

St. Rose of Lima School

2018-2019 Blue/Gold MEMO from the Principal's Office



December 15, 2018

Dear St. Rose of Lima School Families:

At this special time of year it is easy to get caught up in the shopping, parties, and to-do lists that many associate with Christmas. That is why it is important that as we continue to prepare for Christmas during the season of Advent, we try to keep our minds focused on The Greatest Gift that was ever given, Jesus Christ.

At St. Rose of Lima School we teach our students to see the Face of Christ in every person they see. It is our hope that families at St. Rose will always feel the presence of Christ anytime they are in our building, and see His Light in the faces of each of our students, faculty, and staff.



On behalf of St. Rose of Lima School, I would like to wish you and your family a happy, blessed, and relaxed Christmas.

See you at the Christmas Pageant!

God Bless,

Deacon Joseph Rafferty

Mid-Term reports for the Second Marking Period

Please check Renweb for your child's grades; teachers will be sending out progress reports if your child is in danger of failing the marking period.

Honor Roll - First Marking Period

Congrats to the 5th - 8th grade students who made the Honor Roll during the first marking period! Here is [the complete list](#).

Tuition Assistance for the 2019-2020 School Year.

Just a reminder that the FACTS [Tuition Assistance link](#) for the 2019-2020 School year is now open. If you would like to apply for tuition assistance, please complete an application and include all necessary documents for your application by **January 31, 2018**.

School Security Funding: Action Requested

Please see [this flyer](#) for information on how you can contact your District Legislators to help St. Rose of Lima students gain access to security funding for nonpublic schools. The vote is happening on Monday, December 17. Please consider calling or emailing your Legislators. Most, but not all, of our school families are in [District 5](#) and [District 6](#).

Recess Duty

The 2018-2019 recess calendar is attached. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with recess duty. If you have not scheduled 2 dates or would like to help out an extra day, please sign up for any available date on this [Recess Duty SignUp Genius](#) and we will add you to the calendar. Thank you so much for all of your help. Please contact Fran Watson via email fwatson@strosenj.com with any questions.



November Students of the Month

Congratulations to these deserving students! Please see the Student of the month attachment to learn more about how they each earned this award!

K - Veronica Prete

5 - Chase Haas

1 - Catherine (Cassie) Callinan

6- Simone Abrahamsen

2 - Domenic Batastini

7 - Johnathan Walker

3 - Owen Foley

8 - Patrick Scharff

4 - Maxwell Vives

Specials - Clare Callinan

School Christmas Pageant

St. Rose of Lima Christmas Pageant will be held on

Thursday, December 20th at 6:30 p.m, in the gymnasium.

The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Please click the link for the [dress suggestions for each grade](#). Children can also opt out of the dress code for the pageant and choose to wear their Winter Uniforms.



This year we will be having a live-feed of the pageant on the TV in the cafeteria so that some guests may choose to watch the show from there. The Arts Committee will also be selling concessions during the event and is in need of volunteers to help with decorating, set up, clean up and food sales. Please click on this link to sign up to volunteer: [Christmas Pageant Volunteers SignUp Genius](#)

Social Action Committee

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for the Christmas baskets! Please continue to send in items for the classroom food bins so we can keep the pantry stocked. We really appreciate the group effort that makes serving these families possible!

Bambinelli Sunday, **December 16th**



Bambinelli Sunday is this Sunday, the 3rd week of Advent! Bring in your Baby Jesus figures from your Nativity sets and have them blessed at Mass. It's a really nice thing for the children to do...especially to remind them that Jesus is the heart of Christmas. See [attached flyer](#) for an explanation of Bambinelli Sunday.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Rose of Lima Church is hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Friday, **December 28th** from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Please consider donating if you can! See [this flyer](#) for more information.

Student Council

The Student Council would like to thank all who contributed to the Sock Drive. **We are excited to announce that 1,629 pairs of socks (!)** were collected for Project Hope in Camden. The classroom that will be receiving a pizza party is 4A, They collected 220 pairs of socks. Great job to all who participated!



Yearbook

Yearbook sales will begin when we return in January.

Graduation Ad - Class of 2019 - Parents of this year's 8th grade please see the attached flyer for instructions on preparing a graduation ad for this year's yearbook.



FALCON FEST 2019 -Save the date! **Saturday, January 26**

Get your tickets early for this annual Beef & Beer for St. Rose parents, parishioners and friends. Join us to celebrate this year's honorees. \$30/person. Checks payable to St. Rose of Lima, "Falcon Fest" in memo. Online tickets available in January on the St. Rose website. Ages 21+ only. Tickets include beer, dinner, DJ and dancing.

2019 Falcon Fest Honorees:

Bob Keefe-Lifetime Friend of St. Rose
John Spangenburg-Arts Mentor
Jamie DeCastro-Athletic Mentorship
2005 Girls Track Relay Team-Athletic Achievement
Peggy Crowell-Unsung Hero of St. Rose

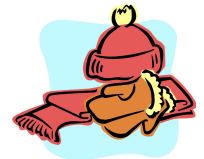
PTA Update

- We are still awaiting the final profit tally from the Christmas Bazaar. We will share when we have it.
- Thank you to Helene Usher and Patrick Askin for leading the talk on Gun Safety, and to everyone who attended. Even those families that do not own guns left surprised at how much this topic really affects them and their children. We hope to continue to do programs like this on important issues.
- The Poinsettia Sale was a success and it made approximately \$500 towards our assessment. We were able to donate the leftover poinsettias to the school to decorate!
- The Lego Event is sold out with 40 kids attending and 15 older kids volunteering. We think it will be a fun event!
Thank you to everyone who is attending and helping!
- **Great Stocking Stuffer idea:** We will be selling Pura Vida bracelets next week at the Christmas Pageant and then will have order forms available to use throughout the rest of the school year. We have bracelets in St. Rose colors and the colors of all local high schools! They are \$6 each. More information to come.

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Extra Care

Statements for December will be sent out when we return from the Christmas break. If you have an outstanding balance for November, please make sure that you send it in on **Monday, December 17th**, so that we can get it deposited. **Reminder:** Please send hats, gloves and scarves to school with children when coming to after care. We do try to take the children outside even if only for 10 minutes or so when the weather is dry. It is also a good idea to label these items so that we can get them back to you if they are misplaced.



Important Reminder

During basketball games or practice, all students and parents are reminded to remain in the gym, except when purchasing snacks. Please only use the bathrooms attached to the gym and do not roam the hallways or enter the classrooms.

Important Dates

Dec 16 - Parents' Day Out/Lego Party: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Dec 19 - Candy Grams are delivered

Dec 19 - Spirit Shop items are delivered

Dec 20 - School Christmas Pageant: 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium

Dec 21 - Rosebud Christmas Pageant: 8:30 a.m.

Dec 21 - Early Dismissal - No After Care

Dec 25 - Merry Christmas!

Dec 28 - American Red Cross Blood Drive

CHRISTMAS BREAK: DEC 23, 2018 - JANUARY 1, 2019

Jan 1 - Happy New Year!

Jan 16 - Rosebud Academy Preschool Open House and Registration Event 9:00 - 11:00 am

Jan 26 - Falcon Fest Beef and Beer 7:00 - 11:00 pm

Jan 30 - St. Rose Open House 9:30 - 11:30 am

Feb 2 - Pasta Dinner



There will be no BLUE/GOLD memo on December 30th - enjoy your break!