



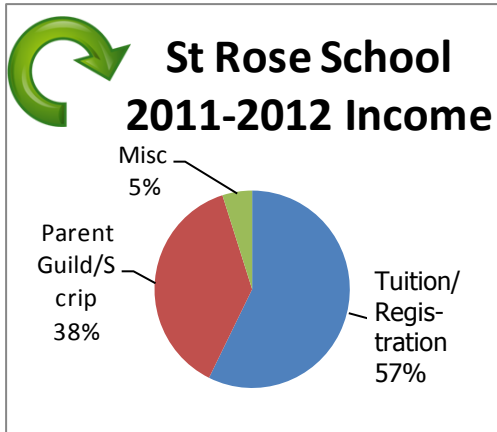
From The Principal's Desk:



We are still in our Advent season and anxiously awaiting the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas Day. And yet, this is also the time in the year that your school administration looks even further ahead, not just to the New Year 2012 but to the coming school year 2012-13. Yes, soon, all too soon, your Catholic School Advisory Commission (CSAC) will be working with Fr. O'Reilly and me to develop a new budget for the 2012-2013 school year; the Parent Guild will be preparing the next year's calendar of fundraising/social events, revising the Parent Service Points Positions information; our office staff will be building the registration process for the new school year as well.

I'd like to take this opportunity to apprise you of the direct impact your fundraising efforts have on your child/ren's education at St. Rose School. The pie chart is a graphic demonstration of the proportion of income, including Scrip, generated by the Parent Guild fundraising efforts.

To bring this to a more personal level, the impact of Parent Guild fundraising on our budget is comparable to what a second income might mean to a two income family. Parent Guild is budgeted to net \$120,000.00



from Scrip, the Annual Auction, the Crab Feed/Raffle, and other "fun" raisers for which Parent Guild is responsible. This has a direct connection to the tuition rate you pay. Fundraiser income is 38% of the school's gross yearly income.

Here's where we stand in this regard. In my discussions with Fr. O'Reilly, CSAC, Parent Guild, Strategic Planning Committee, the Communications/Development Team, and in numerous other conversations with you, our parents, I see again this year, that we are being led in a direction that will assist our school community in broadening our horizons. Among our goals: cultivating new resources for St. Rose School in the community-at-large and giving the many friends of St. Rose School a renewed opportunity to participate in our future.

Proudly, St. Rose School just celebrated 50 years of Catholic Education, of Faith of Tradition, of Service, and of Family. Now in our 51st year, we are the school and parish family and community that continue to withstand the test of time. Please join me; please join your fellow parents and families in this endeavor. Please watch for and read the information that comes home to you as we proceed with the action plans toward meeting our one-year objectives. Call 916-782-1161 ext. 102 or email me ssmoley@strose.org with ideas sparked by what you are reading. Continue to pray for our families, our school, and our parish.

I wish for all of you, a very Blessed Christmas and a prosperous and fulfilling New Year.



Attached Items

- ◆ January Calendar
- ◆ January Home & School
- ◆ Exploring Soulful Parenting
- ◆ 2012-13 Sibling Inquiry Form
- ◆ Crab Feed Raffle Tickets (Envelope)
- ◆ Crab Feed Dessert Auction Flyer
- ◆ Crab Feed Dinner & Raffle Flyer
- ◆ Scrip Order Form/Flyer



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Principal's News Bulletins:



A humongous thank you to all of our generous school families who gave so willingly to those in need. The **Adopt-a-Family program** was a tremendous success!!! Through your amazing generosity we were able to provide toys and gifts for many families in need this Christmas! Children who may not have received anything for Christmas, will now enjoy opening a gift. Thank you.



Special thanks to Fr. O'Reilly, Mrs. Horner, Mrs. Robles, and all the teachers for their assistance preparing and rehearsing with the students for the 2011 St. Rose School Advent/Christmas Program. I was so impressed with the students' participation; as *We Gathered Around the Christmas Tree*.

