

September 25, 2018

Dear Santa Rosa de Lima Families,

Our first full month of school has flown by! I would like to thank all the parents who helped with the Fiesta. The school parents and staff donated over 1100 hours to the Fiesta. Thank you for giving of your time unselfishly to help the parish.

October is going to be a very exciting month. Student Council has arranged for Father Victor and Deacon Jose to bless the animals on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The blessing will take place at 8:00 a.m. on the schoolyard. All animals are to be taken home immediately after the blessing. Students may also bring pictures of their animals or stuffed animals to school that day for a blessing.

Several parents have asked where the fundraising money goes. This year, with only three major fundraising events, all money will be going to help with the operating budget of the school. The fundraisers for the year need to reach approximately \$75,000 dollars to meet payroll, keep the lights on, and purchase the needed supplies to run the school. The Fundraiser Friday fundraisers funds go to the class or group who is putting on the fundraiser. These funds help buy novels, pay for fieldtrips, purchase science experiment supplies, purchase art supplies, and any other supplemental materials that maybe need throughout the year. The collection taken during Wednesday Mass is for the church building maintenance fund.

If you have been on our website, you will notice that there is an organization called Saint Sebastian Sports Project (SSSP) on our home page. This organization started sponsoring our sports team last year. This year, as our sports program has increased so has their donation to our school. This year, the organization will be helping pay for our referees, field fees, and coach applications. However, their donation will not cover all of the costs completely. If your child is playing a sport this year, Mr. Delgado will be sending home an informational flyer about how sports fees will be assessed. In addition to the financial assistance, SSSP will be holding coaching clinics, college days, and other special events throughout the year. We are very blessed to be a part of this organization and look forward to working with them for years to come.

Trunk-or-Treat will be on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There will be a room parent meeting on Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the school office. Due to the size of the office, the teachers will only be asking one room parent to attend the meeting. Each class will be choosing what food they would like to sell and what theme their car will be. It will be a short meeting of approximately 30 minutes. Room parents will be given a map as to the location of their car and their food table.

Blessings,

Mrs. Tammy Becker

A quote from my door: "To make a great dream come true, the first requirement is a great capacity to dream: the second is persistence." Cesar Chavez

Hello Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic School Families,

On behalf of the schools P.T.O. Board we would like to welcome every single one of our families to this 2018/2019 school year. We are all very excited of what is planned for this coming school year. In this letter I would like to share a bit of some of our goals and activities we have planned.

You might ask what is PTO? PTO stands for Parent- Teacher Organization that consists of parents and teachers working together to support and enrich all our students education. We support, volunteer to help all school staff, and assist to find ways on how to raise funds to better our children's education. Our primary objective as a PTO is to provide our school with funds, programs, resources, and services that will enrich and maximize the education of every child and to benefit the school. To meet this important objective, we fundraise. Here are a few programs that we sponsor and/or support. Movie nights, Trunk or Treat, Casino Night, and our Color jog-a-thon just to name a few. We hope that with the help of all our parents we can raise over \$50,000.00 that will help our schools funding.

The PTO is made up of several officers (President, Vice President, Treasure, Secretary, etc.) and we encourage every single one of you to come and join us to help make this a bright and maximum learning experience. The PTO is a team effort in which we cannot succeed on our own. Please come and join us.

I would like to give a special thanks to our new school P.T.O members who joined us in our last meeting.

Xochitl Contreras

Jessica Miguel

Juan Palacios

Marisela Uribe

Denisse Palafox

Yoana Cruz

Melissa Gonzalez

Stephanie Dominick

Oscar Arrizon

Ernestina Dominick

Crystal Mendoza

David Zepeda

Margarita Celluar

If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me or please join us in our next meeting on October 16, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in Room 4. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Luis Aceves

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## **A Message from Archbishop José H. Gomez**

*Brothers and Sisters,*

*We are working hard in the U.S. Bishops' conference to address the scandals in the Church.*

*We continue to be deeply disturbed and saddened by what has happened. We are determined to seek answers to questions that have been raised. And we are committed to take every step necessary to ensure that we are protecting the people we are called to shepherd and holding ourselves to the highest standards of accountability before God and before the whole family of God.*

*I urge you to read today's statement from the U.S. bishops' administrative committee. It is only the beginning of what needs to be done. But I believe it is a good, solid beginning.*

*This is a time for prayer and penance and purification for those of us who are bishops and priests. And as we work for the renewal and reform of the Church, we are asking humbly for your assistance and expertise — as mothers and fathers, and as faithful Catholics in all walks of life.*

*Please keep praying for our Holy Father and for our Church. And please pray even harder for those who have been hurt. Together let us work to bring healing and restore justice.*

*May our Blessed Mother Mary intercede for the Church, that we might have the wisdom and courage to do all that the Lord requires in this moment.*

