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Dear St. Rose Families,

As we enter the month of May, we begin to feel the shift that comes with the closing of the school year. The days are growing longer, the weather is getting warmer, and there is a renewed sense of energy and joy in our classrooms and throughout our school community. It is a beautiful time of year; one that lifts our spirits and reminds us of how much we have accomplished together.

May is also a special month in our faith, as it is dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary. Throughout this month, we are reminded of her quiet strength, her unwavering faith, and her “yes” to God. She serves as a model for all of us, especially in the ways we trust, serve, and love one another in our daily lives.

This season has also been meaningful for me personally as I continue my participation in the Diocese’s School of Discipleship. As part of that experience, we were asked to reflect on our own “Saint Posse”; the saints who guide, inspire, and walk with us in our faith journey. It was a powerful reminder that we are never alone in our walk with Christ.

Two saints who have always held a special place in my heart are St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. John Bosco. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has been close to me since childhood, and over time, I have come to appreciate how deeply her life and mission resonate with my own. St. John Bosco, as an educator, reminds me of the importance of joy, compassion, and meeting students where they are.

I encourage each of you, as families, to take a moment to reflect. Who might be part of your own “Saint Posse”? Which saints inspire your values, your faith, and your daily actions? It is a great way to connect our lives more deeply to the richness of our Catholic tradition.

As we move through these final weeks of the school year, may we continue to support one another, celebrate our growth, and remain grounded in faith.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and for the many ways you make St. Rose such a special place.

“Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.” — *St. Maximilian Kolbe*

Wishing you a joyful and blessed May,

***Dr. Deirdre M. Rood***

## Congratulations to our April Students of the Month

April's Virtue was Prayerfulness. We were excited to announce the winners at Mass on Wednesday this week. [Please click here to see why these students were chosen for this honor!](#) May's Virtue is: **Respect**. If you would like a printable page about Prayerfulness to hang at home to reinforce this month's virtue, [please click here](#).

KA - Emily L. KB - Gannon B. 1A - Cora L. 1B - Mia C. 2A - Brenton J. 2B - Eloise M. 3A - Bryn A. 3B - Jamey A.

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

4A - Liam M. 4B - Joseph W. 5A - Oliver P.

5B - Harper M. 6A - Sophia A. 6B - Sophia O. 7A - Abigail S. 7B - Ella M. 8A - Olivia O. 8B - Daniel C. Library: Kelsey D. (4A)



### **AfterCare News:**

[The May Aftercare form is available here.](#) Please pay all AfterCare bills in a timely manner. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **Yearbook**

LAST CALL FOR YEARBOOKS!!!

[Order online](#) or send \$36 cash or check made payable to St. Rose of Lima School. Don't miss out, orders must be placed by **Friday, May 8th, 2026.**

**Buy a yearbook**  
for your peeps to sign.



**On Sale Now!**

## National Junior Honor Society

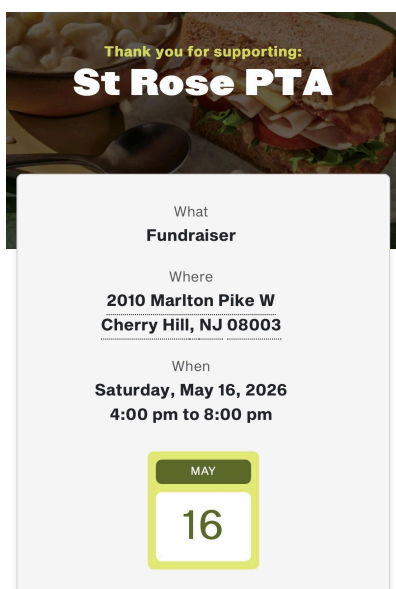
The National Junior Honor Society will be doing their final of three “Community Clean-ups” TOMORROW, Monday, May 4th at Haddon Heights Park. All permission slips should have been turned in back in October. Members should remember to wear the shirts they received in October and bring gloves. If there is any member who cannot attend please see Ms. Crowell before the end of the day on Monday. If there are any parents that could help chaperone this event please email Ms. Crowell at [pcrowell@strosenj.com](mailto:pcrowell@strosenj.com).



