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October 4, 2026

Dear St. Rose Families,

October has arrived, and with it comes one of my favorite times of the year! There is so much to look forward to; the changing leaves, cooler days, and the excitement of Halloween beginning to find its way into conversations. This month also offers beautiful opportunities to grow in our faith and remember what it means to be a Catholic school community.

Last week, our staff reflected on the theme “Be the Light.” Through an unpredictable and challenging week, I saw that invitation lived out in so many ways. Teachers and staff gave their time, rearranged schedules, prepared spaces, and stepped in wherever help was needed. Those acts of kindness have made a real difference for our children.

Many thanks go to the staff of both Rosebud and St. Rose for all they have done to welcome and support KA. To Mrs. Sweeney and Ms. Tina, thank you for providing familiar faces, patience, and care as the children settle into their temporary classroom. To Mrs. Love and our Rosebud colleagues, thank you for making room for our youngest Falcons with such generosity. I am also grateful to our specials teachers and everyone who has helped with moving, organizing, preparing classrooms, and keeping daily life running across both buildings. So much of this work happens quietly, but it does not go unnoticed.

Thank you, too, to the families who have sent kind messages, offered encouragement, and kept our KA children, families, and teachers in their prayers. Please continue to pray for a peaceful adjustment and steady progress with the repairs. Our KA children remain fully part of our St. Rose family, wherever their classroom happens to be.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, inviting us to turn to Mary and reflect with her on the life of Jesus. In the middle of busy schedules and unexpected challenges, prayer gives us a moment to pause and place our worries in God’s hands. Throughout October, I invite each family to join us in one small prayer tradition: say a Hail Mary together each evening for all of our St. Rose children, families, and staff, with a special intention for KA and those welcoming them at Rosebud. End with these simple words: “Mary, keep our St. Rose family close in your love.” Wherever we spend our school day, we can come together in prayer.

As we observe Respect Life Month, we also remember the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death. We teach this through our prayers and through the way we treat one another: welcoming someone who feels left out, caring for those who are vulnerable, and reminding each child that they are loved and have something valuable to offer.

And yes, there is room for a little Halloween fun along the way! As the costume ideas begin, we can also help our children see the connection between All Hallows' Eve and All Saints' Day on November 1, when we celebrate the saints whose lives point us toward God. On All Souls' Day, November 2, we remember and pray for our loved ones who have died. These days bring together joy, memory, prayer, and the comforting reminder that we belong to a family of faith much larger than ourselves.

As we begin another week, may we continue to be a light for one another in a kind message, a patient response, a helping hand, or a prayer offered quietly.

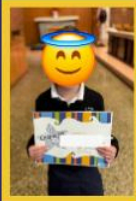
May Mary watch over our St. Rose and Rosebud communities, and may our children always know how deeply they are loved.

Dr. Deindre Rood

September Students of the Month!

Congratulations to our September students of the month, recognized for excellence in the virtue of Affability. Please [click here](#) to read about why these students were each chosen for this honor.

October's Virtue is: Courtesy. 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 - Chase D.	KB - Sophia D.	1A - Amelia B.	1B - Cannon B.	2A - Thomas F.	2B - Edward K.	3A - Brenton J.	3B - Connor F.		
 Congratulations to our SEPTEMBER 2026 Students of the Month! Recognized for Excellence in the Virtue of: Affability									
				4A - Jacob B.				4B - Cassidy L.	5A - Sully K.
									
5B - Benjamin L.	6A - Abigail K.	6B - Kieran K.	7A - Molly B.	7B - George G.	8A - Kellan K.	8B - Makayla K.	Library: Xavier G. (5B)		

Rosebud Academy

—ROUND-UP—

Dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, to love our enemy as well as our friend.

-Dorothy Day

As Catholics, we are called to social justice. At Rosebud Academy, we have developed a relationship with the [SSJ Neighborhood Center](#) in Camden. Every month, we will focus on a different area of need. We're kicking off our yearlong social justice program, "Buds in the Neighborhood" by collecting reusable bag donations for their food pantry. (See picture) They can be dropped off at Rosebud (in the bin outside of Rosebud's main entrance door) during the month of October. Join us as we care for our "dear neighbor."



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THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

 **VIRTUS[®]** *Online*

VIRTUS Training: Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m.

If you have not yet completed your VIRTUS Training and plan to volunteer at school events or attend school trips, please [visit the VIRTUS Website here to sign up for a training](#). You may attend any training that works for your schedule, but we wanted to let you know that Rosebud Academy is hosting a training on Wednesday, October 28 that is open to all. The training will be in St. Francis de Sales Parish Hall right next to Rosebud. If you would like to attend this training, you must choose that particular location when you log in or set up an account here. Please note that these trainings typically fill up quickly and there is a limited number of seats available at each location. For more information about the Volunteer Requirements at our schools, [please visit our website here](#).



PICTURE DAY IS

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Friday, October 09, 2026

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Lifetouch

Picture Day! Friday, 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**. [Please click here for a flyer with ordering information.](#)

Winter Uniform Start Date:

Tuesday, October 13

Winter Uniforms start on Tuesday, October 13. Please take a moment to look over the [uniform guidelines](#) to be sure your child's uniform conforms to the dress code.



National Junior Honor Society



.NJHS will again be taking part in the Camden County Community Cleanup. Our first community cleanup event took place last Wednesday at Haddon Heights Park. We would like to thank the parents Mrs. Migaleddi, Mrs. Fiorentino, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Kuzniar, & Mrs. Rotaeché for helping out. Our next clean up is in December, weather permitting. and our first Pretzels for a Purpose was a great success for supporting our Drama department's *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Our next pretzel day will be October 23.