Christmas Vacation: School and Extended Day Care will be closed Friday, Dec. 16 @ 12:00 pm—Jan. 2. The school office will be closed too. May you be blessed with a joyful, peace-filled Christmas and enjoy a bright 2012. We will welcome our students back from Christmas break when **school resumes** on Tues., Jan. 3, 2012.

TK—8th grade "Sibling Inquiry Forms" are enclosed. If applicable please complete and return to the school office by Thursday, January 5, 2012.

Progress Reports will go home **Thursday, 1/5/12** with students grades 3—8 and then again **Tuesday, 1/31/12** with students in grades 1-8.



Friday, January 6th—TK—8th grade students and staff will attend **9:00 am Mass, prepared by representatives from each class; all families are welcome to join us.** Students must wear their full school uniform—(girls in skirts and boys in pants). Students are encouraged to bring cans of food to present at the Offertory of the Mass for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Locker.

Fri., Jan. 6th is a minimum day. Dismissal is at noon for grades 1—8 and 11 am for the TK and K classes. Extended Day Care is open for TK— 8 (please plan for lunch). Extended Day Care will be **ordering pizza**. If you would like to order, notify Extension. **The cost is \$3.50 per person and prepayment is required.**

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Basketball Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 8th from 1:00—3:00 pm. This competition is held for students ages 10 - 14 ~ boys and girls. Contestants must bring a birth certificate and a parent with them in order to compete.

Jan. 14 is the next Saturday Workday from 8:30 am—12:30 pm. Many thanks to Toni Davis, Chairperson and the **team of workday volunteers** for sprucing up our campus.

We will be observing Monday, January 16th for the **Martin Luther King, Jr.** holiday; No school or Extended Day Care.

On Saturday, January 21, 2012 all Sacramento Area Catholic High Schools will be holding their Placement Testing. **Students must be registered prior to the test date at the school of your choice.** All contact information is below. **Each student should bring two #2 pencils.** Calculators are not permitted.

Christian Brothers High School: www.cbhs-sacramento.org
Kelly Harrington (916) 733-3690 kharrington@cbhs-sacramento.org

St. Francis High School: www.stfrancishs.org
Moira O'Brien (916) 737-5095 mobrien@stfrancishs.org

Jesuit High School: www.jhssac.org
Debbie Case (916) 482-6060 ext.227 cased@jhssac.org

Cristo Rey High School: Admissions Office at (916) 400-3478 Please
Ileana Oseguera (916) 400-3478 ioseguera@crstoreysacramento.org



The **Parent Guild Crab Feed & Raffle** are coming our way on **Saturday, Jan. 28th**. Don't miss out on the fun!!!! Please see the next page for more details on how you can catch some winning great cash prizes. **The Crab Feed Cash Raffle tickets' envelope is attached.**

News From The Principal's Desk:

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

begins on Sunday, January 29 as we

celebrate Faith, Academics, and Service alive our Catholic School community. The week-long celebration begins at the Sunday, January 29th 9:00 a.m. Mass. Our St. Rose School Open House will begin after the 9:00 am Mass and continue through 12 noon.



Grandparents and Special Friends of our St. Rose School students, school families, St. Rose of Lima Parishioners (and families of our surrounding parishes), and prospective families seeking Catholic education for their children... **YOU ARE ALL INVITED...** Join us on **Sunday, January 29th** for our Catholic Schools Week Kick-off Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by hospitality in the parish hall, our student art show, activities in the classrooms brought to you by our students and teachers, a tour of St. Rose School if you like, and a visit to the SRS library-sponsored Scholastic Book Faire. This is a **MUST-SEE, NOT-GOING-TO-WANT-TO-MISS** opportunity.

