

Welcome to “Back to School Night” at St. Rose School

- *Thank you for choosing St. Rose for your children's education.*
- *We are really thrilled about the school year and have many new and exciting things planned.*



Faith, Knowledge, and Service

Education – Bardhyl Gjoka (Mr. G.)

- **Sacred Heart University, Fairfield Connecticut**

- ✓ Sixth Year Educational Leadership Degree.
 - ✓ Educational Leadership Program: 092 Administration and Supervision Certification in Connecticut.

- **Fairfield University, Fairfield Connecticut**

- ✓ Master of Arts Degree in Secondary Education
 - ✓ Connecticut Teaching Certification in Mathematics, Grades 7 through 12.

- **University of New Haven (UNH), West Haven Connecticut**

- Certified to teach four Engineering Courses:**

- ✓ Introduction to Engineering Design (IED)
 - ✓ Principles of Engineering (POE)
 - ✓ Digital Electronics (DE)
 - ✓ Civil Engineering and Architecture (CEA)

- **University of Albania**

- ✓ Bachelor of Science Degree: **Mathematics and Physics Teacher**, equivalent of a U.S. Bachelor of Science degree with a specialization in **Mathematics and Physics**.

Why Catholic Education?

- Research show that “It is possible that the faith-focus of Catholic schools puts greater emphasis on development of non-cognitive or soft skills such as **tenacity**, confidence and persistence - which employers looked for when promoting workers into management.”
- This means that **your children** have the opportunity to be the managers and therefore **leaders of the future**.

Academic Rigor at St. Rose School

- The skills needed to be successful today are different than they were when schools were designed.
- Challenge: How do we create a *rigorous, relevant, student-centered learning environment* that better prepares all students to meet the demands of the 21st Century?

Why STEM Education Is Important For Everyone

- STEM education is an approach to teaching and learning that integrates the content and skills of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics *where rigorous academic concepts are coupled with real-world lessons.*
- STEM education is vital to our future—the future of our country, the future of our region and **the future of our children.**

Our Ultimate Goal:

Utilize Best Practices
while Preserving our
Best Traditions

Innovation Paired with
a Strong Catholic
Foundation

**Empower our
Students to
Succeed**

Dedicated
and Experienced,
Faculty & Staff

Strengthen Parent
Partnerships with
Parish & School

Enhancements To Further Student Learning/Performance

- Implemented a new daily schedule to maximize student learning and overall well-being
- Developed common procedures and policies to ensure beneficial and equitable practices
- Improved internal communication
- Developed a **new website that is dynamic, organized, current**, and available by month's end.
- Added 32 New Chromebooks and 4 SMART TV's
- Enrich upper school learning to prepare for high school
- Reinforce and bolster safety measures in school

Enhancements To Further Improve the Student Experience - School Climate

Dean of Student Life

- Creates a positive school climate, working in collaboration with administrators, staff, and parents in helping students to develop a positive self-concept and have a positive school experience.
- Develops positive behavior support systems and intervention strategies.
- Supervises School Counselor.
- Guides students in individual decision making responsibilities.
- Assists in the development, implementation, and evaluation of academic and behavioral intervention programs; as well as innovative programs that provide challenge and support for the academic growth of all students.
- Works with Principal to establish a safe and secure learning environment for students.
- Supervises school programs, extracurricular activities, and student athletics.
- Seeks and implements programs to foster student leadership for students' personal development.
- Assists the Principal in managing and providing instructional leadership to the school.

Parents as Partners

- **Spread the good news about our school.** Please help us with positive word of mouth.
- **Quell negative news.** Please **be mindful of any negative comments towards the school**...it has a damaging impact to the school and everyone who works here...but most of all **it impacts your child**.
- **Read the family policy book** and be sure to **go over requirements and expectations with your children**.
- **Help to reinforce school policies** by making sure your children **come to school with proper uniform, assignments, and all necessary materials to be prepared** for their day.
- **Volunteer as much as you can...we are a community...we are as strong as the support we get...**
- **Contact your child's teacher first** in any situation of a concern...you will hear part or the entire story from your child, be sure to hear the full story or validate what you heard from your child...

Participate in This Evening's Teacher Meetings and Classroom Sessions

- Kindergarten through Grade 5 will conduct 20 minute sessions:
 - Session 1: 7:30 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.
 - Session 2: 7:50 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.
 - Session 3: 8:10 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Mr. G. will announce the time for each session.
- Specials Teachers will be available, in the Music Room:
Music, Physical Education, Foreign Language, and Art
- **Parents of students in grades 6-8 will meet with the upper school team here in the Gathering Hall.**
 - Gathering Hall Presentation: 7:30 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.
 - Classroom Visits: 8:00 p.m. – 8: 25 p.m.
- We will include Grades 6-8 presentation in the school newsletter.

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**"The mission of the Catholic School is the
integral formation of students."**

John Paul II