

St. Rose of Lima School

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



January 5, 2019



Hello and Welcome Back to School!

I hope you had a wonderful and blessed Christmas and New year with your Family.

We received word yesterday that the Nonpublic Security Bill (A4597) will be signed into law by Governor Murphy on Tuesday, January 8th. The signing ceremony will take place at 11 am in Passaic, NJ. I wanted to say Thank you to all of you who sent emails and made phone calls throughout the process. This is a great example of how all members of the nonpublic school communities working together can produce the desired results. Because of your help, St. Rose of Lima students will now benefit from the additional school security measures that these funds will help us provide.

Please see below for some more important information. We will resume our regular Blue Gold Memo schedule with the next memo on January 15.

God Bless.

Deacon Joseph Rafferty

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**.

Recess Duty

The most updated 2018-2019 recess calendar [can be found here](#). Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with recess duty. January is a tough month to fill because it is colder out there. But please consider dressing in layers and coming to help! We currently have nobody signed up to volunteer on **January 8, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 24, 30, and 31**.

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. If you have not scheduled dates and do not intend to complete your recess obligation, your opt out fee of \$35 is overdue. Please send this as soon as possible. Thank you so much for all of your help. Please contact Fran Watson via email fwatson@strosenj.com with any questions.



Assemblies

A special thank you to Mrs. Kristin Fitzpatrick for her work organizing the assembly with Matt Saffer, a Producer and Cameraman from from The Weather Channel. Our students loved this experience and learned a lot from Mr. Saffer. Please reach out to us if you have any connections to other groups who might be able to provide worthwhile assemblies to our students that could help supplement the curriculum.

Pro-Life Events in January

In January, we celebrate Pro-Life Month in the Catholic Church. Please [see these flyers](#) for more information, and prayerfully consider participating in these important events.

- 1st Annual Rubber Duck Races for Life: **January 11 and January 12 6:30 -9:00 pm**. All proceeds support pro-life activities.
- Prayer Vigil for Life: **January 17, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**
- The *March for Life Youth Pilgrimage* to Washington D.C. for youth in grades 7-12 will take place on **Friday, January 18**. This is a church youth ministry event, but Deacon Rafferty will be taking a group of 7th and 8th grade students and chaperones to participate.





Yearbook

Yearbook sales will begin soon. Please stay tuned.

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.

Catholic Schools Week 2019

Catholic Schools Week is **January 27 - February 2**. We will be sending more detailed information out about daily Catholic Schools Week activities very soon. In the meantime, please see below and save the date for Falcon Fest 2019 and the Pasta Dinner!

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. Please see this [registration form](#) for more details.



18th Annual Pasta Dinner - Saturday, February 2

The PTA Would like to invite all school families to come celebrate the closing of Catholic Schools Week with an evening of food, drink, and fun! ANTHONY'S RESTAURANT will cater the dinner and the menu includes: roasted pepper appetizers, fresh bread, garden salad, pasta with meatballs and sausage. RIZZO'S WILDLIFE WORLD, who will create an interactive experience for the children with wildlife animals, will provide entertainment. Seating is limited due to fire code restrictions so please get your reservation in soon! Cost is \$40 per family. Click here for full details and to download your [registration form](#).



Dino-mite Book Fair

This year's Scholastic Book Fair is just around the corner. We are looking for decorations to transform our library media center back to prehistoric times when dinosaurs roamed the earth. If you have any ideas or materials we could borrow for about a month we would appreciate it. It is a fun way to celebrate the joys and importance of reading!

PTA Update

- The Christmas Bazaar Profit Tally is in: **The 2018 Christmas Bazaar raised \$75,452.60! Congratulations! And Thank you again for your incredible generosity of time and money that made this event successful!**
- We are selling Pura Vida Bracelets for \$6 each. We have bracelets in St. Rose colors and the colors of all local high schools! Please see [attached document](#) to order. We will continue to offer these for sale until we sell out.

Box Tops Contest

The February Box Tops Contest is coming soon, so keep clipping and saving those box tops! We will be collecting box tops in each classroom from **February 1 - February 22** and the winning class will receive an ice cream party or pizza party (their choice!) Please see [attached documents](#) for more information.

Extra Care

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.

Community Event Highlights

- **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest - January 12** at Good Shepherd School in Collingswood. Registration begins at 12:00 noon. This is a free event and open to the public. Please see [this flyer](#) for more information.

Important Dates

Jan 11 - Half Day of School 8:30 mass, 12:00 Dismissal

Jan 11, 12 - Rubber Ducky Race for Life (Youth Ministry Event) 6:30 - 9:00 pm

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

Jan 17 - Prayer Vigil for Life: 7:00 pm

Jan 18 - The March for Life Youth Pilgrimage to Washington DC

Jan 25 - Falcon Friday

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

Jan 27 - Catholic Schools Week Kick-Off Mass Followed by Breakfast & Book Fair

Jan 28 - Catholic Schools Week Parent/Grandparent Appreciation Coffee & Donuts: 7:55 - 9:05 am
Followed by Classroom visits 9:05 - 9:50 am

Jan 30- St. Rose Open House 9:30 -11:00 am

Feb 1 - Box Tops Contest Begins

Feb 2 - Pasta Dinner 6:30 - 9:00 pm