



Congratulations to St. Rose of Lima Catholic School on reaching the following milestones in 2018! We thank our entire parish community for your enduring support!

As we continue on our path of distinction, we constantly reflect on the past, present and future operations of the school. We are fortunate to earn your overwhelming support and appreciate your confidence in our vision for the future. Below are a few of the many recent accomplishments we have experienced together in 2018.

- **According to our December 2018 Parent Satisfaction Survey, nearly 60% of our families felt their children had a great experience during their 1st Semester, 39.5% had a good experience and only .05% felt their child's experience was fair. None of our family's rated their child's experience as "poor."**
- We have successfully reopened our PreK3 for our youngest Cardinals and their families. This fun and educational new program for our 3-year olds has captured much attention in our community and many families have expressed interest in enrollment for 2019-20.
- Numerous new initiatives are underway to further enhance parental involvement in the classroom. A few of these exciting new programs include our Preschool Science Fridays, Kindergarten Student of the Week, 3rd Grade Mystery Parent Reader program, 4th Grade Author's Tea & Science Exhibit, 5th Grade Longhouse Social Studies Project Exhibit, and much more!
- A new partnership with Barry University's Chemistry Department has been established to further support our focus on making Science interactive and inspiring. Since the start of school, Barry's chemistry majors have visited various grade levels at St. Rose to work with our teachers and students.
- The SRL Science Club participated in a Science Olympiad Invitational in Orlando, Florida. The team earned eight 2nd place ribbons and four 4th place ribbons in specific competitive events. Overall, the team placed 4th place in the state.
- With much gratitude to our friends from the Women's Relief Association, SRL has acquired a grant that will provide the funding needed to begin plans for a new STREAM Learning Lab.
- Competing against other Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Miami, St. Rose of Lima won 2nd place overall at the Monsignor Pace High School Academic Olympics.
- Our students and families provided over 500 food items and 300 toys for our community during our Thanksgiving and Christmas drives.
- SRL alumni continue to soar at our local Catholic high schools! We are pleased to report their recent achievements during the first semester. Among the 40 SRL graduates at St. Thomas Aquinas HS, 34 students received Honor Roll; with 17 of those on Principal's List. At Pace, 16 of our 25 alumni received either Principal's or 1st Honors. Go Cardinals!
- A new behavioral management program, *Conscious Discipline*, has been introduced and steadily incorporated across our primary grade levels. Conscious Discipline is a leader in classroom management and provides a transformational, whole-school solution for social-emotional learning, discipline and self-regulation.
- Our St. Joseph's Workshop has been dramatically expanded to better serve all learners. Under the direction of our Dean of Academics, we now have a full-time Behavioral Health Counselor, two full-time Learning Interventionists, and two full-time Title One Reading & Math Interventionists on staff. Programs are now in place for students who need added interventions and enrichment; ongoing progress monitoring has illustrated growth in many areas.
- The SRL Athletic program experienced many new accomplishments in 2018! A few of these highlights include Girls Varsity Volleyball winning the ACC Championship, Boys Varsity Volleyball completing their season as a semifinalist, and Boys JV Basketball finishing with an undefeated season.
- Healthy improvements have been made to our school's lunch program. Among these changes, students are no longer permitted to return to the line for additional snacks, ice cream is only served on Fridays, and aftercare

has begun introducing healthier snack options.

