

Happy New Year to all of our SRM families!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's! It was a much-needed break and time for all of us to relax and be with our family and friends. It has been wonderful to be able to return to see everyone eager and ready to begin the 2nd half of the year. Before we know it, we will be approaching Easter and preparing for the end of the year! That being said, we have so many activities coming up and so many great opportunities for faith and academic growth for each and every one of our students that we will be solely focused on attaining all of our goals in and outside the classroom. Already this week we have attained our Spelling Bee Contestants...congratulations to all of you, those that participated and those that were the top spellers for their grade levels. We can't wait to see how they do in the Kings County Spelling Bee coming up in February. Colima Drive Thru dinner tickets are out and families should be doing their very best to sell all of their tickets as all funds go to support our school and all students. Please have the money and any unsold tickets returned to Mrs. Leti in the office by February 7th. All of the great things our students and their families do for SRM do not go unnoticed or unappreciated. We know as a staff that this is a commitment that goes beyond just financial support because there are so many different things that need to be done or supported to keep our school functioning at the highest standards possible. We thank everyone for all of their support and dedication day in and day out!

Please see the attached list of events, flyers, or other announcements that provide the details to all that we are doing...like Catholic Schools Week coming

up the week of Jan. 26th-Jan. 31st. We are excited for this week and all that we get to celebrate and shout out about Catholic Education and the benefits our students gain from being a part of a Catholic school. We have so many different activities planned, one including having a scheduled visit by Bishop Joseph Brennan. I am still awaiting the exact times, but he is scheduled to be here on Jan. 28th to be with his "flock of students and staff." We are excited to have him here and all the blessings he will bestow upon us! The Parent Club will have their next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21st, so please be aware and attend. As well as remembering that Monday, January 20th is a NO SCHOOL DAY due to honoring Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday. Lastly, just something to keep in mind...STAR testing is just around the corner (Feb 10 - Feb 28), I bring this up so that we can have all of our students here and prepared to take their 2nd mandatory recorded test for the school year.

Again, happiest of New Year's blessings to all of you and may this "Jubilee Year" be the most Faith driven and devoted year for us all! Blessings,

Mrs. Hodges

DATES TO REMEMBER

| 1/20 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School |
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| 1/21 | Intruder Drill 10:45 a.m. Parent Club Meeting Potluck, McHugh Hall @ 6:00 p.m. |
| 1/22 | Basketball Game, SRM vs. Lakeside at Lacey Park Boys & Girls, A Team 2:30 p.m., B Team 3:30 p.m. Choir Practice 3:15-4:15 p.m. |
| 1/23 | Student Minimum Day, Dismissal 12:00 p.m. |
| 1/24 | Friday School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m. |
| 1/26 | Children's Mass, St. Brigid Church 10:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts following 10:00 a.m. Mass. Catholic Schools Week Begins |
| 1/27 | Community Visits Basketball Game, SRM vs. HCS at Hanford Christian Boys A Team 3:15 p.m. Girls B Team 3:15 p.m. |
| 1/29 | Pizza for A Cause – Pieology Pizza Fundraiser Choir Practice 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. |
| 1/30 | National Day of Prayer Schoolwide Rosary, McHugh Hall, 10:45 a.m. Student Minimum Day, Dismissal 12:00 p.m. |
| 1/31 | Grandparents Day Friday School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m. Talent Show, McHugh Hall 10:30 a.m. Student Minimum Day, Dismissal 12:00 p.m. |
| 2/5 | Student of the Month Assembly, McHugh Hall 8:00 a.m. Basketball Game, SRM vs. Kings Christian at Kings Boys A Team 3:30 p.m. & Girls A Team 2:30 p.m. |
| 2/6 | Student Minimum Day, Dismissal 12:00 p.m. |

| 2/7 | Friday School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m. Basketball Game, SRM vs. Kit Carson at Kit Carson Boys & Girls, A Team 2:30 p.m., B Team 3:15 p.m. Colima Money and Unsold Tickets Due |
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| 2/10 | Star Testing 2-10-2-28 |
| 2/11 | Parent Club Meeting, McHugh Hall 6:00 p.m. Basketball Game, SRM vs. Jefferson at Jefferson Boys & Girls, A Team 2:30 p.m., B Team 3:30 p.m. |
| 2/13 | Fire Drill 10:45 a.m. Colima Drive-Through Dinner 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Student Minimum Day, Dismissal 12:00 p.m. |
| 2/14 | Valentine's Day End of 2 nd Trimester Friday School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m. |
| 2/16 | Children's Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 10:00 a.m. |
| 2/17 | President's Day, No School |
| 2/20 | Student Minimum Day, Dismissal 12:00 p.m. |
| 2/21 | Friday School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m. |
| 2/27 | End of 2 nd Trimester Awards, McHugh Hall, 11:00 a.m. Student Minimum Day, Dismissal 12:00 p.m. |
| 2/28 | Friday School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m. |
| 3/4 | 8 th Grade & Spring Pictures, McHugh Hall 8:00 a.m. |
| 3/5 | Student of the Month Assembly, McHugh Hall 8:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service, St. Brigid Church Staff & Students Only Lenten Activities |
| 3/6 | Student Minimum Day, Dismissal 12:00 p.m. |
| 3/7 | Friday School Mass, St. Brigid Church @ 8:15 a.m. Stations of the Cross, McHugh Hall 1:00 p.m. |

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Winners. They will compete in the 2025 Kings County Spelling Bee, February 25 – February 28th, at the Lemoore High School Presentation Center.

