



# St. Rose of Lima

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### March 2016

*Celebrating 50 Years of Academic Excellence!*

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##### St. Rose of Lima Mission Statement

St. Rose of Lima School is a safe, nurturing environment where a Catholic education is a choice, a challenge, and a commitment. We believe all students can achieve success, which is essential for life-long learning.

Our mission is to integrate faith and Christ-like living with academic excellence, strengthening the moral and spiritual values of our students.

Together with our families, parish, and community, we empower students to reach their full potential and to prepare them for a life of faith and service to others in our ever changing world.

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# Principal's Message

## Catholic Schools...A Journey of Faith



**As a parent or guardian, you have many options in selecting an educational opportunity for your child. It is indeed one of the most important choices you can make for your child's future. In choosing a Catholic School, you are providing your student with the spiritual and developmental skills they will need to build a bright future.**

Catholic Schools educate the mind, heart, and spirit of our students. Catholic Schools help students understand that each person is unique and valuable. Catholic Schools strive to create a special bond among the students, the home, the school, and the church, so that all share the strong sense of community. While not all students who come to Catholic School are Catholic, all share experiences of faith and values.

St. Rose of Lima School is a safe, nurturing environment that integrates faith and Christ-like living with academic excellence, strengthening the moral and spiritual values of our students. We believe all students can achieve success, which is essential for life-long learning. Together with our families, parish, and community, we empower students to reach their full potential and to prepare them for a life of faith and service to others in our ever changing world. Education in a Catholic School is a journey of faith. Thank you for choosing St. Rose of Lima School and we look forward to having you and your family continue your journey of faith with us.

## Re-Application 2016-2017

It's that time again, application for the school year 2016-2017. We are sending home a set of forms for re-application, TAP, and busing. The re-application packet will be sent home with your child. Please read all the enclosed information in the packet and send all papers back to the school office ASAP. The busing forms need to be submitted to the school office by April 1st, so we can have them to the district. Each family will receive information on TAP through SMART and you will apply online. Your online application must be submitted by March 14th so you can be **considered** for any of the School/Parish tuition assistance funds. Every family will receive a SMART Tuition payment plan application. If you were signed up last year, you will receive a pre-printed application to look over and if everything is the same, you will sign and return with a check for \$39 made out to St. Rose. If you are a new family, you will receive a blank application that you will fill out and return with a check for \$39 made out to St. Rose. Please remember SMART Tuition is the same company for TAP **and** your payment plan.

## Bottle & Cans Fundraiser

Bottles & Cans Fundraiser: Mrs. Osinski's 6th grade class has begun a fund raising event that will last all year. You can donate your returnables to the Cicero Bottle and Can Return located in the Walgreens Plaza, Route



31, Cicero. Just tell the attendant to donate the returns to the "St. Rose 6th Grade" St. Rose Class of 2016

## North Syracuse Transportation

### F.Y.I

The NSCSD Transportation Dept. has stated its policy regarding the 3 1/2 hour early dismissal procedure. Should an emergency early dismissal occur, the NSCSD will post this announcement on the local TV and radio stations. The time for early dismissal will be 11:00 am for St. Rose students, even though the TV will say the dismissal time is 12:00pm. (which is for the public schools).

### Morning Drop-Off

It has come to our attention that more and more families are still parking up in front of the school to drop their children off in the morning and at dismissal in the afternoon. For the safety of our children, please refer to your Student/Parent Handbook for the rules for drop off and pick up. The door in the back parking lot by the gym opens at 8:15am and a monitor is watching the children come into the building, also monitors are in the hallways along the way to their classroom. The front entrance is for bus drop off ONLY. After 8:30am the back door will close and then you must come to the front door and use the buzzer system. For the safety of your children we thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



## Wacky Wednesday

Wednesday, 3/2 is Dr. Seuss' birthday. A few of our classes have chosen a Dr. Seuss theme to dress in for that day. Those teachers will communicate that to parents. For the classes that are not involved with that we will dress in a "Wacky Wednesday" theme. That can be backwards, mismatched, bright colors, etc. or the children can dress in any sort of Dr. Seuss theme. This theme dress day is optional. We can't wait to see how creative our kids can be!!

## ADA-PEP News

Please congratulate the members of this year's Drug Quiz Team! The sixth grade team members are: Jason Devore, Sophia Hayes, Julia Kolodzie and Josie Schembri. The fifth grade team members are: Christina Henry, Thomas Kolodzie, Brianna Nguyen and Ralph Smith. They will be representing St. Rose on March 9th when they compete in the Diocesan Competition. They will be competing against two different teams that day. If you see any of the team members, please wish them well. They have been studying hard and will be very excited and well prepared when March 9th arrives!



