

## **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

### **STUDENT SERVICE PROGRAM (For Grades K – 8)**

St. Rose School Students serve others in the community during the school year. The motto is; "I Can Make A Difference, I Will Make A Difference. Working Together With My Fellow Classmates, We Will All Make A Difference!"

Some Examples of Service Are:

- Gather canned foods for St. Vincent de Paul Food Locker
- Raise money to provide turkeys, for holiday food baskets
- Adopt families - providing gifts at Christmas time
- Visit convalescent homes
- Contribute to the Sacramento Life Center and Holy Childhood Association during the Lenten season
- Donate food items and decorate lunch bags for the WWJD program
- Student prayer group

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE (For Eighth Grade As Approved By CSAC)**

Eighth grade students are required to perform twenty-five hours of community service prior to graduation. Community service is to be assistance to the school, parish, charitable organizations or family that is above and beyond normal or required obligations.

### **FIRST FRIDAY MASSES**

Students will attend Mass at 9:00 am on the First Friday of each month. YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO COME CELEBRATE THE LITURGY WITH THE CHILDREN.

### **GRADUATION (Eighth Grade)**

Graduation exercises are to be simple, brief, and dignified.

Graduation Day Activities may include Celebration of the Eucharist followed by the graduation ceremony. Everyone is invited to attend. A dinner and awards ceremony is planned for the parents and graduates of the Class of 2010. Graduation activities are at the discretion of the administration and the eighth grade teacher. Social activities connected with graduation shall be simple, inexpensive, and appropriate for eighth grade. They are not to be disruptive of school routine. The graduation fee is \$50.00 and the fee is due by January 4, 2010.

Parties for graduates following graduation are the sole responsibility of the parents.

### **CALIFORNIA JUNIOR SCHOLASTIC FEDERATION (CJSF)**

CJSF is an Honors organization that is open to qualified students from grades 7 and 8 who meet the academic requirements. The purpose of California Junior Scholarship Federation is to foster high standards of scholarship, service, and citizenship. Students in grades 7 and 8 are eligible each trimester, though membership is not mandatory.

### **ACADEMIC DECATHLON**

The Academic Decathlon is a competition for students in grades 7-8. St. Rose School forms a team of participating students who compete in ten events. Two are collaborative team efforts and the remaining eight events test individual knowledge of the Roman Catholic doctrine, English, literature, science, mathematics, current events, social studies, and fine arts (art and music). There is a \$50.00 participation fee for Academic Decathlon due February 1, 2010.

### **FOURTH—SIXTH GRADE ENRICHMENT COURSES**

Elective courses will be offered for the intermediate grades one day per week for one class period. Fifth and sixth grades rotate through a variety of enrichment experiences planned and prepared by the teachers. These courses will be offered over 4-6 weeks, one or two times per year. Enrichment courses are non-graded and are to enrich the regular academic curriculum. Fourth grade receives instruction in computer keyboarding, two classes periods per week.

## **BAND**

The Saint Rose School Band, under the direction of a qualified instructor, is open to students in grades 5-8. Students have a lesson once a week, given at Saint Rose School. Band performs at school concerts and participates in Catholic Schools Week Mass.

## **BELL CHOIR**

St. Rose School Bell Choir, under the direction of a qualified teacher, offers both beginning and advanced classes to fourth through eighth grade students. Classes meet once a week at St. Rose. Both Bell Choirs perform at school concerts. Advanced Bell Choir participates in Mass and performs occasionally off campus on field trips to places like St. Rose Senior group and convalescent homes.

## **CHORUS GROUP**

The Saint Rose School Chorus, under the direction of a qualified instructor, is open to students in grades 3 - 8. Junior Chorus (grades 3—4) and Senior Chorus (grades 5—8) meet once a week at St. Rose School. Both chorus groups perform at school concerts and the Diocesan Choral Festival, and participate in Mass.

## **STUDENT FUND RAISING**

Fund raising to finance social activities will be on a limited basis. Activities must have the approval of the Principal. Use of the money is at the discretion of the Principal. All moneys collected or raised must be deposited in the school bank account.

## **LUNCH PROGRAM**

A ticket-less lunch program is offered through a catering service named Schoolhouse Catering. Each student is given a lunch menu (monthly calendar) a couple of weeks prior to the start of the month. Giving parents an opportunity to purchase lunches for their children each month. Order forms (one menu per child) and pre-payment is required for the lunches the student(s) plans to eat. There are three choices on the quantities of entrees that are offered...

one entrée = \$3.50 / two entrees = \$4.00 / three entrees = \$4.50

In addition to the entrée, students are able to help themselves at the seasonal fresh fruit and veggie bar. Payment for lunches goes directly to **Schoolhouse Catering**. Completed order forms and payment are returned to the school office and given to Schoolhouse Catering. Schoolhouse Catering keeps all the records for purchased lunches. Questions regarding a student's order should be referred to Schoolhouse Catering - [Please call 747-1358 ~ Jill]

## **MILK PROGRAM**

Milk is available for purchase @ \$63.00 for the school year. If a child chooses to have milk after the first trimester, the price of the milk will be pro-rated accordingly.

## **LIBRARY PROGRAM**

Students are permitted to borrow books from the Saint Rose School library during library hours. Borrowed books are due back to the school library on the due date stamped on the inside cover of the book. Lost or damaged library books are the responsibility of the borrower. A minimum \$10.00 fine will be charged for lost or damaged books. The student who signed out the book is responsible for an overdue or lost book. Writing in library books is not permitted. Reference materials are for the use of the students while they are in the library and may not be checked out.

