



**ST. ROSE**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Tobasko Times



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## Principal's Message

The Thanksgiving Holidays are rapidly approaching. I am so thankful for the extraordinary things occurring in our classrooms each and every day. Our teachers work really hard to make sure that each moment counts by developing engaging lessons for all students. It is very magical to walk in our classrooms and watch how excited our children are about learning. We are truly fortunate to have so many dedicated teachers and staff who focus on our core business of teaching and learning. They truly put children first in all that they do.

We are also very thankful for the continued support from our entire school community. Thanks to all parents who attended conferences, volunteer days, the PTO meeting, Trunk or Treat, Community Outreach and the Bully Prevention Kick-Off. Your involvement makes a difference in our students.

We are so excited about upcoming events in November. We hope to see you at our Cake BINGO fundraiser. This is our one big event to raise money for our school. We hope to see you there. In November we will also have our Veterans' Day performance, volunteer day, 3-5 awards, and a Social Studies/Science Fair Parent Club meeting.

Thanks to everyone who has made a difference in the lives of our children. We know that magic can only happen with us working together. By working together we can continue to focus on working toward our mission, vision, and beliefs.

~ Lisa Perrin ~



**Ordinary  
to  
Extraordinary**

## Save the Date!

**11/4 Social Studies/  
Science Fair  
Information Meeting**

**11/11 Pre-K & 2nd Grade  
Concert**

**11/13 Early Dismissal**

**11/19 Cake Bingo**

**11/20 Spirit Day  
(Black and Gold)**

**11/23—11/27  
Thanksgiving  
Holidays**

**Upcoming Events**

**12/2 Kindergarten/First  
Grade Concert @  
ACM**

**12/4 Santa Pictures**

## Extraordinary Efforts

We know that you witness many extraordinary efforts at home and out in the community such as helping neighbors clean, cleaning without being asked, or kindness to others.

We would love to hear about your child's extraordinary act.

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Extraordinary Effort: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# From the Nurse:

*Melissa Bird, RN*



## WHAT DOES YOUR SCHOOL NURSE DO?



In September, she checks all the new students' immunization records to be sure they are complete. Compliance with the immunizations is a state mandate, and necessary to keep preventable diseases from impacting our children. She reviews medical records and meets with families if their child has a medical condition. She obtains medication orders and administers those medications when necessary. She works with the cafeteria manager to obtain diet orders for those students with food allergies. She discusses with parents the specifics of their child's illness, and creates an individual health care plan when needed.

Virtually every visit from a student involves an element of health education, as do many conversations with parents: from lice to head bumps, signs of strep, when to consult a physician, and when to keep a child home. She also educates staff about basic first aid for choking, when not to move an injured student, standard precautions, or about using the Epi-Pen.

The daily student visits require assessment and care. She takes care of all of the students at your school and sometimes staff members too. She calls parents when they are sick and need to go home, but she does her best to treat them at school: comfort, console, counsel, feed, listen to, advocate for, or whatever else it takes to help them so that they can return to class and be available to learn.

She performs the state-mandated screenings — vision, hearing, height and weight,— and refers students on to their health care provider when necessary.

She is involved in preparation for field trips. This includes gathering medications that may be necessary to have on the trip for particular students.

The school nurse is an integral part of the Safe Schools team, collaborating in the planning and practicing lockdowns, evacuations and medical drills.

The school nurse is involved in mental health aspects of the student's lives, often working with the parents, the school social worker or counselors regarding concerns such as anxiety, depression, school stress or bullying.

The school nurse does all of this with a commitment to confidentiality. She works with parents to determine who needs to know certain information and shares information with those who "need to know" and reminds staff about confidentiality.

There are many layers to school nursing. It is a job that is often unpredictable, which makes planning and preparation so important. The bottom line is the health, safety and wellbeing of every child. Keeping students safe and healthy so that they are available to learn is the goal of every school nurse. The rewards are as numerous as the students themselves.



## St. Rose Elementary School Kicks Off The Olweus Bully Prevention Program

**Bullying** is when someone **repeatedly** and **on purpose** says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time defending himself or herself.

anti-bullying

**school rules**

- We will not bully others.
- We will help students who are bullied.
- We will include students who are left out.
- If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at *school* and an adult at *home*.

### DRESS CODE REMINDERS:



- ⇒ Outerwear (sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets) must open the entire length of the front by snapping, buttoning, or zipping.
- ⇒ Plain white or hunter green sweatshirts/sweaters may be worn over the uniform.



## Library-Technology Connection

### **\*Accessing Online Resources from Home/ School**

A great site to help students when doing research for reports and projects.