First Place:

First Grade: Ethan L. Second Grade: Izabella B. Third Grade: Amelia L. Fourth Grade: Karlo S. Fifth Grade: Eric C. Sixth Grade: Chidubem I. Seventh: Baylee V. Eighth Grade: Layla J.

Alternates:

Kamila C.

Kolbe J.

Navraj S.

Athena T.

Katalaya M.

Arianna S.

Katelyn I.

Naomi S.





Dear SRM Families,

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to connect with your child over the thrill of bringing home new books to dive into again and again. Studies show that kids read more when they choose books for themselves. A love of independent reading boosts academic success, plus children who read more frequently also report improved mental health¹.

Here's everything you need to know about the Book Fair: Dates: **1/27/25 - 1/31/2025** Location: **Room 1** Monday – Wednesday 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday – 12:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

There's even more info on our school's Book Fair homepage: <u>https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/strosemccarthyschool</u>

While you're there, set up a Book Fair eWallet, the digital payment account that allows your child to shop for books at the Fair without cash. Then share your eWallet link so friends and extended family can add funds.

When you fund an eWallet, you'll have the opportunity to contribute to a giving initiative called

Share the Fair[™]. Your contributions directly support our students who need help buying books from the Fair.

Many of us still remember the rush of finding the perfect book at a Scholastic Book Fair. I hope you'll join your child at our school's Fair and share a reading experience they'll remember forever.

Happy reading, **Kim Hodges**

Principal

St. Rose-McCarthy School

PS: Need one more reason to visit the Book Fair? Every purchase at the Fair benefits our school! We will accept the following as payment at our fair: cash, credit cards, eWallet, checks payable to St. Rose-McCarthy School.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH December 2024

Preschool – Leanna A. Kindergarten – Belle R. First Grade – Ethan L. Second Grade – Lucas T. Third Grade – Sinai S. Fourth Grade – Karlo S. Fifth Grade – Manreet K. Sixth Grade – Isabella R. Seventh Grade – Nate J. Eighth Grade – Naomi S.

Congratulations Crusaders!!



ST. ROSE-MCCARTHY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL MASS JANUARY 26TH AT 10:00 A.M. ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC CHURCH

> JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS AT MCHUGH HALL FOLLOWING THE 10:00 A.M. MASS

Parish Day

SUNDAY:

Commence

Mass SRM Info Booth Coffee & Donuts Formal Wear

Community Day

SCHOOLS

MONDAY:

Community Visits Care Packages for Homebound & Homeless Formal Wear

Student Day

TUESDAY:

Board Games Recess Karaoke Pizza Lunch Student v Staff Jeopardy Crazy Dress

NDS

Nation Day

WEDNESDAY:

Care Packages for Military Rosary Red, White, & Blue Rally

Vocations Day

THURSDAY:

Praise & Worship w/ Fr. Cesar Staff Inflatable Costume Race Staff Chair Race Future Career

Grandparents Day

FRIDAY:

Mass Grandparent Brunch Talent Show Formal Wear

ST. ROSE-MCCARTHY PRESCHOOL **OPEN HOUSE** SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH 9:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. **1021 N. HARRIS ST.** HANFORD, CA 93230 (559) 584-5218



Join us for the January Parent Club potluck meeting. The potluck/meeting will be held Wednesday,

<u>January 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m</u>. in McHugh Hall. Please bring a dish to share, and a drink for your family. Parent Club will provide the paper products.

Main Dish - Last Name A-M Side Dish - Last Name N-S Dessert - Last Name T-Z

The sign-up sheet for the Colima Drive Through Dinner will be available at this meeting.



2025 Basketball Schedule

1/22 Wed. SRM vs. Lakeside at Lacey Park

Boys A Team 2:30 p.m. / Girls A Team 2:30 p.m., B Team 3:30 p.m.

1/27 Mon. SRM vs. HCS at HCS

Boys A Team 3:15 p.m. / Girls B Team 3:15 p.m.

2/5 Wed. SRM vs. Kings Christian at Kings Christian Boys A Team 3:30 p.m. / Girls A Team 2:30 p.m.

