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September 13, 2026

Dear St. Rose Families,

Our first week of school is behind us, and I am grateful for the patience, flexibility, and care that have helped us begin together. To our returning families, welcome back! To our new families and teachers, we are so happy you are part of our St. Rose community.

Our guiding words this week have been “Grace before perfection.” Starting a school year brings excitement, new routines, and a few things that need adjusting. PowerSchool has given us opportunities to practice patience. We are working through the bumps and appreciate your understanding along the way.

These words also remind us of how we are called to live our faith. We can hold high expectations while making room for learning, mistakes, and fresh starts. We want our children to know that asking for help is a strength, kindness matters, and God’s love does not depend on getting everything right the first time. As adults, we have the opportunity to model that same grace for them and for ourselves.

Remembering September 11

On Friday, we paused to remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, the families whose lives were forever changed, and the first responders and ordinary people who responded with extraordinary courage. For many of us, the memories remain vivid; for our children, this is history we help them understand with care. As a Catholic school community, we pray for peace, for those who continue to grieve, and for all who serve and protect others. May our remembrance move us toward compassion and remind us to be people who bring Christ’s peace into the world.

A Moment of Grace

One small moment of grace this week has been the patience of our teachers as we worked through opening-day challenges. Their flexibility deserves our gratitude. There is something deeply faithful about meeting a frustrating moment with care and being willing to try again.

Looking Ahead to Tomorrow

Looking ahead to tomorrow, please have backpacks and belongings ready when you reach the drop-off point so children can exit promptly and safely. Thank you for helping us keep arrival calm, safe, and moving smoothly!

Please remember that **families may not use the church parking lot during morning arrival or afternoon dismissal. Students should walk along the walkways to the gym door at morning arrival.** Thank you for helping us keep all of our children safe.

As we begin another week, we will continue refining our routines and keeping the children entrusted to us at the center of our decisions. Thank you for partnering with us and extending grace as we settle into the year.

May Mary watch over our St. Rose family and help us greet each child and one another with patience, kindness, and love.

Dr. Deirdre Rood

Important Parent Communications Set-Up:

An important email was sent on Friday afternoon re: PowerSchool account set up and opting in to School Messenger text messages. If you have not yet set up your PowerSchool account, or opted in to SchoolMessenger [please take another look at this email from Friday and follow the steps outlined.](#) **(REMINDER: Check folders/ backpacks for PowerSchool account information!)**

Back to School Night: September 17 - 6:30 p.m.

We have Back to School Night this week on Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a general meeting in the gymnasium beginning at 6:30 p.m. Classroom visits (Grades 1-8) will begin at 7:00 p.m. Kindergarten families are invited to the general meeting but there will be no classroom visits for Kindergarten families because of their recent Orientation. The PTA will be hosting a Wine & Cheese Welcome for all new families and mentor families immediately following (Approximately 7:30) . Any other parents who would like to attend may attend for a \$5.00 entry fee. Email staceysizer@gmail.com with any questions about the Wine and Cheese Welcome event.

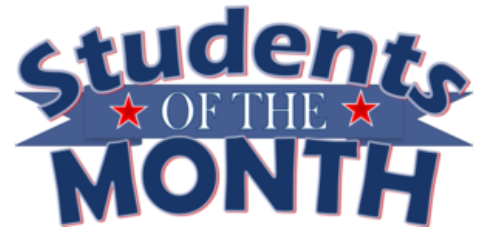


Rosebud Academy began the 2626-27 school year with Orientation for the 3's and 4's and Transitional Kindergarten. On Thursday, the 4's and TK had their first day of school. We are all looking forward to a fabulous year where we will be learning, playing and praying together as we form our new school community.



September Virtue: Affability

The September virtue for our Student of the Month program is Affability! If you would like a printable page about Affability to hang at home to reinforce this month's virtue, [please click here](#). September's Students of the Month will be announced at our School Mass in October! For questions or more information about our Student of the Month program, please reach out to coordinator Lisa Coulter at Imcoulter77@gmail.com



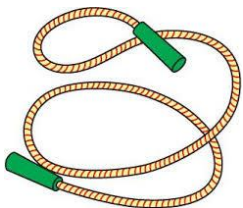
Room Parents Needed!

The PTA is looking for [Room Parents](#) for each classroom. If you are interested in being a Room Parent, [please click here to sign up](#).



Extra Care

Reminder: If you plan to use our Extra Care program, you must first [register for our Extra Care Program by sending in this form](#) with \$35 family registration fee. 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 September Weekly Form can be found here](#). 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

Scholastic Book Orders: September Scholastic Book Order Forms are being distributed this week and must be returned by Thursday, September 24. Orders may be sent to Ms. Crowell in the library with cash 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!





Northeastern Music Program Enrolling!

Participation in band instrument instrumental music is available to students in grades 4-8, and orchestra instrument participation is available for students in

grades 3-8. [Please click here for more information.](#) There will be a virtual meeting for parents of students interested in the band on September 16 at 6:30 p.m. [Please click here for a link to the parent meeting.](#)



Picture Day! - October 9, 2026

LifeTouch Fall portraits will be taken on **Friday, October 9.**

Although we will still be wearing Spring Uniforms at this time, **Winter Uniforms are required for Fall Pictures.** Ordering information will be coming soon.



