

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CHRIST INSPIRED ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

PRINCIPAL CORNER

APRIL 1, 2025

HOLY WEEK!

DATES TO REMEMBER!

MASS 2ND GRD	4/3 8:30
REPORT CARDS SENT HOME	4/4
LIVE ROSARY	4/16 9:00
LAST SUPPER	4/17 12:00
LIVE STA- TIONS OF THE CROSS	4/18 9:00
EARLY RELEASE GOOD FRIDAY	4/18 12:00
STUDENT OF THE MONTH MASS 1ST GRD	4/24 8:30
EARLY RELEASE	4/25 12:00
SCIENCE SBA 5TH GRD	4/29 8:30-11
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Holy Week Activities!

Holy Week is the week after spring break. This is one of the most reverent and soul touching weeks at St. Rose School.

We welcome all families to join us for any of our planned activities in the gym. Here is our Holy Week line up.

Tuesday, April 16th at 9:00, students will be participating in a live rosary. They each say a part of the rosary

laid out on the floor. It is beautiful:)

April 17th at 12:00, students will reenact the Last Supper and Washing of the Feet. Students are able to taste unleavened bread and get a glimpse of the last supper where Jesus instituted the Mass.

On April 18th at 12:00, students will participate and watch our Live Stations of the Cross ceremony, This ceremony is

so touching. It is an opportunity to see the sacrifice Jesus gave for our sins.

Friday the 18th is also Good Friday, the day Jesus dies on the cross. All crucifixes in the school are carried to the gym at 8:30 and covered with a purple cross in remembrance that Jesus was not with us for three days. The gym is kept reverent throughout the day.

DID YOU NOTICE WE HAVE 2 EARLY RELEASE DAYS?

In recognition of Good Friday, we will have an early release at 12:00 April 18th. We pray you all have a blessed Easter weekend.

Friday, April 25th will be our early release professional development day. Students are released at 12:00 and teachers will spend the afternoon working on the 4 domains for ac-

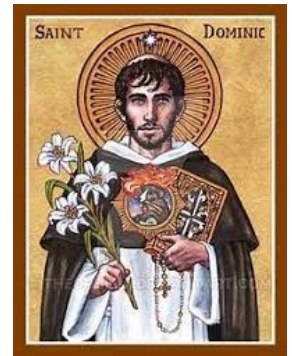
creditation. We are almost done with the writing and evidence collection process! Our next step will be to form our action plan and goals to work on during our next accreditation cycle.

APRIL BEATITUDE AND VIRTUE LESSON

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, for they shall inherit the Earth. Students will be learning about what it means to be poor in spirit this month. The first Friday of each month, Mrs. K teaches each class what the beatitude of the month

means and how to show it in our daily lives. Are we putting others before ourselves? Do we know what empathy is? Do we freely give empathy with not expectation in return? The virtue of having a faithful spirit in easy

and tough moments will be studied. We also study a saint that exemplifies the beatitude we are focusing on. This month we will get to know St Dominic de Guzman. St. Dominic said, “you can be lacking in poverty of spirit if you possess nothing more than a cloak or a book; you can be poor even though you possess an empire if, while saying, “all things are mine,” you add, “and I am Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.”



SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT BEGINS THIS MONTH!

April and May are when our 3rd–6th grade students participate in the state test, Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA). We approach this test more as a teaching tool to guide instruction and find any gaps in curriculum we may have. For our 6th grade students, the SBA scores are used for placement into middle school

classes. We encourage students to take their time and do their best.

Please make sure your students are in attendance on the listed dates. We have firm guidelines given to us as to when the test is to be given and how to administer. If the test has begun and your student is absent, they will have to complete the test the day they return before they are allowed

to rejoin the classroom. This ensures test security and content is upheld.

We are cheering the students on and making the testing sessions as stress free as possible. Think extra snacks and fun extra breaks:) *Please make sure your students eats a healthy breakfast and leaves their Chromebook at school each day to be ready for the next day!

TEST SECURITY

Testing week begins April 29th. You will notice signs on the door to announce we are testing. During testing, the hallway and all classrooms will be closed to visitors. If you need to get something to your student, simply leave it in the office and we will get it to them during a predetermined break or after lunch when testing

is done for the day. Each day, testing will be held from 8:30-11:00. The afternoon schedule will remain normal. ****Some testing security norms:** Please note all electronics, including smart watches, have to be away in backpacks and in a secure location during testing. Students are taught to not discuss test questions or content in between sessions, on the busses,

at lunch, or recess. No electronic device can be used during any testing session for any purpose other than taking the test. Once the sessions is completed and all students are complete, security can be lifted.