Our application process for the National Junior Honor Society has begun for current 6th and 7th graders with a GPA of 3.5 (90%). **All applications and letters of recommendations are due by May 12th. NO applications can be accepted after May 12th.**

Our **NJHS Induction and Farewell Ceremony will take place on *Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026 at 6pm in the church.*** Eighth graders will be presented with their honor cords for graduation and new members will receive their membership pins as part of the ceremony. There will be a signup genius for seventh graders to donate items for a small reception following the ceremony.

## Upcoming Dine & Donate Events: **May 16 & June 2**



**Panera Bread Dine and Donate**  
**Sat., May 16- 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.**



**Old Rail Tavern**  
**Tues., June 2 - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**



## Open PTA Meeting

**Monday May 18 @ 7pm**

Open PTA meeting on Monday May 18 in the gym. Dr. Rood will share school updates, we will announce the PTA board for next year and share additional PTA information. We would love to see any and all parents there.

## Laps for Learning

**Friday, May 15, 2026**

Thank you to everyone who turned your envelopes back in! We are looking forward to another great L4L this year!

[You can donate by PayPal here](#) Do not forget to turn in your [sneakers of encouragement](#) when you donate.

Volunteers Needed: [Click here to sign up to volunteer!](#)

**Do you need more envelopes or have questions?** please email Coordinators Melissa Nunez ([missnunez1022@gmail.com](mailto:missnunez1022@gmail.com)) or Aimee Reilly ([aimee.k.reilly@gmail.com](mailto:aimee.k.reilly@gmail.com))

A graphic for the Laps for Learning 2026 event. It features the text 'LAPS FOR LEARNING' vertically on the left, a large 'L4L' logo in the center, and '2026' vertically on the right. Below the logo is the school name 'SAINT ROSE of LIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL' with a cross icon and the motto 'A Catholic School in the Dominican Tradition of Prayer, Study, Community and Service. EST. 1954'. At the bottom, a 'countdown 12 DAYS' badge is next to the date 'MAY 15, 2026'. Below the text are four photos of students participating in the event, some running and some posing with their L4L gear.



**Spring Musical: Seussical, Jr.**

**THIS WEEK! Performances May 7, 8 & 9**

It's TECH WEEK and our drama department has been working so hard and are preparing a fantastic show! Don't miss the shows this week on Thursday, Friday or Saturday! Tickets are now available at the link below. We hope to see you there!

**[Tickets Now Available-CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE!](#)**

**SAINT ROSE of LIMA PARISH**

**GOLF OUTING**

**MONDAY, June 1, 2026**

Time	Event
10:30	Registration Starts
11:00	Lunch
12:00	Shotgun Start
6:00	Dinner and Awards

**\$200 PER PERSON**  
 Register online at [www.stroseoflimaschoolnj.com](http://www.stroseoflimaschoolnj.com)

**FOR SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION:**  
 Please reach out to Marc Tumolo via e-mail at [stroseoflimagolfouting@gmail.com](mailto:stroseoflimagolfouting@gmail.com)

3800 Haddonfield Rd. Pennsauken, NJ

**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. **[Registration is now available here.](#)** If you are interested in being a sponsor, **[more information about sponsorship can be found here.](#)** Please contact Marc Tumolo or George Merryfield via email at **[stroseoflimagolfouting@gmail.com](mailto:stroseoflimagolfouting@gmail.com)** with questions.

## Basketball Camps:

### St. Rose Basketball Camp:

**June 22-25** For Boys and Girls entering grades 1-8

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

### Tim Lenahan Basketball Camp

For Boys and Girls entering grades 1-11

**Aug 10 – 13** (9AM – 12 PM)

[Click here for the Registration Flyer](#)



### GCHS Rams Basketball Camp

For players entering Grades 4-9

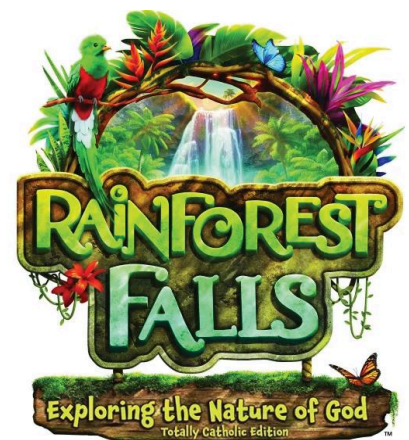
Click here to Register

Two Sessions

1) Boys: **July 13-16** (9AM- 2PM)

