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November 2, 2026

Dear St. Rose Families,

As we begin November, I find myself grateful for the people who make St. Rose such a special community. September and October reminded us that school life does not always go according to plan, but even in the unexpected, there is grace, goodness, and plenty of joy to be found.

We were so happy last week to welcome KA back to St. Rose just in time to celebrate Halloween and All Saint's Day! Seeing them with their prayer partners was a wonderful reminder that a school is much more than a building. It is the relationships, familiar faces, and little moments of belonging that make it feel like home. We are so happy to have everyone together again.

I hope everyone had a fun Halloween, with plenty of laughter, wonderful costumes, and perhaps a little chocolate left for the grown-ups!

As we move from Halloween into All Saints Day and All Souls Day, our faith invites us to look a little deeper. Throughout October, our staff reflections reminded us to carry peace, find grace in the mess, let joy lead, and recognize that we are called to something more. The saints help us understand what that "something more" can look like. Holiness is not reserved for extraordinary people doing extraordinary things. It grows when we choose kindness, offer forgiveness, tell the truth, or help someone who needs us.

We see opportunities for that goodness every day: an older student patiently guiding a younger prayer partner, a child making room for someone else, or an adult quietly stepping in to help. These small choices are how our children learn to live their faith.

On All Souls Day, we remember and pray for those we love who have died. I encourage your family to take a quiet moment to say their names, share a favorite memory, and offer a prayer together. It is a simple way to remind our children that our love and our prayers continue even when someone is no longer beside us.

Our November theme, "Give Thanks in All Things," carries us toward Thanksgiving. Gratitude does not mean every day is easy or that everything is perfect. It means pausing long enough to notice God's gifts, even on the busy or difficult days. Around the dinner table or before bedtime, consider asking each person to name one blessing and one person they would like to thank. Those small conversations can help us notice how much goodness surrounds us.

Please know how thankful I am for our students, our dedicated staff, and the families who entrust their children to us. Thank you for partnering with us as we help our children grow in learning, faith, and love.

May God bless your families throughout November and bring peace, gratitude, and joy to your Thanksgiving celebrations.

With gratitude and prayers,
Dr. Deirdre Rood

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR UPDATE!

JUST 4 MORE DAYS!

Friday, November 6, 2026

12 pm - 8 pm

General Information

The 105th Annual St. Rose of Lima will take place in the gym. The students will shop in the morning during school hours before the Bazaar opens to the public. The Bazaar will open to the public at noon after the students are dismissed. Please note that all students in grades K-5 will need to be picked up by a parent or their designate. The kitchen will begin serving food for purchase in the cafe beginning at noon.All Disney and 50/50 Grand Slam raffle tickets MUST be dropped by 7:30pm.Tombola tickets must be dropped by 7:50pm. We will begin the Tombola, Disney and Grand Slam 50/50 raffle winner selection at 8:00pm in the gym and will live stream the selection on the SRL Alumni Facebook page. Good Luck to all!

Reminders

1. Pre-Sale Tombola orders were due on Friday. We are not able to accept late orders. You are welcome to purchase Tombola tickets at the Bazaar!
2. Keep selling Disney Raffle and 50/50 Tickets! You can send these into school by Thursday 11/5 or hand them directly to the raffle booths on Bazaar Day. (Must be in by 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6). Additional tickets are available at the rectory until Bazaar Day.
3. We love and appreciate when our students return to school to experience the Bazaar while it is open to the public. Please remind your student(s) to behave in a way that shows their Falcon Pride for all to see.

Donations Still Needed

We are still accepting **baked good donations** and **kitchen donations.** Thank you for your support!

Tombola & Cheer Baskets Update:

- **Tombola:** The most updated **Tombola List is available here.**
- **Cheer Baskets:** The **list of cheer baskets is available here.**

Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers and need your help. Even two hours of your time will help us greatly!