1. Go to the St. Rose home page  
<http://www.stcharles.k12.la.us/strose>
2. Scroll over FOR STUDENTS and click on LIBRARY
3. On the left, click on ONLINE RESOURCES

Click on Worldbook Online Encyclopedia  
(Online Encyclopedia)

Log in: sre (lowercase)

Password: dragons

**\*\*To access Gale Group Resources, the magazine, newspaper, encyclopedia database, follow the same steps 1-3. Then click Gale Student Edition Gold Resources.**

Password: dragons

**\*\*Access the St. Rose Elementary Library Catalog Online from Home**

**-Go to our St. Rose Home Page**

<http://www.stcharles.k12.la.us/strose>

**-Scroll over FOR STUDENTS and click on LIBRARY**

**-On the left, click on LIBRARY CATALOG**

### **Homework Assistance Offered Through State Library of Louisiana**

The State Library of Louisiana offers homework assistance services to parents and students at [www.homeworkla.org](http://www.homeworkla.org). Homework Louisiana offers free online tutoring and academic resources from Tutor.com for Louisiana residents from kindergarten students through adult learners. Get help in math, science, social studies or English from a live tutor. The services can be accessed from a Louisiana public library, your home computer or your mobile device.

## Library Nook



### **Sweet Magical Reads**

Librarian- C. Whittaker

Assistant- L. Benedic

**\*\* Our school wide reading program Sweet Magical Reads has begun.**

-Please remind students to read books, complete logs and return them to the library.

**-\*Forms are due by the last Thurs. of each month.** Prizes will be distributed.

#### **\*Book Fair**

Our Book Fair was a huge success. Thanks for all who purchased items in support of our library. We use our profits to purchase books for our SRE library collection.

\*As we continue to celebrate literacy, we will have a special book character visit from the public library during Children's Library Week in mid November.

**\*\* Please visit our library catalog link, then go to public lists to view all new books purchased. We've added 350 books so far this year.**

**November. 1<sup>st</sup> - National Family Literacy Day**

**Read to your child at least 15 minutes a day!**

Public library cards will be distributed to all Kindergarten students who returned applications. Thanks!!

**\*\*Please remind students to keep library books in their school bag and to return them on their library day!**

**"Reading opens doors to magical places."**

## Social Studies and Science Fair Information Night

St. Rose Elementary will be holding an informational night for families regarding this year's SRE, St. Charles Parish District, Regional, and State Social Studies and Science fairs on Wednesday, November 4th, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. At this family session, information regarding both fairs will be provided and any questions will be answered, as the guidelines have changed this year. In previous years, fifth grade students were REQUIRED to complete a social studies fair project; however, this year, projects for fifth grade students are encouraged but NOT required.

Students in grades 3-5 are encouraged to enter one or both of the fairs in order to gain experience with doing these types of projects, but no grade level is required to do either a Science or Social Studies fair project. Many students have expressed interest in the Social Studies fair and have already received a packet of information with the specific guidelines. If your child has received this packet, please bring it with you to the session. Science Fair packets will be given out at the meeting. Students can see Ms. Fraychineaud (fifth grade teacher) or their Science teacher if they are interested in getting a Social Studies fair packet to review prior to the meeting. If you have any questions prior to November 4<sup>th</sup>, please contact Ms. Fraychineaud at 504.464.9254.



Refreshments will be served at this informational session. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



**Dragons  
have  
spirit!**





# Community Outreach Fun!



## Extraordinary Efforts by One of Our Own!



Our very own math resource teacher, Amanda Mire, has been nominated and selected as a FINALIST for the 2015 LATM Outstanding Elementary School Mathematics Teacher award.

The Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics (LATM) honors an outstanding mathematics educator, or others who have made a significant contribution to mathematics education. One of the goals of LATM is to honor and recognize those individuals who model and promote standards-based mathematics teaching and learning for their students. Mrs. Mire will attend the LATM conference in Baton Rouge on November 9th and 10th. The LATM Awards Recognition Ceremony will take place on November 10th.

Good luck, Mrs. Mire, and thank you for all you do for our students!



## Punt, Pass, and Kick

St. Rose Elementary recently held the Punt, Pass and Kick competition during PE classes, with 125 students participating. The following students placed in the school event: Girls 8-9 year olds, 1st place -Jhamaica Armstrong, 2nd place-Saniya Abbas, 3rd place-Jasmine Baker; Boys 8-9 year olds, 1st place-Julien Dessauer, 2nd place-Esteban Mejia, 3rd place-DaQuan Dabney; Girls 10-11 year olds, 1st place-Nevaeh Thompson, 2nd place-Aaliyah Wells, 3rd place-Robyn Thomas; Boys 10-11 year olds, 1st place-Jai Eugene, 2nd place-Christopher Moore, 3rd place-Anthony Robinson. First Place winners will advance to the Sectional Competition held at Big Easy Sportsplex on Saturday, November 7.

