

January 2026

Dear Parents:

We would like to welcome all of you and your children into our St. Rose of Lima School family.

As we get ready to begin the new school year, we would like to explain our bathroom procedures and potty training requirements. All children must be COMPLETELY POTTY TRAINED when they begin attending our program.

In the article, *Potty Training Letter to Parents*, on daycare.com, it states the following: "A child is fully potty trained if the child can do all of the following:

- Be able to tell the adult they have to go BEFORE and say the words "I have to go potty" BEFORE they start to go.
- Be able to pull their underwear and pants up and down without assistance.
- Be able to wipe themselves after using the toilet.
- Be able to get on and off the toilet by themselves.
- Be able to postpone going if someone else is using the bathroom and they need to wait a minute or so.

These are the requirements we follow here at St. Rose of Lima School. If your child can do all of the above on his/her own, then they are COMPLETELY POTTY TRAINED and welcome to begin attending our program. .

We, the teachers and staff, are not permitted, under our Safe Environment Training, to assist your child in the bathroom. As stated above, they must be independent and able to take care of their own needs. If your child has an accident and cannot change themselves, we may have to call you to come and change them. We realize that this is an inconvenience for you but we have to follow the rules set by the Syracuse Diocese and the Safe Environment Program.

We understand that some children may have an occasional accident, especially as we begin the school year and they are in a new environment. However, if a child has multiple accidents, we may have to ask you to keep your child home until the situation is resolved and your child meets the requirements listed above. We have set a date of September 30th for all potty training and bathroom situations to be resolved. If your child is still having multiple accidents as of this date, they will have to wait until September 2027 to re enter our program.

In addition, children are not permitted to wear Pull –Ups. It is unsanitary for a child to sit in wet pants all day long. If a child needs to wear pull-ups, then he/she cannot be considered to be FULLY POTTY TRAINED.

We hope that we have fully explained our bathroom policies. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school nurse. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

We look forward to getting to know you and your family and make this school year a positive and rewarding one for everyone.

Sincerely,

The Pre-K Teachers

St. Rose of Lima School