

The Royal Return

Back-to-School Guide for All Students
2026-2027



**ROSARY
ACADEMY**

Dear Rosary Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year!

We hope your summer has been filled with rest, joy, and meaningful time with family and friends. Throughout the summer months, Rosary Academy remained vibrant and active with summer school, athletic programs, leadership training, campus improvements, and countless opportunities for our students to learn and grow. As we prepare to welcome our Royals back to campus, there is a palpable sense of excitement and anticipation for the year ahead.

A new school year offers a fresh beginning—a time to embrace new opportunities, deepen friendships, strengthen faith, and pursue excellence. Whether your daughter is returning to Rosary or joining us for the first time, we are delighted to welcome her into our cherished sisterhood. Together, we will continue our tradition of forming young women of faith, integrity, scholarship, service, and leadership.

As we begin this academic year, we remain grounded in the values that have guided Rosary Academy for more than six decades: Faith, Sisterhood, Community, and Service. Inspired by the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph and their call to “serve the dear neighbor without distinction,” we encourage our students to seek God in the ordinary moments of daily life and to live with purpose, compassion, and courage.

This year, we invite our students to embrace what St. Thérèse of Lisieux called “The Little Way”—the understanding that greatness is found not only in extraordinary accomplishments, but also in the small acts of kindness, generosity, and love that transform our communities. Every welcoming smile, helping hand, prayer offered, and act of service becomes an opportunity to reflect Christ’s light in the world.

Inside this guide, you will find important dates, policies, procedures, and resources to help your family prepare for a successful school year. We encourage you to review the information carefully and mark your calendars with the important events and milestones that await us.

Thank you for entrusting Rosary Academy with the education and formation of your daughter. We look forward to partnering with you as together we nurture the minds, hearts, and spirits of the young women entrusted to our care. May God bless you and your family as we begin another remarkable year at Rosary Academy.

With gratitude and prayers,



Shawna L. Pautsch, Ed.D.



Sean M. Basford, Ed.D.

MISSION STATEMENT

As a college preparatory diocesan Catholic high school, Rosary Academy empowers the mind, body, and spirit of each young woman in a transformative educational experience. Guided by the Blessed Mother, Rosary Academy embraces and challenges its students with an innovative instructional curriculum to achieve academic success and ignite the call to serve the dear neighbor without distinction.

CORE VALUES

FAITH

A community of believers, guided by the Blessed Mother and nourished by the Eucharist connecting us to God enabling us to live out the gospel.

COMMUNITY

With the Holy Family and student families as a model, Royals learn to appreciate and nurture human interconnectedness on a local, regional, and global level.

SERVICE

We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ and to give of our self fully to others.

SISTERHOOD

A lifelong bond is formed between young women allowing them to grow as sisters in Christ who respect and nurture each other's differences, values, accomplishments, and personalities.

CHARISM

To serve the dear neighbor without distinction.

CHARISM PRAYER

Gracious and loving Father, we thank you for the blessing of our Rosary community and the gift of sisterhood.

Empower us to courageously live out the Gospel values, to be the hands and feet of Christ, in service to the dear neighbor, without distinction.

May our blessed Mother Mary continually inspire us to be young women of faith, echoing her yes to God's will.

Amen.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

CLASS OF 2030

ROYAL WELCOME

Thursday, July 30th | 10:00am - 7:00pm

*Lunch & snacks provided

Friday, July 31st | 10:30am - 6:00pm

*Lunch & snacks provided

What your daughter should bring:

- Service project supplies (July 31st only)
- Change of clothes for water activities (July 31st only)

What your daughter should wear:

- Modest attire — Rosary shirt if possible, or a red, white, gold/yellow, or black shirt
- Jeans or solid black leggings in good condition (no holes, rips, or shorts)
- Tennis shoes only — no sandals
- No bare midriffs, tank tops, cutouts, or see-through clothing
- Undergarments must not be visible at any time

Parent Events

- Family Mass – Thursday, July 30, at 6:00pm
- Presentation by Rosary administration – Friday, July 31, at 5:00pm

[Click here to RSVP](#)



DONATE:

Help us live out our charism by donating new school supplies (notebooks, colored pencils, pens, glue, scissors, folders, etc)

Students will be putting together back-to-school packs for students in higher ground

Questions? Contact Maggie LaBonte '09 at mlabonte@rosaryacademy.org

ROYAL ORIENTATION

Tuesday, August 11

8:00am - 1:30pm

Freshmen will meet their teachers, explore campus, and connect with staff who will support them throughout high school. Students report to the gym at 7:45am and will be assigned a time for their school picture. They must wear a Rosary polo with jeans. Student ID cards will be distributed in the first weeks of school and must be worn daily on the provided Rosary lanyard. Lunch will be provided.