## **UN MENSAJE DEL ARZOBISPO JOSÉ H. GOMEZ**

*Hermanos y Hermanas,*

*Estamos trabajando arduamente en la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos para resolver los escándalos en la Iglesia.*

*Seguimos estando profundamente perturbados y entristecidos por lo que ha sucedido. Estamos decididos a buscar respuestas a las preguntas que han surgido. Y estamos comprometidos a tomar todas las medidas necesarias para asegurar que estemos protegiendo a las personas a las que estamos llamados a cuidar y a mantenernos a los más altos estándares de responsabilidad ante Dios y ante toda la familia de Dios.*

*Los invito a que lean la reciente Declaración del Comité Administrativo de los Obispos de los Estados Unidos. Es sólo el comienzo de lo que hay que hacer. Pero creo que es un comienzo bueno y sólido. Este es un tiempo de oración y de penitencia y purificación para aquellos de*

*nosotros que somos obispos y sacerdotes. Y mientras trabajamos para la renovación y reforma de la iglesia, pedimos humildemente su ayuda y experiencia, como madres y padres, y como fieles católicos en todos los ámbitos de la vida.*

*Por favor, sigan orando por nuestro Santo Padre y por nuestra Iglesia. Y por favor oren aún más por aquellos que han sido heridos. Juntos vamos a trabajar para traer sanación y restaurar la justicia.*

*Que nuestra Santísima Madre María interceda por la Iglesia, para que tengamos la sabiduría y el coraje para hacer todo lo que el Señor requiere que hagamos en este momento.*

#### **Transitional Kindergarten – Mrs. Razo**

Congratulations to the following student, Logan! He is doing a great job in class demonstrating SLE #1 being **Welcoming** - We act as stewards of creation who respond to the needs of each other, the community, and the world. Every morning, he helps with placing chairs around the table, and always greets his friends.

In TK, we are having being great scientist! The students are learning how to use our five senses with different class explorations and experiments! In social studies we are learning how to be a good citizen: by following rules, being a good friend, and helping others. At the end of our unit, we will be having a Friendship Fruit Salad Party! The students are learning our letters, how to write them, identify them, and find pictures that begin with a given letter. They are also learning how God made us all special, just like a shining Star!

#### **Kindergarten-Mrs. Keidel**

What a blessing it is to be working with all of you this school year! Ms. Gonzales and I are having so fun getting to know all of our class and our class families! It was such a pleasure to see so many of you at Open House. Our students are fun, inquisitive, and ready to learn! Thank you for all of your care and support as we begin our school year together! I am very proud of our September Students of the Month. They are Angela M. and Antonio C. These students are examples of SLE #1 - Warriors Are Welcoming! They work very hard each day to be kind and welcome others just as Jesus did.

Kindergarten is busy and learning many new things. In Math we are working on position words. Words such as above, below, front, back, left and right help us to identify where objects may be found or where they are located. We continue to review our shapes and look for them in our everyday world. In Reading we have begun to discuss fairytales and folktales with The Three Little Pigs and The Three Bears. We constructed flow maps to identify the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Additionally, we have been learning about characters and the setting in stories. Our Three Little Pigs House Making Party was

so much fun! Our class especially liked the tasting part of the party! :) Our "Bears Land" was a wonderful example of information we can learn from Informational Text. Finally, watching Kindergarten act out The Three Little Bears was a special treat!

Our Journeys Reading Program has begun. Be sure to practice the new words that come home each week in your child's homework packet. Learning these words will aide in the success of your child's reading program! Soon Kindergarten will be learning about nouns for people, places and things in grammar. In Religion we have learned that "Welcomes Are Good"! We are like Jesus when we welcome others and we see Jesus through others as they welcome us. Additionally, we are thankful to God for our families as they are all special and unique gifts. Currently, we are working on our Angel of God prayer. Please practice this prayer at home with your children as I will ask them to pray it with me at the end of October.

In Social Studies we have learned why we have rules and their importance as we work hard to be good citizens. We have learned about the importance of our flag as a national symbol and all that it represents. We are currently discussing families and how they are similar and different. Soon we will be learning about the different places that people live. Additionally, we have begun to sing patriotic songs. Our senses are being used in some very interesting ways in Science as we explore sight, sound, and touch. Taste is coming soon! Using the scientific method, we participated in our first classroom experiment. We used chemistry to make gummy bears dance. The chemical reaction was not something our class was expecting and we are already looking forward to our next experiment.

Nightly homework has begun. Please remember to help your child be consistent in completing her/his homework. Be patient and praise often as your child learns these new routines and practices. Please be sure to read each night with your child. Reading at home is very important in helping your child with her/his reading readiness.