Pictured back row from left to right is Nevaeh Thompson, Aaliyah Wells, Robyn Thomas, Jai Eugene, Coach Jacob Thompson, Christopher Moore and Anthony Robinson; front row left to right, Jhamaica Armstrong, Saniya Abbas, Jasmine Baker, Julien Dessauer and Da'Quan Dabney. Not pictured is Esteban Mejia.



## Counselors' Corner



Parents can be very powerful people in their children's lives. Children learn by watching and listening to what their parents say and do. Therefore, it is important for parents to be positive and supportive role models. Here are a few ways parents can support their child's learning and school:

- Spend a few minutes every evening looking through folders and signing important papers to be returned the next day.
- Participate in volunteer days held monthly at the school.
- Contact your child's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your child succeed.
- Attend parent conferences, meetings and school events regularly.

Please contact the school's counselors if you have any questions or concerns. We are happy and eager to help in any way that we can.

Mrs. Gabriel and Mrs. Denise

# ESL CORNER

Our ELL students are practicing their reading skills in order to get ready for the English test. We have been writing personal stories. The students learned how to make their writing stronger and to check for capital letters, punctuation, and spelling. Our Kindergarten students start to read and write in simple sentences. They are learning to put space between words and to write the sight words correctly.

Our next ESL lunch at Saint Rose will be November 19 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. We hope to see you then!

Los estudiantes del programa de ESL están practicando sus habilidades de lectura para estar listos para el examen de ingles. Estaban escribiendo cuentos personales. Aprendieron a escribir con palabras expresivas. Aprendieron también a arreglar problemas de letras mayúsculas, de puntuación y de deletreo. Los estudiantes de Kindergarten empiezan a leer y a escribir oraciones simples. Están aprendiendo a poner espacio entre las palabras y a escribir los "sight words" correctamente.

Nuestro próximo almuerzo en Saint Rose tendrá lugar el jueves 19 de noviembre de las doce a la 1:30pm.

¡ Esperamos volver a verlos de nuevo!



## Clearance Sale!

*Remember last year with 48 beautiful color pages highlighting students, staff, accomplishments, and fun activities!*

**The last few yearbooks are available for the special price of only \$10**  
(cash only, please)

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name \_\_\_\_\_

**Get yours before they are gone!!**





**Congratulations to the St. Rose Elementary School Choir students who made the St. Charles Parish Elementary School Honor Choir. The performance will be at Hahnville High School on Tuesday November 17th at 7:00 PM.**

Pictured second row from left to right: Michael Shavor, Bailey Reynaud, Joyce Alegria-Bernhard, Mr. Tim Weller, Kalyn Hampton, Mariah Stevens, and Te'Andre Batiste.

Pictured first row from left to right: Jadah Walton, Isabel Medina, Mia Medina, Emma Loper, Kristina Gillette, Nevaeh Normand, and Ava Rockefeller. Not pictured is Channing White.



## Sign in and Sign out Procedures

Anyone signing in a student must bring the student to the school office specialist's desk and complete a tardy slip.

Anyone checking out a student must have a **picture ID** and be listed on the Emergency Card.

## Bus Notes!!

Riding any bus other than the one assigned to you is not allowed without permission from the office.



*If this is necessary, a **written note** must be sent from home requesting a bus change, and permission must be granted through the principal's office.*

All notes for bus or transportation changes must be given in **writing prior to 2:30 p.m.** each day.

Notes should include your child's full name, the teacher's name, date(s) of the change, and a parent/guardian signature.

**You may fax notes (504-468-8064) or email to: [scureaux@stcharles.k12.la.us](mailto:scureaux@stcharles.k12.la.us) or [cdoriocourt@stcharles.k12.la.us](mailto:cdoriocourt@stcharles.k12.la.us).**

## PTO NEWS

At the fall PTO general meeting, the PTO hosted a great turnout from SRE families and faculty. The PTO presented the goals, achievements and ways families can help the PTO for the 2015-2016 school year. All in attendance enjoyed storytelling from a local storyteller as well as cookie samples from the PTO's fall fundraiser.



*St. Rose Elementary Title 1 Family Center*  
*Family & School: Together We Can Make a Difference*

November



Carol Bowie-Cotton: cbowie@stcharles.k12.la.us

Hours: 8:30am – 3:30pm

Phone: 504-464-9254

With the end of the first quarter, all children have received their report cards. Are you happy with your child's progress? Were you able to read the report card? If not, visit the Family Center and we will help you. In the Family Center, we have a computer with access to the parent portal system. We also have information to help you with study skills, homework, and the rigorous standards.

