyalty**

4A - Eva C. 4B - Evelyn O. 5A - Theo T.

5B - John (LJ) H. 6A - Michael C. 6B - Lily B. 7A - Chloe S. 7B - Matthew H. 8A - Gerry H. 8B - Kendall D. STREAM: Ava P. (2A)



Dress Down Day: **THIS Friday, March 13**

The March dress down day to fund the Teacher extra supplies closet will be this coming Friday, March 13. The requested donation to dress down is \$5 per student. All standard dress down rules apply.

DEADLINE

Tuition Assistance Reminder:

Though we will not be using FACTS for tuition next year, we will still be using the FACTS platform for tuition assistance. [Tuition Assistance Applications](#) are due by March 15, 2026.

Francis, Elizabeth and Edward Roger Welsh Scholarship

The Scholarship application for the **Francis, Elizabeth and Edward Roger Welsh Scholarship** is open! Applicants must:

- Be residents of Camden County, New Jersey.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Demonstrate academic achievement.
- Attend or plan to attend a Catholic elementary, middle or high school located in Camden County, New Jersey.



Applications are being accepted now and must be submitted by no later than and ending on March 12, 2026. Scholarship candidates can apply online at www.csascholars.org/welsh. Scholarships will be announced on or about June 2026.



PICTURE DAY IS
EL DÍA DE LA FOTO ES
Friday, March 20, 2026

Order today on mylifetouch.com
using your Picture Day ID: **EVTS EWJN**

Encarga hoy en mylifetouch.com usando
tu ID del Día de la Foto: **EVTS EWJN**

[ORDER NOW](#)



Lifetouch Spring Pictures: March 20, 2026

Lifetouch Studios will be here on March 20 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 pre-ordering pictures online.](#)

The Living Stations Of The Cross Friday, March 20, 2026 @ 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 March 20.

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 13**

Spring Uniforms will start on Monday, April 13 There will be a Second Hand Rose Sale on **Sunday, March 22**. Please [click here](#) if you need a reminder of the uniform items worn in the Spring.

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- 100 YEARS - PRAYER | STUDY | COMMUNITY | SERVICE

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PTA
Second Hand Rose

SALE

SUNDAY, MARCH 22
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: School Gym

GENTLY USED SPRING UNIFORMS FOR K-8TH GRADE WILL BE AVAILABLE!

Suggested Donation:
\$2
Per item

- Cash or Check Accepted -

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SPRING UNIFORM START DATE!

Monday, April 13

Second Hand Rose Sale

Sunday, March 22 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the gym.

Spring/Summer Uniforms will start on April 13! 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, March 20**.

St. Patrick's Day Dress Down Day **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

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.

St. Patrick's Day
Dress-down Day
Tuesday, MARCH 17

- St. Patrick's Day shirts and colors
- No hats or distracting accessories
- Closed back shoes
- Jeans, leggings or sweatpants
- Students may opt to wear gym uniform



Extra Care

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

Reminder: It looks like some consistently warmer weather is coming soon - but please continue to send (labeled) hats, gloves and scarves to school with children when coming to after care. We try to go outside every day when it is dry!

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 2026**. 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 22 is [available here](#).

Winter Sports Night

March 25, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

Winter Sports Night is on **March 25, 2026 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.



Recess Duty

Still need to sign up for Recess Duty? March & April Recess have openings! Click on links below for availability! **(FYI May and June dates are mostly full!)**

[March Recess Duty Sign Up](#)

[April Recess Duty Sign Up](#)

Library News

- The Olympics in Milan may be over, but we are only halfway through our Reading Olympics program and there is still plenty of time to join in the fun! We would like to congratulate the following students who have already achieved gold medals by completing 600 minutes of reading.



Thank you to those families who have already sent in prizes for this event. It's not too late to add your prize to reward our reading medalists!

National Junior Society



Thank you to all those who donated to our February Pretzel for a Purpose program. We were able to raise \$250 for ingredients for the "Feed the Homeless" sandwich making project completed by our 7th grade.

The NJHS Group 1 visit to Rosebud on March 11th is cancelled due to the Middle School's trip to Camden Catholic's play.

Parents: We will be in need of drivers for a special Rosebud Academy prayer service tentatively scheduled for March 25th from 10:00-11:00am. If you would be able to help please contact Ms. Crowell at pcrowell@strosenj.com.

Yearbooks - On Sale Now!!

**YEARBOOKS
ON SALE**



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 \$36 made payable to St. Rose of Lima School.

Reminder to eighth grade families: a yearbook has been included in your graduation fee. You do not need to order a yearbook for your graduate.

SHANE SWEENEY
ST ROSE TRACK
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

DINE & DONATE



Hosted by PJ
Whelihan's
Haddonfield

March 11th
5-9pm Dine IN

Mention SRL and a
% of each bill will
be donated to the
St Rose Track
Scholarship Fund in
Memory of Shane
Sweeney

PTA Dine and Donate:

Wednesday, March 11

5:00 - 9:00 p.m. (DINE IN ONLY)

Join us on March 11 at PJ Whelihan's in Haddonfield to support the **Shane Sweeney Track Scholarship Fund!**

This high school scholarship is given in loving memory of our alum, Shane, to an 8th grade member of the St. Rose of Lima Track Team. We hope you will join us! (5:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Dine-In Only!)