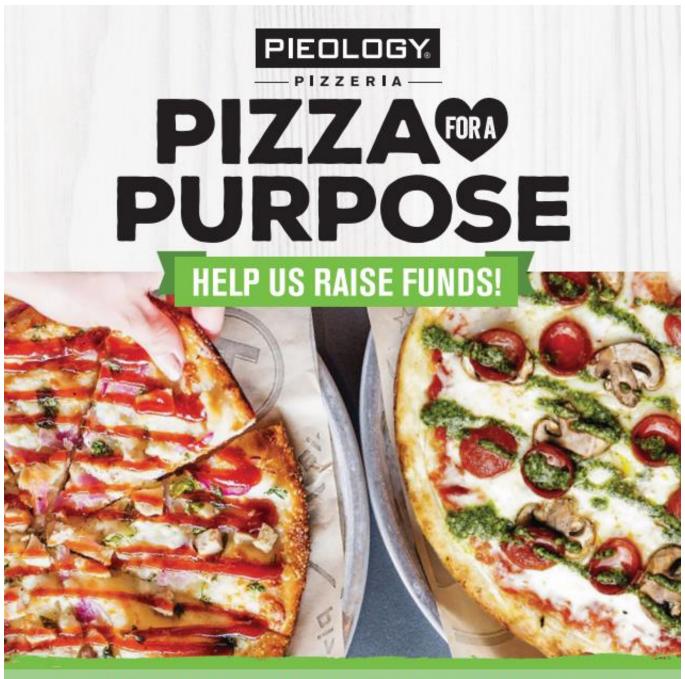
2/7 Fri. SRM vs. Kit Carson at Kit Carson Boys A Team 2:30 p.m. / Girls A Team 2:30 p.m. B Team 3:15 p.m.

2/11 Tues. SRM vs. Jefferson at Jefferson School Boys A Team 2:30 p.m. / Girls A Team 2:30 p.m.,

B Team 3:30 p.m.

League Tournament TBD





WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025, 11:00 AM-10:00 PM PIEOLOGY HANFORD MALL: 1693 W LACEY BLVD #B

Come and help support

St. Rose-McCarthy School

ORDER IN-STORE, ONLINE, OR VIA THE PIE LIFE APP* ENTER PROMO CODE RAISEFUNDS AT CHECKOUT.



St. Rose-McCarthy School's Drive-Thru Dinner



with Mariscos Colima



Your Choice of: Surrito with small chips (chicken or asada) 3 Tacos with rice & beans (chicken or asada)

Thursday, February 13th, 2025 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tickets are only \$15

Treats and Beverages will also be available at the d<u>rive through pick-up</u>: Side gate of McHugh Hall (Enter on Harris Street, exit on Florinda) It's that time of year when it's chilly in the morning and warm in the afternoon. Now is a great time to purchase your SRM Uniform sweater.



For your convenience, here is a reminder about our cold weather uniform requirements.

OUTER WEAR

School jackets are encouraged, not required. Jackets must be solid <u>blue or black</u>. Flannel shirts, or jackets with insignias or logos are not allowed. Scarves must be simple Christopher plaid, hunter green, white, black, or navy blue in color. Sweaters or official school sweatshirts may be worn in the classrooms.

FRIDAY MASS AND SCHOOL LITURGIES UNIFORM

- All students are expected to be in their complete school uniform for Friday Mass and School Liturgies.
- Girls are to wear skorts and boys must wear long pants.
- SRM sweaters may be worn in cold weather.
 Sweatshirts <u>may not</u> be worn in the Church.

Please write your child's name on their sweaters, sweatshirts and jackets.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Rose-McCarthy Catholic School, an educational ministry of St. Brigid's Parish, prepares students to live productive Catholic lives as members of the Church and society.

PHILOSOPHY

St. Rose-McCarthy Catholic School is a Christ – centered community of faith, is dedicated to the education of children. With parents as primary educators, the faculty and staff facilitate the development of the whole child. In line with Church teaching and Gospel values, our school instills the expectation for each student to become a committed Catholic, concerned citizen, confident communicator, and competent problem solver. Our community of believers acts as the foundation for preparing students for life as members of Church, family, civic, economic, and global communities.

SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Students at St. Rose-McCarthy Catholic School are:

Committed Catholics who...

Join in Christ's compassion Obey good values and morals Yield a solid understanding of our Catholic Faith and traditions

Concerned Citizens who are...

Respectful in work and action Responsible for self and others Recognize and practice self-control

Confident Communicators who...

Articulate through speaking and writing Attentively listen Actively use technology

Competent Problem Solvers who...

Can organize effectively Can identify and analyze information Can apply and evaluate solutions

Enter to learn...Leave to serve!

Every Thursday is Spirit Day! Students are encouraged to show school spirit by wearing a Crusader t-shirt.

SRM Crusader Shirts are available at Central Valley Print Solutions, located at 802 N. Douty St., Hanford

Call 587-5577 or email Janet Church at janet@centralvalleyprintsolutions.com

FACEBOOK, TWITTER, & INSTAGRAM

Go to our website – <u>www.strosemccarthy.com</u> follow us

on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram. If you DO NOT want

your child's picture to be posted on our social media

accounts email principal@strosemccarthy.com Students

are generally posted in groups and are never identified by first and last name.