Student Council Elections: Congratulations to all Candidates!

Congratulations to everyone who ran for Student Council Office last week. It takes real courage to stand in front of the student body and give a speech. We are so proud of each of you!

Congratulations to the Winners

President: Nicolina F. Vice President: Matthew H.

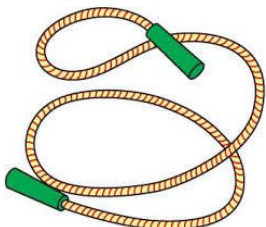
Secretary: Giana B. Treasurer: Michael C.



Bottom Row (from left): Nicolina F., George M., Colette R., Michael C., Niko B., John K.,
Top Row (from left): Makayla K., Brayden B., Matthew H., George G., Matthew D., Giana B.

Extra Care

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 October Weekly Form can be found here.](#) Reminder: 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 out to Mrs. Callinan at acallinan@strosenj.com.

Scholastic Book Orders:

October Scholastic Book Order Forms will be distributed this week and must be returned by Tuesday, October 13..

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](https://www.scholastic.com).

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. September orders will be delivered this week! Thank you.



All Saints Day

Monday, November 2

In celebration of All Saints Day, on **Sunday, November 1**, **children in grades K-2** will dress as their favorite Saint and lead our school procession to our All Saints Day 8:30am liturgy on **Monday, November 2**.. Please reach out to your teachers if you need more information!



Northeastern Music Program Still Enrolling!

Students interested in joining the school band or orchestra may still enroll throughout the month of October. As a

reminder, 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](#). If you are interested in joining this wonderful program, [Please click here for more information](#).





Trunk or Treat:

Friday, October 16, 2026

Join us for our 12th Annual Trunk or Treat held at Rosebud Academy Preschool's Parking lot! St. Rose and Rosebud families decorate their cars and hand out candy & treats to our students and their siblings. It's a fun night including a DeeJay, a concessions stand (CASH ONLY), and prizes for the best decorated cars. [Please click here for more information and to register.](#) \$25 per car. Please note: there is a max of 4 kids per registered car if they are not all siblings. PLUS: You can register to participate without a car. See webpage above for details. Please register by 10/11!

Thanksgiving Food Bank Donations:

Due By November 13

Thanksgiving is November 26th 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 13th**? Thank you for your generosity!



REMINDER:

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 \(Sign Up Here\)](#)



Winter Sports Registration Still Open!

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.

Children's Choir: Open to grades K-6

Our children's choir is looking for members in Grades K-6! We will rehearse every Sunday morning from 10:30 to 11:00 in the school gym, starting on October 4th. The choir will sing every fourth Sunday at the 9:30AM Mass, starting on October 25th. Please contact Director Mia Reich at mreich@strosenj.com with any questions.

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

[Sign up for the Choir Here!](#)

St. Rose Children's Choir

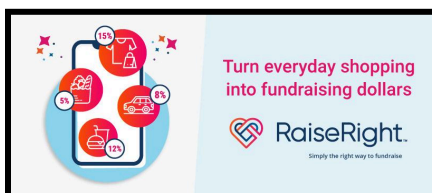


VOICES NEEDED!

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.



Christmas Bazaar Update

Friday, November 6, 2026



The countdown is on. There are **33** days until the 105th Annual Christmas Bazaar on November 6th! This year's event will again be held inside and the Grand Slam 50/50, Disney Raffle, and Tombola basket drawing will all be held at the conclusion of the event. The event will be open to the public from 12:00 pm - 8:00 p.m.

Each family will be receiving an envelope this week with Grand Slam 50/50 tickets & Disney Raffle tickets. We thank you in advance for selling these tickets to help support our school. If you need more 50/50 or Disney raffle tickets please reach out to Elizabeth Zuccarelli twerty11@yahoo.com We also need your help with donations. Please click on the links below for more information about our current needs. Some flyers include links or QR Codes to Amazon Wish Lists to make it easy to donate!

- [Tombola](#) Basket donations
- [Christmas Cheer](#) donations
- [Baked Goods Table](#) Donations
- [Kitchen](#) Donations
- [Craft](#) Donations

We will be sharing the Christmas Bazaar Facebook Event on Facebook this week.. One of the easiest ways to help is to like and share our event page with as many friends and family as possible!



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
October 4	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 3rd & 4th Grade Host
October 9	Fall School Pictures WINTER UNIFORM
October 11	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 5th & 6th Grade Host
October 13	• Winter Uniform Start Date • Scholastic October Book Orders Due
October 12	NO SCHOOL Columbus Day
October 16	Trunk or Treat: Register Here!
October 18	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Host
October 19	NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
October 23	• Falcon Friday & Pretzels for a Purpose • Tombola Donations Due
October 25	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. Alumni & HS Students Host
October 28	VIRTUS Training at Rosebud Academy (Open to all who need to schedule their training!)
November 1	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 3rd & 4th Grade Host
November 2	School Mass & All Saints Day Parade
November 6	HALF DAY - Christmas Bazaar
November 8	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 5th & 6th Grade Host
November 10	Fall Picture Retakes
November 12	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15-7:00 p.m.
November 13	• Thanksgiving Food Bank Donations Due • HALF DAY - Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30 - 3:15 p.m.
November 15	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Host
November 18	HALF DAY - Teacher Inservice
November 20	Falcon Friday
November 22	Family Mass @ 5:30 p.m. Alumni & HS Students Host
November 25	8:30 Mass & HALF DAY
November 26 & 27	NO SCHOOL - Happy Thanksgiving!

