



## St. Rose of Lima Catholic School

Dear Parents,

During this season of Advent, as we prepare for Christ's coming, Father Steve and I would like to thank you for your continued support and prayers. We truly enjoy working with you to help your child grow academically, emotionally, developmentally and above all, spiritually. We know that in raising children, it is the toughest, yet most rewarding, job around.

As our culture continues to put other priorities ahead of God, we want to remind you that St. Rose School and Parish strives to appreciate and honor vocations such as teachers, athletic directors, coaches, staff and volunteers. We have witnessed and experienced negative actions and words from some of our families to our most dedicated and enthusiastic employees/volunteers. This can be disheartening and discouraging to those who are helping your child/ren grow. Whether it be related to sports, recess or class time, please keep in mind that these people are trying to do their best for you, your student and our St. Rose community.

There is much going on behind the scenes that takes time to prepare for games and class work. As sad as it may be at times when your child is disciplined or when a referee might make a 'bad' call, before becoming frustrated and acting upon these feelings, please take into consideration that we are always striving to do our best. At any time, we are willing to reflect on a situation with you in an open, positive format. Lord knows that none of us are perfect. We all make mistakes and would like your feedback in order to improve our programs and instruction.

We are living in a society that can be rash, rude and abusive. However, you have chosen to send your child/ren to a school that offers something different. As we encourage our students to live like Jesus and 'Be a Rose' to our community, we invite you, too, to do the same. Thank you for walking with us to build our young peoples' character and work habits. We appreciate all you do to make our school and community outstanding. If there is ever anything that you need, please feel free to come to us. After all, that is what family is for!

Happy Advent and a very Merry Christmas,

Father Steve and Mrs. Floyd