Thank you to all of the families who have signed up to be room parents. If you were unable to sign up at Back to School Night, please come and see me. I am looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and celebration with all of you. Thank you to all of the families who are so willing to help and contribute to our classroom. Your support is such a true blessing!

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Mr. Legaspi**

In October, first grade will be working on addition and subtraction facts to sums of 12. In science, students will explore different animal and plant parts. The students are also learning to describe how animals and plants sense their environment. In language arts, the first graders will further develop their reading skills by learning how to retell a story by describing the story's sequence of events. Additionally, students will continue to work on their short vowel sounds. Please remember to continue reading to your child every night. In religion, the students will be learning how the church is the house of God and learn the significance of the sacrament of Baptism.

This month's students of the months exemplified "**SLE 1 Welcoming**", by demonstrating with through their actions that they were "stewards of creation who respond to the needs of each other" in my classroom.

Lily G. always comes to school eager to help and is very considerate of her classmates. She shows true kindness through all that she does.

Matthew M. is always helping his classmates with anything they may need and is very kind in how he speaks to his classmates.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Mrs. Haro**

Welcome to Second Grade! This month in math we will be working on addition and subtraction facts. In reading, we will be finishing our Unit 1 stories that deal with animals. We are also beginning to write “Beginning, Middle, and End” stories. To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, the students will be making poster biographies about important Hispanic in social studies. In science, we will be learning about living and non-living things. Finally, in Religion students will learn about the different gifts God has given us.

My students of the month who are living examples of SLE #1 are the following:

Miguel: Miguel always walks into my classroom with a positive attitude and greets me with a “Good Morning”. He is always willing to help. You can always count on him to be welcoming.

Carlos: Carlos comes into the classroom ready to work and has a positive attitude towards school. He welcomes feedback and takes initiation to work on making himself the best student he can be.

## **Third Grade! Mrs. Wayne**

For Reading this month we are reading *The Boxcar Children*. This is our first that novel we will be reading in class. At the conclusion of the book, the students will be taking a test and be asked to complete a “Movie Poster” book report.

In language arts, we will be establishing foundational skills with long vowel sounds, common vowel pairs and long *o* spelled *oa, ow*. In addition, we will also be learning about different kinds of sentences and common and proper nouns.

For math, we are making headway into addition. In this unit, students will be able to add more than two addends, regroup tens, learn about addition properties and three-digit addition.

In science, we are learning about organisms. Students will be learning about how different organisms live in different environments such as the hot desert, a coral reef, a temperate forest, and a tropical rainforest. In social studies, we are going into depth about our community on Earth as well as where exactly our community is located.

In Religion we are focusing on how God has given us gifts and how we are God’s holy people.

I would also like to congratulate Kayleen R. She has taken SLE #1 to the next level by being so welcoming to new students here at Santa Rosa. Third grade will be having their Fundraiser Friday on October 19 and will also be hosting Mass on October 17.

Thank you to all the parents for everything you do!

## **Ms. Luna – 4<sup>th</sup> grade**

Congratulations to our student of the week Antonio B. He has consistently demonstrated SLE #1 welcoming. He started applying himself from the first day even with our crazy weekly schedules at the start of the school year and has not let up on his effort. He makes sure everything gets done on time and correctly, and even asks if he can do more. He always tries to talk and connect with the students in his classroom.

Math – We are just about to start chapter 2 in our math textbook where students will be reviewing the addition and subtraction concepts and properties. We will then move on to large numbered addition and subtraction.

ELA/Reading – We are reading “My Brother Martin” a story about Martin Luther King and his efforts as a child and as an adult to fight for Civil Rights. We are also learning about the four types of sentences and about the prefixes in-.im-, il-, and ir-.

Writing – Students are learning about the six Traits of Writing (organization, ideas, voice, conventions, sentence fluency, and word choice) using a pizza visual aid model!

Science – We are learning about the parts of a plant and how their structures help them to survive. We will then learn how these parts allow a plant to function and protect themselves against predators in their natural habitat.

Social Studies – We are starting in on our first geographic region! The Northeast region of the United States is where our country originated and is very important to our history. Students will be learning about important landmarks, the history, the people, the economy of this region, and how it functions as part of the United States

Religion – We are learning about the Good News that Jesus spread in his life and in his teachings using the Old and New Testaments. To understand His teachings the students will be making comics about the various parables we will be studying. Students will be working on a project for Hispanic/Latino heritage month.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Ms. Sanchez**

I would like to congratulate our students of the month Liana and Diana. They have demonstrated a clear understanding of SLE 1. They are stewards of creation who respond to the needs of others. Fifth grade will host Mass on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Fundraiser Friday on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for all your work and donations to make our first Fundraiser Friday successful.

As we settle into October, teaching and learning is in full swing.