- **Adult Volunteers:** Please **sign up here to volunteer!**

Bazaar Day Logistics

1. **Bazaar Day Uniforms: Winter Uniform with Christmas Accessories and/or Christmas Sweater/Sweatshirt!** Students should wear their formal Winter uniforms on Bazaar day. They are permitted to wear festive Christmas accessories such as hats, necklaces, earrings etc. They can also choose to wear a festive Christmas sweater or sweatshirt ***over their uniform blouse/shirt***. (Uniform bottoms need to stay the same.) Anything that covers the students' face is not permitted.

2. **Bazaar Day Shopping**:The students will all have a chance to visit the Bazaar on Friday 11/6. If you would like for your child(ren) to participate in shopping, please send them with cash and a list or the Santa's Secret Shop envelope that you received in the Bazaar packet sent home last week. The following shops will be open for student shopping: Re-Gift, Santa's Secret Shop, Baked Goods, Crafts, Kids Games, Sweetz Shop, Personalization, SRL Spiritwear, and Christmas Balls.Following the half day dismissal, Tombola, Grand Slam 50/50, Disney Raffle, Christmas Cheer Raffle, Granny's Attic and Grandpa's Garage Presented by the SRL Grandparents Club, and the Bazaar kitchen will open if you would like to come back and experience the Bazaar with your child(ren). Cash and credit card will be accepted and we are trying to make Venmo possible through PayPal this year.

3. **Santa Pictures on Friday, November 6**
   Santa will be coming to school on Friday morning to take group pictures with each homeroom on the decorated Bazaar stage! Each homeroom will have their class photo taken with Santa. If you would like to purchase the photo, please fill out the form in your Bazaar packet and return it to Ms. Crowell.

4. **Half Day of School with *No Aftercare* on Friday, November 6**
   Due to the Christmas Bazaar, we will not be offering AfterCare on Friday, November 6. Thank you for your understanding.

5. **Afternoon Dismissal on Christmas Bazaar Day - Friday, November 6**
   All students will be dismissed from the 3rd Ave doors on Bazaar day. If you are volunteering at the Bazaar during dismissal time and cannot step away from your booth, please make arrangements in advance for a family member or friend to pick up your student outside.

   - **Kindergarten** will line up at 11:30 a.m. and be dismissed to parents.
   - **Grades 1-5** will be called for dismissal starting at 11:40 a.m.
   - **Grades 6-8** will be called for dismissal at 11:45 a.m.

Rosebud Academy
ROUND-UP

Faith-Filled October!

October was faith-filled at Rosebud! From Sister Joan's lessons of our Good Shepherd to Mrs. Menz introduction of our Virtues program, our **Buds** are surely feeling the love**.**







Extra Care



Reminder: **There is No Aftercare on Friday, November 6 due to the Christmas Bazaar.** Remember to fill out the **November form** and send it to your child's homeroom teacher so that it is entered into the system for the aftercare staff. All ExtraCare information and forms can be found on the **Extra Care page**.



- **School Band Concert: December 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church
- **School Christmas Pageant: December 22 at 1:00 p.m** in the school gym
  Our Christmas Pageant will be an afternoon event again this year. Students in Grades K-5 will be required to participate. Students in Grades 6-8 will have the option to participate. More information will be coming soon.



Congratulations to our October Students of the Month!

October's Virtue was Courtesy. Please click here to learn about why these students were chosen for this honor. **November's Virtue is: Generosity.** 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.



Parent Teacher Conferences:

November 12: 3:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November 13: 12:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. (HALF DAY)

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 12 from 3:15 - 7:00 pm and on Friday, November 13 from 12:30 - 2:45 pm. Conferences are to discuss your child's progress and are 10 minutes long. If you require additional time to talk to your child's teacher, please contact his/her teacher to make a separate appointment.

- For students in K-5, your child's teacher will be sending a signup genius link to you, so you may sign up for a conference time. Conferences will be held in the child's classroom.