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** is scheduled from January 23– 29, 2012 and we're thrilled to offer this educational experience to our students. This year's theme is **Book Faire Luau** We invite your entire family to participate by visiting us during Book Fair week. You and your child will get the chance to purchase best-sellers, Newbery and Caldecott Medal-winning books, chapter books, picture books, and hundreds of other items only available at the Scholastic Book Fair.



Thank you for believing in the importance of reading! Many thanks to Mrs. Bresniker and the Book Faire volunteers for organizing this event. **Additional parents are needed.** If you can help with the Book Faire please contact Mrs. Bresniker at 916.784.2837.

Please Mark Your Calendar...

St. Rose School Parent Guild is hosting the **8th Annual Crab Feed / Raffle** **January 28, 2012 at 6:00 pm** **In the parish hall/gym**

Dinner Tickets are now on sale at \$45 per adult

Includes All-You-Can-Eat: Crab—Shrimp—Pasta—Salad



Don't Miss Out— Seating is Limited— Catch your reserved seat early! Crab Feed Dinner Tickets make Great Christmas Gifts too!!!

The evening also includes:

BBQ Oyster Bar (\$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00)

Dessert Auction

(Winning Bidders get a delicious dessert to top off their meal)

No-Host Bar

(Beverage tickets are sold in increments of \$1.00)

(Absolutely No Outside Alcohol May Be Brought Into The Event)

TK—8th Grade Applications

For the 2012—13 School Year Will Be Available at our Open House on **January 29th** and in the **School Office beginning Jan. 30, 2012**

We will be accepting students' completed applications and the supporting documents in February 2012 according to priority and on a first-come-first-served basis.



Siblings of current students have first priority for school registration, however, a completed application and \$320.00 registration fee must be received by February 6, 2012.

Age Requirements for TK, Kinder, and DK

Kindergarten Applicants must be 5 years old by September 1, 2012

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) applicants must turn 5 years old by December 2, 2012; beginning class August 2012 when Kinder—8th grade classes start the 2012-13 school year.

Developmental (DK) Kindergarten applicants must be 5 years old before March 1, 2013. DK applicants who turn 5 years old after December 2, 2012 and before March 1, 2013 are able to join the TK class (already in progress) the month they turn 5 yrs. old.

The 2012 St. Rose School Parent Guild CASH RAFFLE

We invite each family to sell at least 4 books of raffle tickets. The cash raffle books were sent home today with the January Messenger. This gives families a chance to get an early start on selling them to family and friends over the Christmas break. The cash raffle prizes are \$1,000.00, \$500.00, and \$250.00. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each or a book of 6 for \$10.00.



For every 5 books your family sells, your name will be entered in a special reward drawing to win \$100.00.

Get a jump on the class competition ... The two classes with the highest participation and most sold books respectively, each will win a prize party!



More details are included with the enclosed raffle tickets' envelope.

SPORTS CORNER: (from Dave Koumelis, Athletic Director)

Our PAL Spring Sports Season is in need of Coed Track and Boys Volleyball coaches. We want our stu-



dents to participate in these Spring Sports, but without coaches???



Can you help??? Please contact Dave at davidatews@yahoo.com or 916.367-3383.

A Friendly Reminder Regarding PAL Sports Sweatshirts:

The PAL basketball sweatshirts may be worn after school as part of the students' sports uniform or on free dress days. They are not part of the school uniform and may not be worn to class. Thank you



A Time for Thanks
A time for gathering
A time to share
A time to linger
A time to enjoy
A time to be grateful



**St. Rose of Lima Parish
Volunteer Gathering
Wed., 12/28, 4:00—8:00 pm
An Invitation from our Pastor
Fr. Michael O'Reilly**

I would like to invite you to our Annual Open House, here at the Parish Center. I open my doors to all who come! I thank each and everyone of you for your sincere and continued volunteerism throughout 2011. I look forward to visiting with each and every one of you. I extend this invitation to all parish ministries here at St. Rose.

May the Blessings of the Season be upon you and yours,

*God Bless,
Fr. Michael O'Reilly*

