



St. Rose School Technology, Curriculum, and Services

Technology

St. Rose School has been on cutting edge of classroom technology over the past several years, enhancing the abilities of our staff to teach in unique ways to help students comprehend their lessons.

- **Apple TVs** have been installed in each classroom for the latest in interactive learning. We are one of the few schools in the region to offer this important technology to our students.
- **Laptops** for all staff and to update our computer lab. Students have MacBooks available to them for research, group projects using Google classroom, and for technology class.
- **iPads** for all staff to use with their Apple TVs for the latest interactive teaching. Students also have access to iPads for individual learning apps, research and also group projects.
- **Wireless** connections in all classrooms.

Curriculum

St. Rose offers an immense variety of course studies for our students. This is important to the educational development of students as they learn core subjects, as well as the crucial spiritual and moral aspects of daily life.

- **Accelerated Reader Program (AR)**- Over 140,000 tests available for select books to enhance comprehension and reading fluency. Appropriate levels and goals for all students.
- **Terra Nova Testing** (Grades 3-8) - Curriculum based assessment conducted in the fall of the year to monitor the acceleration and needs of students.
- **MAP Testing** (Grades 3-8)- or the Measure of Academic Progress, is a computerized adaptive test which helps teachers, parents, and administrators improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote a child's academic growth.
- **DIBELS Testing** (Grades 1-6) – This is individually administered measures of student skills in each of the key basic early literacy skills. The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early

Literacy Skills (**DIBELS**) are a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of early literacy skills from kindergarten through sixth grade.

- **Standard Courses-** Religion, Math, Science, Reading, History, English, Computers/Keyboarding, Music, PE/Health.
- **Mass-** Students attend Mass on Wednesday and Friday mornings each week and on Holy Days of Obligation. Some students will participate in Mass readings, as altar servers and carrying Offertory. Students will be able to receive the Sacraments. Non-Catholic students are welcome and invited to attend, with the option to participate as they see fit.
- **National History Day-** Junior High students compete locally and nationally while building knowledge and respect for history. St. Rose has a long legacy of excellence in this competition, with several state winners moving on to national competition in Washington, D.C.
- **Modern Woodmen Speech Contest-** Since 1977, St. Rose students have been competing and excelling at Modern Woodmen speeches, building the life skill of being a confident speaker and a great leader.
- **Scrip Spelling Bee-** Students from grades 5-8 spell it out with local competitors in Knox County and state competition.

Extra Curricular Activities and Special Events

- **Assemblies-** We bring the outside world to our students to enable them to experience all the opportunities ahead of them. We have had assemblies that focused on vocation awareness, anti-bullying, history, pet care, and Native American traditions, among others.
- **Student Government-** Students from grades 4-8 elect a student council. This council helps plan, organize and develop activities for Crofton High School Homecoming, Catholic Schools Week, service projects, while learning the organizational and leadership skills necessary to succeed in school and life.
- **Athletics-** All sports (volleyball, football, basketball, wrestling, and track) are available to all students through a cooperative agreement with Crofton Community Schools. The majority of St. Rose students have gone on to lead CHS teams to success both on and off the playing fields. Sports participation begins in grade 3.
- **Field Trips-** Our students enjoy trips to vocation awareness days, pilgrimages to area Catholic Shrines, trips to plays in Norfolk, Ashfall Fossil Beds, and local businesses. Our 8th grade students have enjoyed educational Citizenship trips to Lincoln to the State

Capitol, Governor's Mansion, Morrill Hall, Memorial Stadium and the UNL Campus Catholic Newman Center for 40+ years.

- **Special Events**- Catholic Schools Week unites our students with Catholic School students around the country. Our school plans various activities during the week, including a teacher brunch with Crofton Elementary teachers, Faith Family activities, and community support. Our students also celebrate CHS Homecoming and Red Ribbon Week.

Services

- **Sycamore Education Program**- Internet based program for parents and families that helps parents and teachers better communicate about student performance, school activities, student grades, and concerns. This program, implemented in 2011, has been a great addition to our school's efforts, bringing staff and families closer together and providing a quick and easy way for parents to track student grades and pass a note to teachers or staff.
- **STAR Testing**- STAR Reading offers expanded skills based testing and new reports that provide data for screening, instructional planning based on skills mastery, progress monitoring and standards benchmarking.
- **School Nurse/Testing**- Our school nurse comes once a week and conducts all of the necessary checks from vision to scoliosis. Classes on CPR, the maturing body, and chastity are also presented for our students.
- **Special Education/Title/Speech**- Programs are available to our students through the Crofton School district.
- **Busing** is available through the Crofton School district for out of town students.
- **School Lunch Program** is provided through the Crofton School district and takes place at the public school elementary gym.

Faith in Action

St. Rose students are well versed in putting their faith in action through service projects throughout the year. Here is a sampling...

- **Grandparents Day**- Grandparents are invited to Mass and a school open house for refreshments and bingo in the fall.
- **Bingo**- Played with area residents at the school

- **Project Linus**- Blankets made during Catholic Schools Week for children in hospitals.
- **Community Clean Up Day**- 6th grade with Mrs. Schieffer.
- **Serve at the Yankton Area Banquet**- Junior High students serve needy families at the Yankton Area Banquet.
- **Food Collections** for local food banks.
- **Operation Christmas Child**- Boxed items sent to children of need during the Christmas season.
- **Writing Letters**- Letters written by students to seminarians, senior citizen centers, and local shut-ins.
- **Pennies for Patients**- Classroom collection and an all school competition with proceeds going to the Leukemia Foundation.
- **Decorate St. Rose Hall** for Catholic Schools Week and Fish Fry.
- **Service Hours Auction**- Students from 6-8 grades offer service hours in babysitting, mowing, and scooping snow on silent auction for annual Unity Supper and Auction fundraiser.
- **Funerals and Parish Activities**- Assist in setting up tables and chairs in parish hall for parish events.
- **Caroling**- Our students carol at the Crofton Senior Center at Christmas time.