2) Co-ed: **July 20-23** (9AM-2PM)

[Click here for the Registration Flyer](#)



### **Vacation Bible School: July 6 - 10**

St. Rose of Lima Summer Vacation Bible School will be held from **Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 10 from 8:30 am - 12:15 pm** for children Pre-K (age 4 by July 1, 2026) through those who completed 5th Grade in June 2025. Our theme this year is

**Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God**, the Totally Catholic Bible School from Our Sunday Visitor.

[Please click here to register.](#)

## Summer Musical Theatre Camps:

**Musical Theater Camp: July 27 - 31**

**Musical Theater Intensive: Aug. 3-7**

[Click here for a flyer with more information.](#)



## Community Bulletin Board

Visit our [Community Bulletin Board here](#) for information about community programs and camps this summer. We will keep this page updated as more organizations send us information.

- Basketball Camps
- High School Summer Programs
- Drama Camps
- Sports Programs
- Summer Dance Programs
- Library Programs



## Important Upcoming Dates

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

Date	Event
May 4	1. <a href="#">Hoke Scholarship Application</a> Due (For 5th Graders in 2026-2027) 2. NJHS Community Cleanup at Haddon Heights Park @ 3:00pm
May 6	NJHS <a href="#">Rosebud Visit</a> <b>Group 2</b>
May 7	<a href="#">Seussical Jr. Performance</a> @ 7:00 p.m.
May 8	1. May Crowning - 8:30 Mass & <b>HALF DAY</b> (Faculty Meeting) 2. <a href="#">Seussical Jr. Performance</a> @ 7:00 p.m. 3. Last day to <a href="#">order yearbook</a>
May 9	1. <a href="#">Seussical Jr. Performance</a> @ 2:00 p.m. 2. <a href="#">Seussical Jr. Performance</a> @ 7:00 p.m.
May 10	<a href="#">Family Mass</a> @ 5:30 p.m. <a href="#">5th &amp; 6th Grade Host</a>
May 12	STAR TESTING
May 13	NJHS <a href="#">Rosebud Visit</a> <b>Group 3</b>
May 14	1. STAR Testing 2. Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m. in the church
May 15	STAR Testing
May 15	<a href="#">Laps for Learning</a>
May 16	<a href="#">Panera Bread Dine and Donate</a> 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

May 17	<a href="#">Family Mass</a> @ 5:30 p.m. <a href="#">7th &amp; 8th Grade Host</a>
May 18	PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.: All Invited!
May 20	NJHS <a href="#">Rosebud Visit</a> <b>Group 4</b>
May 22	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!
May 25	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!
May 27	NJHS <a href="#">Rosebud Visit</a> <b>Group 5</b>
May 29	Falcon Friday & Pretzels for a Purpose
June 1	<a href="#">Parish Golf Outing - Pennsauken Country Club</a>
June 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NJHS Farewell and Induction Ceremony: 6 pm in the church</li> <li>2. <a href="#">Dine and Donate: Old Rail Tavern</a> 5:00- 8:00 p.m.</li> </ol>
June 3	NJHS <a href="#">Rosebud Visit</a> <b>Group 6</b>
June 5	School Mass @ 8:30 a.m.
June 8	8th Grade Dinner Dance @ 6:00 p.m.
June 10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HALF DAY - 12:00 Dismissal</li> <li>2. 8th Grade Graduation @ 2:00 p.m.</li> </ol>
June 12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Final PTA Dress Down Day of the year! (\$5 donation suggested.)</li> <li>2. Kindergarten Graduation @ 1:00 p.m.</li> </ol>
June 16	Original Last Day of School <b>***CHANGED to JUNE 19 DUE TO EMERGENCY DAYS USED***</b>
June 17	<b>HALF DAY - Noon Dismissal</b>
June 18	<b>HALF DAY - Noon Dismissal</b>
<b>June 19</b>	<b>Last Day of School: HALF DAY - Noon Dismissal</b>
June 22-25	<a href="#">St. Rose Basketball Camp</a>
July 6-10	<a href="#">St. Rose Vacation Bible School</a>
July 27-31	<a href="#">St. Rose Musical Theater Camp</a>
August 3-7	<a href="#">St. Rose Musical Theater Intensive</a>