



# ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL CORNER

MAY 4, 2026

## TIME TO SHOW WHAT WE KNOW! SBA MONTH!!

### SBA TEST DATES

ELA SBA 3-6TH	5/5- 5/7
CROWNING OF MARY MASS	5/7 8:30
MATH SBA 3RD-6TH GRADE	5/19- 5/21
MAKE-UP SBA	5/11- 5/28
SOM MASS	5/28 8:30
EARLY RELEASE	5/29

### Last Days of Pre-School!

Our pre-school days are almost at an end.

Pre-3 will have their last day 5/21 and

Pre-4 will have their last day 5/22.

### Message From Principal

May is the month 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.

### TEST SECURITY

Test week begins this week. 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

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 begin the test the day they return. If the class has already completed the test, the student will begin and complete the test in a separate room. 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 eat a healthy breakfast and leave their Chromebook at school each day to be ready for the next day!

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.



## BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

We will spend the month of May learning about what it means to be meek and inherit the earth. Students learn that being meek takes an extraordinary amount of strength! We will be learning not only about saints who exemplify meekness, but amazing Catholic leaders who used their meek spirit to help our world. This week we are learning about Louie Pasteur. Louie was a devout

Catholic who was quiet and struggled at school. He went on to invent the pasteurization process and so much more!



## CROWNING OF MARY MASS!

Each year in May, we honor the Virgin Mary as our Holy Mother, and her holy example of humbleness and obedience to God. As Catholics, we strive to model our prayer life, devotion to God, and trust in the Lord. The first Mass in May is our Crowning of Mary Mass. We crown her as our heavenly mother and bring flowers to Mass. Thursday, May 7th is our crowning of Mary Mass. Students can

bring flowers and process up the aisle at the beginning of Mass to lay them as the feet of our beautiful statue.