Seussical Jr. Ad & Patron Drive

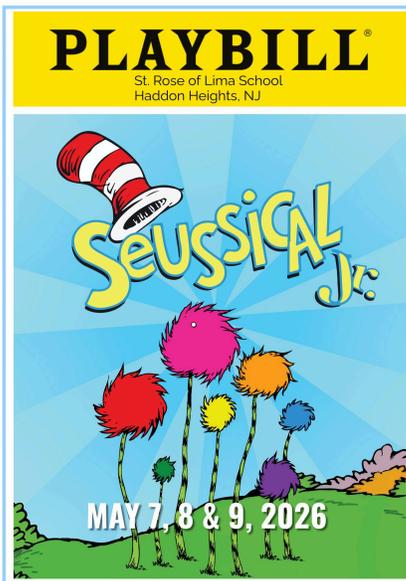
Please support the drama department's spring musical!

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



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 20.** Thank you for your generosity!

FaithFULL Food Drive

The **Catholic Social Teaching** principles of **Solidarity** (we're all in this together), and **Subsidiarity** (solve problems close to where we find them) guide us as we prepare for the Diocese of Camden's 13th Annual FaithFULL Food Drive.



"Our fasting this Lent can create more room in our hearts and in our budgets for those who go hungry in our communities." - **Bishop Joseph A. Williams**

March 21-22, 2026

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 21- March 22** and there will be a drop off location for the items.

Designer Bag Bingo

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Registration for Designer Bag Bingo is now open! The cost is \$35 per bingo player. Bring your own food and drinks! (water, coffee and cookies will be provided.)

[Click here to register!](#) You can Pre-Register by March 9 or you can purchase your ticket at the door.

Volunteers Needed! [You can also sign up to volunteer at Bag Bingo here!](#)



Designer Bag
BINGO
MARCH 14 AT 6:30 PM
Join us for an evening of fun Bingo and a chance to win a Designer Bag!
RAFFLES @50/50!
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD & DRINKS!
TICKETS \$35
Ticket includes
Bingo card for 10 games,
Dabber to use, water,
cookies and coffee!
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM | GAME BEGINS 7PM
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT
WWW.STROSEOFLIMASCHOOLING.COM/PTA-ANNUAL-BAG-BINGO/
All guests must be 21+
856-546-6166 | ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL GYM | 300 KINGS HWY, HADDON HEIGHTS



Save the Date!
MOTHER & SON EVENT
April 17, 2026 @ 6:40 PM
Phillies VS. ATLANTA BRAVES
TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

Mother Son Event:

Friday, April 17, 2026 @ 6:40 p.m.

Phillies vs. Atlanta Braves @ 6:40 p.m.

[Purchase tickets here.](#) **CODE: SRL2026**

Sections 108-111 and 136-139

Grandparents Candy Bingo

April 18, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

Join us for another year of Grandparents Candy Bingo! **Registration forms are coming soon!**



GRANDPARENTS
CANDY BINGO
COME PLAY BINGO WITH YOUR GRANDCHILDREN
+++ Sponsored by St. Rose Grandparents Club +++
Yearly Sellout Register Early
Saturday, April 18, 2026
Doors open at 6:30 pm (After 5:30 pm Mass)
ST ROSE GYMNASIUM



Golf Outing

Monday, June 1, 2026 @ Pennsauken Country Club

The Annual St. Rose of Lima Golf Outing will be held on Monday, June 1 this year. **Save the Date! Registration coming soon!** For more information about registration, volunteering, or sponsorship, contact Marc Tumolo via email @ met327@gmail.com



Garnets Youth Field Hockey:

Spring Skills and Drills Camp: May 7, 14, 21 & 28: [Click here for flyer](#)

Summer Camp: June 22-25 : [Click here for flyer](#)

Little Rah Rahs Cheer Camp: Camp is August 4-6 and registration opens in April.

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

Descendents Camp: PVI Theater Camp. June 29 - July 23. For grades 1-9 [Click here fore more information and to register.](#)

***IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES CALENDAR IS ON
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Important Upcoming Dates

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

Date	Event
March 11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> NJHS Rosebud Visit CANCELLED due to Middle School Play Trip PTA Dine and Donate: PJ Whelihans. To Benefit Shane Sweeney St. Rose Track Scholarship
March 12	Welsh Scholarship Applications due
March 13	Dress Down Day - Teacher Supply Closet Fund. \$5 per student
March 14	Designer Bag Bingo: Register Here
March 15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Host Tuition Assistance Applications Due for 2026-2027 Year
March 18	NJHS Rosebud Visit Group 2
March 20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Food Bank Donations Due Spring School Pictures Living Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
March 21 & 22	FaithFULL Food Drive Drop Off Dates
March 22	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Track Team Mass and Communion Breakfast Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. Alumni & HS Students Host
March 25	NJHS Rosebud Visit Group 3
March 27	Falcon Friday and Pretzels for a Purpose
April 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> End of 3rd Marking Period NJHS Rosebud Visit Group 4 HALF DAY - Mass @ 8:30
April 2 - April 12	EASTER BREAK - <i>Happy Easter!</i>
April 12	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 5th & 6th Grade Host
April 13	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> School Resumes First day of Spring Uniforms