Religion – Students will continue learning about the Seven Sacraments. They will have the opportunity to share with the class how receiving the Sacraments have made them closer to God.

Math – Students will continue working on multiplication and division. Students will multiply and divide with multi-digit multiplicands and divisors.

Reading – Students will read the novel Island of the Blue Dolphins. They will discover what it takes to survive on an island alone for 18 years.

ELA – Students will write narratives to develop real experiences or events using active technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequence.

Science – Students will continue working on Unit 1, Ecosystems. Students will create a model of a food chain to represent how energy moves in the ecosystems.

Social Studies – Students will continue working in Unit 1, American Indians and their Land. They will be assigned their first big project of the year for this unit.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Ms. Ahlmark**

This month, students analyzed inspirational quotes and artist posters from various writers, civil rights activists, and historical figures. After, students researched and selected an inspirational quote to create their own inspirational poster with. Middle school students then reflected on their work and wrote their very own artist statements. These statements were used to give community viewers a deeper understanding of their inspirational posters at our open house gallery.

Currently all middle school students are learning how to T4 (Talk to The Text). Students will use this skill in all of their other classes to help them reach our BIG goal for the year of raising reading levels 1.5 grades. In ELA, they will be using T4 techniques for Unit 2 to identify strategies that advertisers use to entice customers to travel, writing a letter to a friend about an imaginary trip on board of a cruise ship, and writing a persuasive speech to convince their parents to take a family vacation of their choice.

A BIG shout out goes out to Erica for meeting SLE #1- Welcoming. Since the first day of school, Erica has helped remind students what to bring for the next class, has offered to help teachers in their classroom, and has assisted her classmates with meeting classroom expectations and classwork. Way to go, Erica!

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Ms. Flores**

Congratulations student of the month, Ava, for following all SLE #1. You've shown great leadership skills and responsibilities as a student and a fellow peer to other. Keep up the great work!

**In sixth grade**, we have finished understating the fundamentals of Earth Science and it's four branches. The students have created group posters displaying a “Flex the Brain” activity which allows them to be creative and innovative thinkers. Looking ahead, students will learn about matter and its changes throughout the world. For history, they have uncovered and come to understand how early civilizations developed.

**In seventh grade**, we have just finished understanding concepts of life science and how important variables are in any experiment. Looking forward, we will be looking at and identifying the characteristics of living things in preparation for our field trip. For history, our unit will focus on understanding the development of indigenous civilizations (ie. the Mayan, the Aztecs, and the Incas).

**In eighth grade**, students analyzed both physical properties and the properties of matter. This tied into physical attraction between objects and both physical and chemical changes. Looking forward, they will be focusing on the properties of particles. For history, the students have come to understand the relationships established between Europeans and Native Americans. Looking forward, they will look into the leading causes of the Civil War.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Mr. Delgado**

#### **8th Grade Algebra**

Currently, 8th grade is receiving a foundation of algebra that included a review of fractions and factoring. Next month, the month will be moving forward evaluating algebraic expressions involving integers and rational numbers.

#### **8th Grade Religion**

This month, 8th grade is learning about discipleship and tracing our spiritual and Christian roots. Next month, they will learn about the role the Church plays in the world and how we participate in the Church's mission. Lastly, next week the students will be assigned a month-long project involving a form of media which will present the relationship between the Church and Mary.

### **7th Grade Algebra**

Seventh grade is receiving a foundation in algebra that included a review of fractions and factoring. In the following month, they will be moving into evaluating algebraic expressions involving integers and rational numbers.

### **7th Grade Religion**

Seventh grade is learning the importance of Jesus by understanding in depth who He is and His mission, and His invitation of friendship. In the following month, they will dive deeper into the understanding of Jesus as the Way, by learning about His life as a human being and His fidelity to the Father. Lastly, next week 7th grade will be assigned a month-long project that will involve a form of media presenting the relationship between Jesus and Mary.

### **6th Grade Pre-Algebra**

Sixth grade began with a grounding in algebraic expressions and integers, understanding the difference of arithmetic and algebra, and learning new technical terms and concepts. Next month, they will be moving towards solving equations and inequalities.

### **6th Grade Religion**

Sixth grade is learning, of the love the Father has for his people as revealed in Scripture, Tradition, and the person of Jesus. Next month, they will continue to learn about Scripture as it related to Faith in Jesus and Church teaching. Lastly, next week they will be assigned a month-long project involving a form of media presenting the importance of Mary through scripture.

My SLE #1 students of the month are Angel and Iyana.

SAVE THE DATE  
*February 15, 2018*

SANTA ROSA DE LIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Valentine's  
Day*

CASINO NIGHT  
& POKER  
TOURNAMENT



AT THE  
SANTA ROSA CHURCH HALL