Orientation Schedule

7:45 am – Check-in

8:00 – 9:45 am – Welcome, Introductions & School Pictures

9:50 – 10:50 am – Class Meeting, Schedules, Form Drop-Off (if needed)

10:50 – 11:05 am – Break

Class Walkthrough

11:10 – 11:20 am – Period 1

11:25 – 11:35 am – Period 2

11:40 – 11:50 am – Period 3

11:55 – 12:05 pm – Period 4

12:05 – 12:45 pm – Lunch (provided)

12:50 – 1:00 pm – Period 5

1:05 – 1:15 pm – Period 6

1:20 – 1:30 pm – Period 7

1:30 pm – Dismissal

School Pictures

- Students must wear a Rosary polo (white, red, pink, or yellow) with jeans
- No leggings or shorts
- No facial piercings, hair color must be natural
- [Picture Forms](#) if you'd like to order pictures

Questions? Contact Nicola Huerta '94 at nhuerta@rosaryacademy.org

CLASS OF 2027, 2028, & 2029

ROYAL RETURN

Monday, August 10
8:00am - 3:30pm

All students are to report to the Karcher Center at their designated time. Students are required to wear a Rosary polo (white, red, pink, or yellow) with jeans for their school picture. Students are taking yearbook and ID photos.

What to wear & bring

- Rosary polo - white, red, pink, or yellow
- Tennis shoes must be worn. No sandals of any kind
- Jeans in good condition. No holes, rips, or cutouts. No leggings, no shorts
- No facial piercings, Hair color must be natural
- Picture Forms if you'd like to order pictures

Seniors: If you have not taken your senior portrait before Business Day, you must take a photo this day!

Schedule

- Sophomores | 8:00am - 10:00am
- Juniors | 10:30am - 12:30pm
- Seniors | 1:30pm - 3:00pm

All required forms must be turned in at Royal Return. This includes class retreat permission slips, Disneyland forms, opt-out forms, Handbook agreement form, Class of 2028 Knotts behavior contract, Knotts permission slip and the Class of 2029 Sophomore Day with Servite/Bowlero permission slip.

Students who drive are to park in the student lot.

[Click here to view full Royal Return Packet!](#)

Questions? Contact Nicola Huerta '94 at nhuerta@rosaryacademy.org

TEXTBOOKS

[Click Here to
access Aeries](#)

You may view your daughter's classes under course request in Aeries after August 1st.

If you do not have an Aeries account set-up, then you should receive an email by August 1st. If you need assistance, please contact Mrs. Moore at mmoore@rosaryacademy.org in the counseling department.

ACCESS & PURCHASE BOOKS:

STEP 1: Review your daughter's schedule in Aeries

STEP 2: Review the [2026-2027 Book List](#)

STEP 3: Use the links on the Book List to purchase your daughter's books

THE NURSES' CORNER

Two registered nurses staff the health room full-time, Monday – Friday from 7:00am - 3:30pm

The Health Room is located down the hallway between classrooms 5 and 6. The nurses are on campus to support our students' mental and physical health needs, focusing on "wellness" and personal responsibility. Our nurses provide first aid, health counseling, and educational programs. If it is not an emergency, students should come to the Health Room during passing periods, breaks, or lunch to avoid missed class time. We ask that the nurse evaluate students before contacting her parent or guardian if she is not feeling well. In addition, Rosary Academy has three CPR/First Aid certified American Red Cross instructors on campus.

Medications

All medications must be kept in the Health Room at all times. Students are not allowed to carry medications on themselves, in their backpacks, lockers, or cars. Students with asthma/allergies (provided proper documentation is completed in the Health Room) may carry an inhaler or EpiPen with them. Still, it is also highly recommended to keep an extra Inhaler/EpiPen in the Health Room in case of an emergency. All students are required to have a completed & up to date "Student Health History Form" & "Parent/Healthcare Provider Request Form" turned into the Nurse's Office.

Immunization

To enter into Rosary Academy, incoming freshmen and transfer students must have immunizations that meet the California School Immunization Law, Health and Safety Code Sections 120325-120380. Incoming Freshmen and students transferring from out of the country, whose immunization record has not been received by the new school at the time of admission, the school may admit the child for up to 30 school days. If the immunization record has not been received at the end of this period, the school shall exclude the pupil until the parent or guardian provides documentation of compliance with the requirements. Under a 2011 California law, all California high school students must be vaccinated against pertussis (whooping cough). For 9th-12th graders, at least one dose of the "Tdap" booster (pertussis-containing vaccine) is required on or after the 7th birthday.

Change in Medical Conditions

Please contact the Nurses in the Health Room if there are any changes in your daughter's health condition. This includes but is not limited to concussions, sprains, broken bones, a new medical diagnosis, injuries, change in or addition of a medication, or a recent or upcoming surgery. Students should feel well enough to participate in all classroom activities when coming to school. If she is suffering from an active illness, she is advised to stay home in order to protect other students and staff from possible disease transmission. If your student develops a fever or is sent home from school with a temperature of 99.9 or higher, she must be free of fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine before returning to campus. This also applies to episodes of vomiting and diarrhea. Students should remain at home until their illness has resolved.