- For students in 6-8, conferences will be held in the cafeteria. There are no set conference times, it will be on a first-come basis. Parents who are waiting, please wait quietly in the cafeteria or hallway.

If you have any questions regarding conferences, please contact your child's teacher.

Enrollment & Billing Update: FinalSite

We will begin re-enrolling for the 2027-2028 school year soon. We will be using Finalsite for **re-enrollment** this school year, and it should be much more straightforward this year since everyone is already set up with accounts in the Finalsite system. For now, there's nothing you need to do, just stay tuned for additional details and next steps once our re-enrollment season begins.

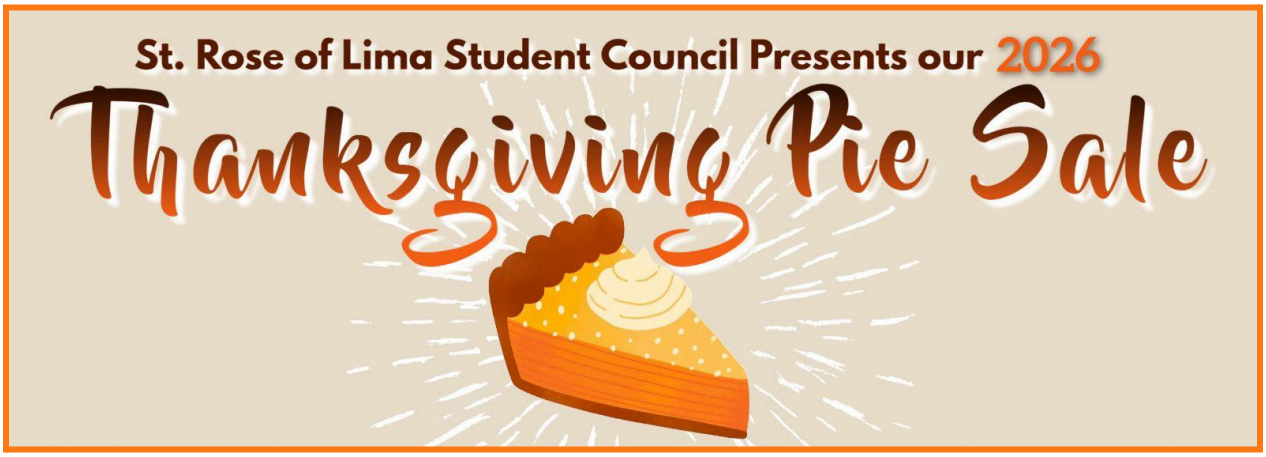
Save a Seat Forms: Please fill out for new incoming Kindergarten & Pre-K students!
In case you missed the Save a Seat forms that were sent out, we are asking parents with incoming Kindergartners or new incoming Pre-K students to let us know they are coming!

ROSEBUD ACADEMY SAVE A SEAT FORM
Click here to save a seat at Rosebud Academy for the 2027-2028 school year.
You should fill out the above form only if you have:

- A sibling of a current St. Rose or Rosebud student who will be coming to Rosebud Academy next year as a new student in any program.
- A student currently in the 4s program at Rosebud who you would like to enroll in the Transitional Kindergarten program for next year.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA KINDERGARTEN SAVE A SEAT FORM
Click here to save a seat in Kindergarten for the 2027-2028 school year.
You should fill out the above form only if you have:

- A sibling of a current St Rose or Rosebud student who will be coming to St. Rose of Lima School next year for Kindergarten.
- A student in the 4s or TK program who will be coming to St. Rose for Kindergarten next year.



Student Council Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Need pies to bring to your Family's Thanksgiving dinner? The Student Council is selling 10" pies from Deluxe Bakery for Thanksgiving! The pies are $17.00 each and the **order deadline is Tuesday, November 12.** Pies can be picked up after school on **Tuesday, November 24**. **Please click here for the pie order form.** Stay tuned for more service project information coming soon from the Student Council. The annual Sock Drive is coming up next!

