

WELCOME

On behalf of Father Michael O'Reilly, Miss Suzanne Smoley, the faculty, and staff of St. Rose School, welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. This is St. Rose School's 49th year of operation. Our faculty and staff are prepared for another great year. As parents, you are the primary educators of your children. Our goal is to work together to help the student learn, grow, and develop to his or her full potential. Our school faculty and staff are dedicated to that goal.

This handbook contains our school Mission Statement, Schoolwide Learning Expectations philosophy, policies, and regulations. We all work together in order to assure that our school accomplishes its important goals in all areas. Parents and students should take time to become familiar with the contents of the handbook. The signature sheet at the back of this handbook **MUST** be signed by both parents/guardians and students and returned no later than **Wednesday, September 9, 2009**. Please keep this handbook in a safe place where you can refer to it when needed.

This handbook is for informational purposes only. It is not intended to represent the full and complete policy of the school. All rules, regulations, requirements, etc., of both the State of California and the Diocese of Sacramento also apply, although not necessarily listed herein. Also, the school reserves the right to change, alter, delete, add to, or otherwise amend this notice without notice. All inquiries regarding information in this handbook should be directed to the principal who has the sole responsibility for the content thereof.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Rose of Lima Catholic School is a parish school that serves as a bridge to the wider community of faith and focuses on the spiritual, academic, and social development of each child. Together with the parents, who are the primary educators of their children, the faculty and staff lay the foundation for learning as we promote Gospel values and bring the Catholic faith to life.

SAINT ROSE SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

With the message of Jesus Christ always as our foundation, we the faculty and staff of Saint Rose School strive to develop the whole child. We endeavor to instill Catholic values, which will foster human formation and integrate faith, culture, and life. Recognizing the parent as the primary educator, we - parents, faculty, staff and the faith community - seek together to create an atmosphere in which each child may develop to his or her full potential.

SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

A St. Rose Student is...

A. A person of faith who:

- 1. Actively celebrates the beliefs and traditions of the Catholic Church through prayer, study, and experience.**
- 2. Lives Gospel values in thought, word, and deed.**
- 3. Respects and cares for self, others, and all of God's creations.**
- 4. Is a steward of the gifts given by God.**

B. An active learner who:

- 1. Successfully meets the academic outcomes at each grade level.**
- 2. Is self-motivated and demonstrates initiative.**
- 3. Uses self-discipline, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills.**
- 4. Uses technology and other resources to obtain and communicate information.**

C. A responsible citizen who:

- 1. Respects and appreciates differences in the world.**
- 2. Makes responsible choices for one's own spiritual, physical, and emotional health.**
- 3. Accepts responsibility and consequences for one's actions.**
- 4. Seeks out peaceful conflict resolution.**
- 5. Demonstrates fairness and good sportsmanship.**