## Heartfelt Thank-You's!

During Catholic Schools Week, the Kindergarten students collected food and non-perishables for blizzard bags. The blizzard bags were specifically being made for our friends at the Meals on Wheels. We recently received a thank you from one of the residents of Pitcher Hill Apartments that received one of the blizzard bags.

Here is what was said. "My mother is a Pitcher Hill resident and a client of North Area Meals on Wheels. She just showed me the lovely bag decorated by the students of St. Rose with all the cookies, crackers, soup, applesauce, etc. inside. She thought this was the sweetest thing! On behalf of her and also myself, thank you for such kindness!! Please let the students know their efforts are appreciated."

Thank you,

Ellen Szuba

Dear Teachers and children,

My husband and I are receiving Meals on Wheels. We were happily surprised with the bags of wonderful treats you put together. You have a very generous, giving spirit to think of others in such a meaningful way. Thank you so much. We will eat them and enjoy every one.



God Bless you,

Jim and Anna Baker

P.S. We thought you did a good job on Channel 9 TV!



# *In The Spotlight*

We would like to thank so many people for all the wonderful activities and volunteers we had for Catholic Schools Week. It was an awesome week, and the students had fun, learned from several speakers from, Ronald McDonald House, Make a Wish Foundation, Sister Jean Canora, OSF and Sister Caryn Crook, OSF, McMahon Advocacy Group on bullying and for our Day of Service. Of course the volleyball game was fun between the 6th grade students and the teachers. Wow!!

Thank you to the families of St. Rose and the PTO for the awesome lunch cooked and served to our faculty and staff for Teacher Appreciation. Also, thank you to the parents that offered their time to watch the classrooms while the teachers and staff ate. Thank you for the donations to the dress down day on Thursday. We were able to donate to 2 very deserving charities, Make a Wish and Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you to all the families and friends that came in for Career Day and showing the children all the wonderful career options available to them. The students especially loved Adolf the service dog. Thank you Suzanne Connelly for organizing this event. Our school treated the bus drivers to a goodie bag and beverage to thank them for their service. We hope all our families were able to enjoy the video of their children and school on News Channel 9 filling and describing blizzard bags for our friends at the local Meals on Wheels.



## Happy 100th Day Celebration

The students in Mrs. Youlen's 1st grade class celebrated 100 Days of school. The students used their imaginations to decorate their shirts with 100 of any kind of object they wanted. The classroom also provided several stations they visited that pertained to "100". The students are very proud of their accomplishment of reaching 100 Days of school !!!

# March Calendar of Events.....

- March 2 "Wacky Wednesday" Celebrate Dr. Seuss
- March 4 Stations of the Cross 1:40pm-Church/Fish Fry 4-6:30
- March 8 Grandparents Day 9:00-10:30a.m./**HALF DAY** dismissal @11/  
Bookfair
- March 9 Book Fair/Parent luncheon Ms. Bono & Mrs. Cianchetta's  
Classes 10:50a.m.
- March 10 Book Fair/OPEN HOUSE-New Families 5:30-7pm
- March 11 Book Fair/Stations of the Cross 1:40pm-  
Church/Fish Fry 4-6:30
- March 14 Confessions (after 9am Mass)
- March 15 PTO Meeting 6:30pm
- March 16 Confessions (after 9am Mass)
- March 17 St. Patrick's Mass 9:00am (4th grade participating)
- March 18 Confessions (after 9am Mass)/Stations of the  
Cross 1:40pm- Church/Fish Fry 4-6:30pm
- March 19 BINGO with a Twist
- March 23 Easter "Egg"stravaganza
- March 24 **NO SCHOOL**-Holy Thursday
- March 25 **NO SCHOOL**-Good Friday
- March 27 Happy Easter
- March 30 Parent luncheon Mrs. St. Denny & Mrs.  
Cretaro's classes



## Mini-Courses

After school mini-courses are a part of our enhancement program. The classes are run by the families of St. Rose of Lima. They are held after school from 3:00-4:00 for a 6 week period beginning in April. Some examples of classes we have had in the past are story time, arts & crafts, board games, scrap booking, cupcake making, chess, knitting, sewing, science experiments, comedy, theatre, woodworking, bird watching, braille, sign language, Spanish, Latin, etc. The possibilities are endless. Please consider offering 1 hour a week after school for up to 6 weeks to give the children a new and exciting experience! You pick the day of the week and how many weeks you wish to give to them. Name your course, and if the class will require supplies, the class will have a fee to cover the costs. If you would like to offer your time but are uncertain of what you can offer perhaps we can make a suggestion for you. We welcome Grandparents to be a part of our program as well. Please contact Jen Timmons with questions, [jtimmons4@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jtimmons4@twcny.rr.com) or 436-7688 call/text.