Library News

October Scholastic book orders and November order forms were distributed this week. If there was a problem with your order please reach out to Ms. Crowell at **pcrowell@strosenj.com.** All scholastic book orders are due on Thursday, November **5**. You can **order online** using the class code **H746Z** or send your order/payment to the library.





Our annual Barnes and Noble book fair Christmas event will take place on **Monday, November 30, (revised date)** with performances by our St. Rose Band and vocalists directed by Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Reich. **Book Fair ID is 12987459.**
Don't forget to pick up your B&N gift cards through our **Scrip / RaiseRight Program** to double our fund raising efforts!



A special shout out to this year's library aides who are shelving, pulling, sorting, delivering, picking up, and helping to make the library run smoothly. Ella Migaleddi, Jacob Peddicord, Veronica Prete, Colette Roach, Sophia Anthony, Vincent Bates, Madeleine Bauman, Niko Berg, Cleary Bieg, Lily Buckman, Molly Buechle, Kylie Cava, Michael Coulter, Anthony D'Angelo, Nora Deery, Joe Famular, Stella Fiorentino, Angela Fischetti, George Gionis, Madison Grelle, Conor Hadden, Ben Hadley, Jack Hull, Luke Kelly, John Kuzniar, Ben Maguire, Anthony Marchiano, Maeve Morrell, Gabe Orlando, Sophia Owens, Tommy Pooler, McKenzie Reily, Tessa Rotaeche, Grace Salamone

Thanksgiving Food Donations
Due: November 13

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





4th Grade Christmas Pageant

Each year 4th grade students from St. Rose of Lima School, and St. Rose Religious Education Program are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant before the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. The students tell the Story of Jesus' Birth live and in costume. We hope you will participate. **Please click here for a flyer with more information and a place to sign up**



Lost and Found

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.

We will be cleaning out the Lost & Found at the end of November. When you are visiting the school for Parent/Teacher conferences and the Christmas Bazaar, please take a moment to visit the cafeteria and look in the lost & found bins over by the gym stairs. ***All items not claimed by the end of November will be donated.***



Raise RIght Gift Card Program:

Don't buy any Christmas gifts without registering for RaiseRight first!

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 Program, please reach out to Denise Nicholson at **raiserightsrl@gmail.com** **or her cell: 609-790-6477.**



Dine and Donate: Toscana's

THIS THURSDAY, November 5: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Support the PTA on November 5 by dining at Toscana's in Audubon. They will donate a percentage of your total order to the St. Rose PTA.(Dine in or Takeout) **Click here for a flyer to show when you order!**

Family Advent Wreath Making Event:

November 29, Following the 11:00 Mass.

St. Rose of Lima Parish is hosting an Advent Wreath making event for families on November 29. **Please click here for more information and to register!**



Important Upcoming Dates

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

Date	Event
November 5	• Scholastic Book Orders Due to Ms. Crowell • **Toscana's Dine and Donate**
November 6	**HALF DAY** - **Christmas Bazaar** **(NO AFTERCARE)**
November 8	**Family Mass** @ 5:30 p.m. **5th & 6th Grade Host**
November 10	**Fall Picture Retakes**
November 12	• Student Council **Pie Order Forms Due** • 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 & Pretzels for a Purpose
November 22	**Family Mass** @ 5:30 p.m. **Alumni & HS Students Host**
November 24	Student Council Pie Sale Pick-up: 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. in the gym
November 25	• 8:30 Mass & **HALF DAY** • Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program at 11:00 a.m. (Kindergarten is dismissed after the program)
November 26 & 27	**NO SCHOOL** - *Happy Thanksgiving!*
November 29	St. Rose of Lima Parish **Advent Wreath Making Event**
November 30	Barnes & Noble Night. Book Fair ID is 12987459
December 4	School Mass 8:30 a.m.
December 6	**Family Mass** @ 5:30 p.m. **3rd & 4th Grade Host**
December 8	**NO SCHOOL** - Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)