- Our Fine Arts Department has taken on a fresh new look! Based on the feedback from our parents, everyone is thrilled with the recent changes to our Christmas programs and the addition of our instrumental band program. Stay tuned...we have much more in store!
- We have expanded our middle school program to offer additional levels of Math. This expansion has enhanced our learning environment so all students can reach their fullest potential in a setting that is comfortable yet stimulating.
- Since August, students across grades 2-8 have been introduced to computer coding in our innovative computer lab. We are excited to partner with *Tynker*, a complete learning system that enables everyone from beginners to advanced programmers to code with intuitive, interest-based activities. Tynker's self-paced courses lets kids experiment with visual blocks before progressing to intermediate programming and even languages like Javascript and Python. Our middle school students have benefitted from a grant provided by the GE Additive Initiative Education program and the Miami Shores Women's Relief Association to use Engineering principles and Makers Empire Software to complete projects on our two new 3D printers.
- Our 8th Grade students have been paired with our 2nd Graders as *Faith Friends*. Each week, our *Faith Friends* come together to attend weekly mass, participate in various activities, and share in friendship and faith as they prepare for their Sacraments.
- Our 3rd Grade students have been paired with our Kindergarten students as *Reading Buddies*. On a monthly basis, these new buddies gather together to read stories to each other. This new program helps foster confidence in reading, leadership, friendship, and family.
- Dr. Pedro Jose Greer visited SRL to speak with all middle school students about his experience helping the neediest in our community. Dr. Greer, an assistant dean at FIU's College of Medicine, is the founder of Camillus Health Concern and the St. John Bosco Clinic. He is also the recipient of many of the nation's highest honors including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, as well as three Papal medals. We are proud to offer this enriching opportunity for our students as we continue our focus on the importance of service to others.
- Gabriela Muriel, class of '18, was selected as a top 30 finalist in the Broadcom MASTERS, the nation's premier STEM competition for middle school students for her SRL Science Fair project!
- Additional afterschool STREAM Clubs have been launched to provide further enrichment activities to our students. Currently 150+ students are taking advantage of these new opportunities!
- In collaboration with Immaculata LaSalle High School, spiritual day retreats have been scheduled for all middle school students to further enrich each child's spiritual development.
- SRL received a grant from *GE's Addictive Education* program for a state-of-the art 3D Printing Classroom Package! This new program will be integrated into our STREAM Elective program for many years to come.
- Congratulations to our wonderful 6th and 7th graders who participated in the Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory Lions Scholastic Competition! Competing against many other Catholic schools across the Archdiocese, our students brought home three 1st Place Awards, four 2nd Place Awards, and two 3rd Place Awards. All SRL scholastic competitors were excellent representatives of St. Rose of Lima School and we are grateful for their hard work!
- SRL received an "Exemplary" rating by Catapult Learning during this year's Operational Vitality Visitation.
- The Girls Soccer team won the Regional Finals during their first season ever!
- Our Science Olympiad Team won the Regional Competition and was invited to compete at the State level at the University of Central Florida! Each member on the team earned a certificate of excellence and two students (Maximo Diaz and Danicka Joseph) received silver medals at the State level! Congratulations!
- Multiple middle schools students were recognized at this year's Miami-Dade County Science Fair and Gabriela Muriel earned a gold medal for her project (Paraplegics Achieving Stability when Flying in the Vertical Wind Tunnel), a State Finalist trophy, and was nominated for the 2018 Broadcom MASTER as the top 10% science fair participant in the nation!
- Over 20% of this year's graduating class placed in the 90th percentile or above on their High School Placement Test. Many of these students will be receiving scholarships to attend the high school of their choice!
- In our ongoing effort to differentiate instruction and challenge all learners, SRL has successfully launched *Mathletics* and *Accelerated Reader* school-wide.

- Computer and iPad stations have been installed in all K-4 classrooms. These devices are being incorporated into our center activities and across the curriculum in many enriching ways.
- Middle school students have been provided an individual Chromebook to further enhance our curriculum with collaborative on-line learning. We continue integrating the Google Apps for Education platform as one of our primary learning tools in the classroom.
- Our 5th graders are using a class set of Chromebooks to become acclimated to the technology prior to middle school.
- To better monitor student progress, we have increased the frequency of our STAR Math and ELA testing to three times per year. Results will be used to gauge progress throughout the year and make adjustments, where needed.
- Individualized learning plans for students with specific learning needs have been developed and implemented across all grade levels.
- Grades 6-8 began a modified block schedule. The schedule was adjusted to create additional curriculum minutes in Math, offer a special STREAM elective program, and better prepare our students for the structure of a high school schedule.
- A regular school bell was installed and activated throughout the day to indicate synchronized lunch times, class exchange times for middle school, and to support the time allotments of our elective courses.
- Our reading resources were updated in grades K-5. These resources have provided the opportunity to meet the needs of every student.
- The morning drop off and afternoon pick up procedures have been revamped to increase safety and efficiency for our staff, students and their families.
- Nationally acclaimed children's author, Roland Smith, visited SRL to complement our enhanced Reading program.
- Our school's website homepage, facebook page and publication materials have been redesigned to better represent our parish and school community.
- New 21st century student desks have been added to our 8th grade classrooms to be enjoyed by all middle school students.
- Proactive and positive discipline programs including *Conscious Discipline*, Student of the Month Awards, Middle School Raffle Ticket System, Golden Spatula Award, etc have been launched to recognize outstanding student conduct. A full-time Behavioral Specialist has been added to our staff to provide further support to our teachers, students and their families.
- Honor Awards Ceremonies are now planned each marking period to recognize our middle school students who excel academically.
- Friday Morning Assemblies and Monthly School Spirit Days have been regularly scheduled to foster a greater sense of community.
- Rosaries are prayed together, in our beautiful courtyard, on the first Monday of every month. Praying a decade of the rosary on a regular basis is quickly becoming a coveted tradition at St. Rose of Lima.