

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CHRIST INSPIRED ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

PRINCIPAL CORNER

APRIL 13, 2026

SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT BEGINS THIS MONTH!

DATES TO REMEMBER!

MASS 6TH GRD	4/23 8:30
ST. PIUS MASS FOR ST ROSE!	4/19 9:00
STUDENT OF THE MONTH MASS 5TH GRD	4/23 8:30
EARLY RELEASE	4/24 12:00
SCIENCE SBA 5TH GRD ONLY	4/28 8:00
SCIENCE SBA 5TH GRD ONLY	4/29 8:00
SCIENCE SBA 5TH GRD ONLY	4/30 10:00
ST ROSE PREP 2026-2027 CLASS OPEN HOUSE	4/30 4:00- 6:00
MASS 4TH GRD	4/30 8:30

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.

TEST SECURITY

Testing week begins April 28th. 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 prede-

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.

termined 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

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!

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.

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 SCHEDULE!

MON APRIL 27	TUE APRIL 28	WED APRIL 29	THU APRIL 30	FRI MAY 1
27	28 SCIENCE 5th	29 SCIENCE 5th	30 SCIENCE Make Up 5th	1 Make up Tests
May 4 Make up Tests	May 5 ELA 3-6	May 6 ELA 3-6	May 7 ELA 3-6	May 8 Make up Tests
11 Make up Tests	12 Make up Tests	13 Make up Tests	14 Make up Tests	15 Make up Tests
18 Make up day Opt	19 MATH 3-6	20 MATH 3-6	21 MATH 3-6	22 MAKE UP TESTS 3-6
25 NO SCHOOL DAY	26 Make up Tests	27 Make up Tests	28 Make up Tests	29 Make Up Tests Last Day of Testing