Research shows when teachers and families work together for student learning, children enjoy school more, do better in school, and stay **in** school longer. With involvement from all stakeholders, academic success of the student will be assured by enhancing effective communication between home and school.

There's no question that students today have more homework than in the past. Fitting homework into busy family schedules is challenging. Homework is here to stay! Homework gives your child a chance to practice the skills learned in school, and teaches important life lessons. Students who do their homework consistently tend to have better grades.

### Homework Matters

Here are ways to help your child maximize homework time:

**Help your child** with homework, but don't do it for him/her. Children learn by doing. Homework reinforces independence, builds a sense of responsibility, perseverance, and fosters time management. Homework helps your child become self-motivated.

**Stay in touch** with the teacher. Please tell the teacher if your child is struggling with homework.

**Select a time to do homework.** The best time to do homework is the one that works for your family. It can be before or after playing, watching television or dinner time. Avoid leaving it for the end of the day when your child is tired and sleepy.

**Help your child decide** which homework is going to be hard and which will be easy. Have your child start with the most difficult assignment so that your child will be more alert when completing the toughest assignment.

**Have your child read** aloud nightly. Stop and ask questions while reading together to check for understanding.

**Remain positive.** Negative attitudes can affect your child!

There is nothing more meaningful than helping your child succeed in school. Homework is **key** to that success.

### What is the telltale sign your kids need encouragement?

It's a simple sign.... If they're breathing! Kids crave praise from their parents. When was the last time you sat down, looked your children in the eye, and told them why you're proud of them? Don't just assume they know. They won't get it by osmosis. Tell them specifically. And tell them often. You have a lot of negative cultural messages to combat. Start the encouragement counter attack tonight at dinner.

You're **braver** than you believe

And **stronger** than you seem,

And **smarter** than you think.

~A.A. Milne/Christopher Robin



## September Students of the Month



# Community Spotlight



St. Rose Elementary has dedicated, hardworking, and faithful volunteers. Many of our volunteers come during the week to volunteer as well as on monthly scheduled volunteer days. Our gracious volunteers work in the SRE Family Center doing various things for the faculty, staff, and students of SRE. During the month of November, St. Rose Elementary salutes our Community Helpers of the month, all of our volunteers.

“Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless,  
but because they're  
priceless.”  
~Sherry Anderson

**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**





# SAVE THE DATE!

## SRE Cake Bingo Fundraiser Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>



Cake Bingo will be held on **Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**! As usual, we will have games of Bingo where the prizes are cakes! We will also have pizza, nachos, sweets, and drinks. In addition, we will be raffling off a pair of tickets to a Saints game, as well as several wreaths! Raffle tickets, as well as tickets for our 50/50 pool will be available to purchase the night of Cake Bingo.

We are again offering the option to purchase some of the tickets and cards ahead of time. We are also selling bingo stampers (\$1 each) to mark your cards if you'd prefer to purchase your own stamper instead of using materials supplied. If you would like to preorder bingo cards, or food/drink tickets, please completely fill out the form below and return it to school with the **correct amount of money or check** made out to St. Rose Elementary any time before Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. (If a form is sent without money, it will be returned.) Your food/drink tickets and bingo cards will be held at the school, and you'll be able to pick them up upon your arrival on the night of Cake Bingo at a special table in the library. Item prices are also found below so that you can determine the amount of tickets and cards you'd like to preorder. Of course, you may also purchase tickets at the event. Doors open at 5:30, and games begin at 6:00. Hope to see you there!

Bingo cards \$3.00 / packet of 10 games

Pizza \$2.00 / slice

Nachos \$2.00

Sweets \$1.00

Soft Drinks & Bottled Water \$1.00

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Name under which tickets will be picked up: \_\_\_\_\_

*(You may choose your own name or a child's name. This is the **ONLY** name preorders will be kept under, so be sure to write the name you will remember!)*

**This is your receipt! Bring this form with you to Cake Bingo!**

Dollar Amount of Food/Drink Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Dollar Amount of Bingo Cards: \_\_\_\_\_

Dollar Amount for Bingo Stampers (\$1 each): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_


Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_





# November



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 Social Studies/Science Fair Information Meeting 6:00 pm	5 Playgroup 10am	6
9	10	11 Pre-K and 2nd Grade Concert 6:30 pm	12 Playgroup 10am	13 Early Dismissal @ 12:35 pm
16	17	18 Volunteer Day 10am 	19 Playgroup 10am Cake Bingo 5:30 pm (games begin @ 6:00)	20 Spirit Day Black & Gold
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Tobasko the Dragon is our school mascot. He would love to hear from our SRE parents. If you have any suggestions for school improvement, concerns or input, please write them below and return them with your child. We will print a follow-up in our next newsletter.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions/Ideas/Input/Concerns:

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