### Mini-Course Instructor Sign-Up

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#/E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Course Title \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description:

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# of students you wish to have in your class \_\_\_\_\_ grade levels \_\_\_\_\_

Day of the week your class will be held \_\_\_\_\_ # of weeks \_\_\_\_\_

# PTO Monthly Newsletter

## St. Rose of Lima PTO

Contact: Jen Timmons 436-7688 or [jtimmmons4@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jtimmmons4@twcny.rr.com)

## WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!

### THANK YOU'S

There are so many families we wish to thank for all the baking, set up, and clean up for our Catholic Schools week **Open House**.

The **Staff Luncheon** was amazing! The smells radiated through the building. This event could not have been a success without you! Thank you to **everyone** for their talents and time. It was a nice time had by all.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Grandparent/Special Persons Day (March 8<sup>th</sup>)**- We need helpers to set up, serve, and clean up in the hospitality area during the event. We also need volunteers to work the Book Fair from 9:00-11:00.

**Book Fair (March 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>)**- We are in need of volunteers to assist the younger students shop and check out during their classroom visit to the bookfair. Please contact Ellaina-eastolp@gmail.com

**Easter Eggstravaganza (March 23<sup>rd</sup>)**- This event requires some prep work and planning. We also will need donations for the egg hunt and baskets. Letter requests will go home soon asking for help.

**FUN DAYS**- This event will not be until June but it takes many months to plan. This is a very memorable and fun day for your children. Please consider joining our planning committee.

### WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE EFFORTLESSLY

**BOX TOPS**- send in all box tops & labels to school

**SHOPAROO**- get the app on your phone & register as St Rose

**SPIRIT WEAR**- show off your St Rose spirit. Dress code items are available as well at [saintrose.deco-apparel.com](http://saintrose.deco-apparel.com)

**\*Don't forget to check out our lightly used uniform room. Please send in what you no longer need.**



### Upcoming Events

#### March 8

Grandparent's Day

#### March 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

Scholastic Book Fair

#### March 15

PTO Meeting (6:30 Library)

#### March 23

Easter Eggstravaganza

### JOIN US.....

Please come to a meeting and become a stronger member of our team, there are so many different ways to help make great memories for your child and their school!!

**Our next meeting is**

**Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**(6:30 in the library)**

## MARCH CAFETERIA NEWS

It has been quite a winter, however, spring is in the air and arrives on Sunday, March 20th.

The price for a student's lunch is \$2.15. I strongly encourage parents to prepay using checks rather than cash. You can prepay in advance as long as it is in \$2.15 increments. This does not mean your child has to purchase lunch every day. I will keep track on a daily basis. Checks should be made out to "St. Rose School Lunch" and should include your child's name and room number on the memo line of your check. If you send cash please include your child's name and room number on the envelope. Please send a note to the cafeteria if you do not want your child to purchase snacks or ice cream from their prepaid account.

You can still apply for The Free and Reduced Lunch Program if you already haven't done so. Also, if your family income changes at anytime during the year you could be eligible. Applications are always at the main office.

Parents are always welcome to come and have lunch with their child. This month we will be inviting our Kindergarten Mrs. Cianchetta and Pre K Ms. Bono classes on Wednesday March 9. We are also inviting K-Prep Mrs. St. Denny and Mrs. Cretaro classes on Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup>. Each month we will invite the parents of a different grade level. If parents are unable to attend, please feel free to invite a special person (grandparent, aunt, uncle etc.) This is a great opportunity to experience a cafeteria lunch and to see the healthy choices that are offered to your child each day. The cost of the lunch is \$ 4.00 per adult and the student lunch is \$2.15. If parents would like Chicken Nuggets, Chicken Patty, Hot Dog or PBJ instead of Turkey dinner please send in your request. This will insure we prepare enough to cover your lunch needs. Thank you.

If you have any questions, concerns, comments or suggestions PLEASE feel free to call me at 458-6036.

God Bless You!

Mr. Nick



*St. Rose of Lima School Prayer*

*Our Father Who Art In Heaven*

*Bless Our Catholic School.*

*Thy Kingdom Starts Inside Our Walls,*

*To Lead Us All To You.*

*Give Us This Day A Holy Place,*

*To Learn And Follow You.*

*And Let Us Make A Difference Today*

*In All We Say And Do.*

*Dear Father, Please Bless All The Good*

*People, Living And Deceased, Who Have Sacrificed And*

*Prayed So That*

*We Could Attend St. Rose Of Lima School.*

*Draw Them Lovingly, To Your*

*Sacred Heart. We Ask This Through Mary, Your*

*Blessed Mother. Amen*