## **PERMISSION TO LEAVE SCHOOL YARD**

Parental permission is needed before a student may leave the schoolyard. Students who go home for lunch must have their parent sign a permission slip to leave the school grounds. Students who walk or ride a bike home after school **must** have a signed slip on file in the office. PARENTS ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FROM THE TIME THE CHILD LEAVES THE SCHOOL YARD.

Any child who leaves the school during school hours **MUST** be signed out and back in at the school office.

## **FIRE/EARTHQUAKE DRILLS**

The signal for the fire drill will be the continuous sound of a loud bell. Students are to walk silently to the outside areas in single file and remain in the ranks at all times. At the whistle signals, all will return to the building by the same routes in **silence**. All persons are to leave the building during a fire drill. Fire drills take place once a month. An earthquake drill will take place after each fire drill, when the students return to class.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

Teachers may arrange field trips of interesting and educational nature for their students. The administrator must approve such field trips in advance of the actual trip. The children must have a signed permission slip for each trip, which is distributed by the students' teacher. No other signed form can be substituted and no phone call authorization will be accepted.

Those transporting children must have completed the driver's insurance coverage form and follow the volunteer guidelines as listed in this handbook. The minimum age for driver is twenty-one (21). **Those driving may not bring siblings on the trip.**

As students are representing Saint Rose School, they are required to wear the school uniform on all trips away from school unless the Principal, in conference with the teacher, deems other non-uniform attire necessary.

All parents/guardians who drive children for school-sponsored activities must be covered with auto liability insurance. Current volunteer driver information forms must be completed and left in the school office. The privately owned vehicle policy must provide liability coverage on the automobile driven in the amounts no less than \$100,000.00 individual / \$300,000.00 cumulative each loss or occurrence bodily injury, \$50,000.00 property damage, \$5,000.00 per person medical, and \$100,000.00 uninsured motorist insurance. Parents are reminded that the number of persons in a car should not exceed the number for which the car was constructed and all children must wear a seat belt. The school must have a copy of each driver's valid license and current proof of automobile insurance. **Field trip drivers must strictly adhere to the itinerary of the planned trip.** If the driver deviates from the itinerary, they become ineligible under the liability insurance of the school.

## **JUNIOR HIGH OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS**

Each year the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and their teachers along with parent chaperone volunteers take overnight field trips for purposes related to grade-level curriculum. The cost of the trips ranges from \$230.00 - \$350.00 per child. It is the responsibility of the student and his/her family to cover the cost.

## **ROOM PARENTS**

Each Class has two (2) room parents assigned to help the teachers with the planning of classroom parties, field trips, and other items per teacher request. Room parents are guided by both the classroom teacher(s) and Room Parent Coordinator.

## **CLASSROOM PARTIES**

The students are allowed parties on the following occasions:

- 1) Halloween,
- 2) Christmas,
- 3) Valentines Day
- 4) Teacher's Birthday

Teachers have their own policies regarding student birthdays. If a parent/guardian would like to provide birthday treats for their child's class, they must first plan this with the teacher.

## **HOME PARTIES**

Invitations to birthday parties, etc. MAY NOT be passed out on school property, unless ALL members of the class are invited.

## **SCHOOL PICTURES**

Individual and group pictures are taken of the students each year. The parents may purchase these if they wish. Please check the school calendar for the date. Checks are to be made to the photographer and not to the school.

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Saint Rose School participates in General Mills Cereal Box Tops for Education Program. This is an excellent opportunity for us to obtain much needed school equipment - FREE - in exchange for labels and other proofs of purchase. Families may also help St. Rose school students by registering online > [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

## **SCRIP PROGRAM**

Parent Guild Scrip program is an ongoing fundraiser for St. Rose School. It is a fundraiser that does not cost any extra money to use. As a part of the Parent Guild "parent commitment" each family is required to purchase a minimum of \$3,000.00 of Scrip during the 2009-2010 school year (ending May 31, 2010). School families may elect to forego the purchase of Scrip and pay a Scrip fee of \$250.00 which is donated to the Parent Guild Scrip program.

### **There are three ways to earn Scrip donations for St. Rose School:**

Card Scrip / Paperless Scrip / E-Scrip

Card Scrip — is gift cards or gift certificates purchased by St. Rose School Parent Guild from the business vendors at a discounted rate. Families buy the Scrip at face value to use for purchases or gifts. The school gets the difference (anywhere from 1% to 13%). A list of participating merchants is available in the office and on the school website. Scrip is offered for sale in the school office, after school during the "loop" time, through an order form, or outside the church after the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses and on-line at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com).

Paperless Scrip — is Raley's / Bel Air, Target, and Office Depot's corporate giving plan. Parents need to register (on-line) their (store) club card so that donations will go directly to St. Rose School Parent Guild. Each time a family swipes their club card at a store it will generate a record of the profit earned. St. Rose School automatically receives the store's periodic reports to show the earnings our school families' raised by using their paperless Scrip card.

E-Scrip — Another way families can participate in the St. Rose School Parent Guild Scrip Program is by signing up at eScrip at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), (our St. Rose School group number is 139839273). Through e-scrip families can register their credit, debit and ATM cards online. Participating merchants (e-Scrip vendors) will make contributions through e-Scrip to St. Rose School Parent Guild based on our families' usage.

In all three cases—**Card Scrip, Paperless Scrip, and E-Scrip** records will be sent to St. Rose School Parent Guild and tracked by one of the Scrip Coordinators. Reports will be calculated on a regular basis and a copy of the school families' Scrip purchases will be distributed so that parents can view their progress in reaching their \$3,000.00 goal. Scrip Progress reports will be included in the Parent Guild Newsletter and distributed as available. **The tallying of Scrip purchases for the school year begins June 1, 2009 and ends May 31, 2010.**

2009 – 10 Scrip Coordinators: Suzanne Davenport, Karen Grehm, and Cheri McCurry