Questions? Email nurses at nurse@rosaryacademy.org

RESOURCES & SUPPORT

Assistant Principal of Student Services

Oversees all student services, including the nurses, discipline, safety, and student activities

Mrs. Nicola Huerta '94

nhuerta@rosaryacademy.org

Director of Activities

Manages Rosary traditions, like Rosary Day, Father-Daughter Dinner & Dance, Rosary and Servite school dances, clubs, Associated Student Body (ASB), and Red & Gold

Ms. Maggie La Bonte '09

mlabonte@rosaryacademy.org

Dean of Students

Oversees safety and discipline for the Student body

Mrs. Lissy Burboa

lburboa@rosaryacademy.org

School Nurses

Ms. Melissa Doyle '02

Mrs. Anne Fiorentino

nurse@rosaryacademy.org

Academic Counselors

Support students in career and college preparedness, course selection, academic concerns. Offers parent education

Ms. Jennifer Abalos

jabalos@rosaryacademy.org

Ms. Elizabeth Sanchez

esanchez@rosaryacademy.org

Mrs. Christine Lee

clee@rosaryacademy.org

Director of Social & Emotional Learning

Oversees the wellness program and social and emotional needs of all our students.

Serves as the school's personal counselor

Mrs. Katie Lorenzetti

kmarquez@rosaryacademy.org

Athletics

Mr. Tom Tice Jr.

Assistant Principal of Athletics

ttice@rosaryacademy.org

Mrs. Maggie Kaluzny

Athletic Director

mkaluzny@rosaryacademy.org

Campus Ministry

Oversees the campus ministry student program, service trips, Kairos, retreats, school liturgies. She also provides parent faith formation opportunities

Mrs. Eileen Kearns '78

Executive Director of Campus Ministry

ekearns@rosaryacademy.org

Class Moderators

Freshman: Mrs. Caitlyn LeClair

Sophomores: Mrs. Jessica Vasquez '17

Juniors: Mrs. Cindy Jenkins

Seniors: Mr. Greg Chavez

Main Office: (714) 879-6302

Attendance: (714) 879-6302 - press 4 - leave a message

Athletic Office: (714) 870-6510

Counseling: (714) 879-6302 ext. 1116

PARENT COUNCIL

Rosary Academy's parent council executive board provides opportunities for all parents to get involved and support the school. All parents are automatically a member of parent council and invited to four all-parent meetings throughout the year. If you would like to learn how to get involved, you may contact Michelle French, special events and parent programming manager, at mfrench@rosaryacademy.org.

Rosary Fundraisers:

Cracked Crab | Saturday, October 3

A beloved Rosary tradition since 1979, Cracked Crab brings together generations of Royals for an evening of great food, fun, and fellowship. Join current and alumnae families, faculty, staff, and friends as we celebrate community and continue a legacy of support that has enriched Rosary Academy for decades. Featuring auctions, games, and plenty of memories in the making, this cherished event is one you won't want to miss.

Questions? Contact Michelle French at mfrench@rosaryacademy.org

Red Wine & Gold | Saturday, January 16

This is a food-sampling and wine-tasting event with food from local restaurants and some of the finest California wines are poured. This annual event is a taster's delight and celebrates the Rosary community. Silent and live auctions are held and all proceeds of the evening benefit tuition assistance. Must be 21 years or older to attend this event. Registration opens in November.

Questions? Contact Michelle French at mfrench@rosaryacademy.org

Royal Golf Classic | Monday, March 15

The Royal Golf classic is making a comeback! This is the primary fundraiser for Rosary's athletic and spirit programs for the 2026-2027 school year. With over 60% of our students in one or more sports, this event raises funds for equipment, travel, coaching development, tuition assistance, and athletic operations. Sponsorships and tickets available in January 2027.

Questions? Contact Leslie Aragon at laragon@rosaryacademy.org.

IMPORTANT EVENTS & UPCOMING PARENT EVENTS

ROYAL WELCOME FOR FRESHMEN

July 30–31

ROYAL RETURN – 10TH, 11TH & 12TH GRADE

Monday, August 10

ROYAL 9TH GRADE ORIENTATION

Tuesday, August 11

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Monday, August 24

ROSARY DAY – MASS & DISNEYLAND

Friday, October 2

CRACKED CRAB

Saturday, October 3

FATHER-DAUGHTER DINNER & DANCE

Saturday, November 14

RED WINE & GOLD AUCTION

Saturday, January 16

RED & GOLD

Friday, March 12 & Saturday, March 13

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BRUNCH

Sunday, April 25

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Thursday, May 20

GRADUATION

Friday, May 21

MOMS CLUB COFFEE SOCIAL

Monday, August 10
7:30AM | Assembly Hall

NEW PARENT DINNER

Monday, August 17
6:00PM | Karcher Center

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT/ Parent Volunteer Fair

Monday, August 24
5:00PM | Karcher Center

RED WINE & GOLD SOCIAL & PLANNING MEETING

Wednesday, August 26
6:00PM | Assembly Hall

COUNSELOR COFFEE CHAT parents only

Tuesday, September 15
9:00AM | LEC

COUNSELOR COFFEE CHAT parents only

Tuesday, February 2
9:00AM | LEC

ITHIRST SERIES

Wednesday, February 17
Wednesday, February 24
Wednesday, March 3
Wednesday, March 10
6pm | Assembly Hall
Parent faith formation during Lent

WOMEN'S RETREATS

Saturday, November 7
Saturday, April 10



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