Lost & Found:

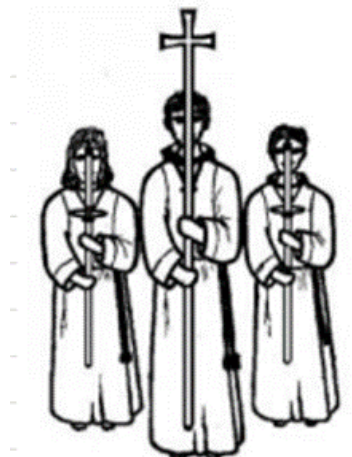
Please label your clothing & personal items!

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 Information Session

We're looking to recruit new servers to join our ministry. St. Rose School/CCD students in 4th grade or above can serve. They should attend weekly mass, receive communion, and commit to serve at least one weekend each month. For all those interested in learning more about our ministry and the benefits of serving, please attend our informational session on Wed., **September 30th in the Parish Lounge at 3:30pm.**

If you can't make it to the session but are still interested, you can email us at altar.servers.st.rose@gmail.com or text **856-436-0675**



Family Masses 2026-2027

Family Masses are back! 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 \(Sign Up Here\)](#)



Spirit Shop Now Open!

New Spiritwear is available! We have 3 different sales happening! Online store & baseball caps orders are due by Sept 21st. SRL School Store orders close Sept 25th.

[Click Here for SRL Online Sale:](#)

[Click Here for St. Rose Falcon Baseball Caps:](#)

[Click Here for SRL School Store:](#)

For questions: email acallinan@strosenj.com (Aime Callinan in the Advancement Office.)

Parish BBQ and Bonfire

September 25, 2026

Registration is now open for our annual Parish BBQ & Bonfire. You don't want to miss this first big group event of the year! [Please click here to register](#) and watch your email and Facebook this week for ways you can volunteer!

(New families: volunteering is the best way to meet new people!)

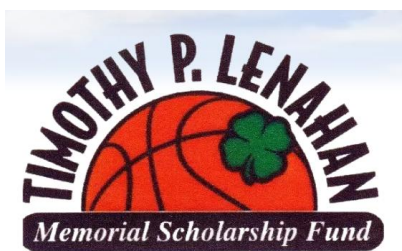
ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH BBQ &



Winter Sports Meeting and Registration Open!

There will be a meeting on September 29 at 7:00 p.m. for all parents of students in grades 3-8 who are interested in participating in Cheer or Basketball this year. **Registration for winter sports is now open on Family ID for grades 5-8.** Registration for Grades 3 & 4 will be open in mid-October. [Click here to register for Basketball or Cheer.](#) As a reminder, all students in grades 6-8 will need to have updated [Sports Physical forms](#) to participate.





Timothy P. Lenahan Memorial Golf Outing: October 1, 2026

Join us on October 1, 2026 for the 22nd annual Timothy P. Lenahan Memorial Golf Outing. Funds raised go towards 8th grade scholarships to Catholic High Schools. [Click here for more information.](#)

PTA Dine and Donate: Wednesday., September 30

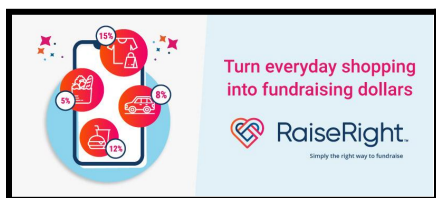
5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Support the PTA with dinner out at [PJ Whelihan's](#) in Haddonfield on September 30. Make sure you mention St. Rose when ordering!

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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.



UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES	
	Camden Catholic High School Admissions Site: Click here Open House : October 22 at 6:30 - 9:00 p.m
	Gloucester Catholic High School Admissions Site: Click here Open House information coming soon.
	Paul VI High School Admissions Site: Click here Open House : November 4 at 6:30 pm

Important Upcoming Dates

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

Date	Event
September 16	Virtual Meeting for Parents of students interested in Band @ 6:30 Click here to join meeting
September 17	Back to School Night @ 6:30 p.m. (Followed by Wine & Cheese event)
September 18	Test SchoolMessenger text will be sent today. Please opt in to School Messenger before this date. See this email for instructions.
September 20	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Host
September 21	1. Bonfire / BBQ Registrations Due 2. Online Store & Baseball Cap Orders Due Today!
September 22	STAR Testing
September 23	HALF DAY: 12:00 Dismissal (Teacher In-service)
September 24	1. STAR Testing 2. Music Lessons start 3. Scholastic Book orders due to Ms. Crowell in the library
September 25	1. STAR Testing 2. Falcon Friday! 3. Bonfire and BBQ (Rain Date: Sep. 26) 4. St. Rose School Store Closes Today!
September 27	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. Alumni & HS Students Host
September 29	Winter Sports Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
September 30	1. Altar Server Interest Meeting @ 3:30 in Parish Lounge 2. PTA Dine & Donate @ PJ Whelihans, Haddonfield. 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.
October 1	Timothy P. Lenahan Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing
October 2	1. 8:30 Mass 2. HALF DAY: 12:00 Dismissal (Faculty Mtg.)
October 4	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 3rd & 4th Grade Host
October 9	Fall School Pictures (Order info coming soon) WINTER UNIFORM
October 11	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 5th & 6th Grade Host
October 12	NO SCHOOL Columbus Day
October 16	Trunk or Treat: Save the Date. Registration Coming Soon!
October 18	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Host
October 19	NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

