



St. Rocco School

"Sharing the love of the Heart of Christ!"

"Catholic Schools Light the Way"

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THURSDAY PACKET

Welcome back! We have had some changes occur at our school this past summer. First, and most importantly, I have received a directive from the Commissioner of Education about the recent ruling in the legislature concerning peanut/tree nut allergies. I have decided in the best interest of all our students that we become a peanut – free school effective Tuesday, September 4th. Several other Catholic schools have adopted this policy, and I feel that it is a good one. I wouldn't want our school to be responsible for a student who unfortunately sat at a desk where someone just finished eating a peanut butter sandwich. The oil residue that is left on the desk can be fatal to a child who has an allergy to peanut butter. Since the majority of our students move to different classrooms during the day, the potential is great that he/she would be exposed to this problem.

Also, another reason is that I don't want our students feeling uncomfortable because they have to sit at the peanut-free table and cannot sit with their friends at lunchtime. I hope that you can understand my predicament, and be tolerant and sensitive to children with such allergies. I have enclosed the directive from the Commissioner of Education. Thank you for your cooperation.

Snack Shop & Lunch - Snack shop and hot lunch will begin starting on Tuesday, September 4th. The price for lunch is \$3.00. Please call Robin if you are interested in being a volunteer for snack shop. We could always use volunteers. Lunch for Tuesday will be a Cheeseburger, Salami & Cheese Sandwich, or Chef Salad. The alternate will be a Hot Dog. These lunches include Potato Puffs, Salad, Milk, and Fresh Fruit.

Library - We still need help in the library pulling out cards and checking the information on it before we can send them out to be automated. Please call the school if you can help us with this project.

Cross Country – Cross Country coaches are needed this year. I would like to continue having our team from St. Rocco's participate, but we need additional help. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please contact Ms. Hand directly. Thank you.

Lockers – New lockers were installed during the summer for the Middle School students. These lockers were a gift from the recent graduating 8th grade class.

Playground Slide – The new slide was installed in the playground last weekend. I would like to offer a special thank you to the parents who helped with this installation.

Ceiling Fans – The top floor now has 4 ceiling fans in every classroom! The monies raised from the candy sales paid for this installation. Both the students and faculty were thrilled on Wednesday to have these fans operating. Hopefully, next year we will be able to install fans on the second floor and so forth. Thank you again for your cooperation in this endeavor. I would also like to acknowledge the Parent Association who was the group responsible for raising the money to purchase these fans.

CHRIST is the reason for this school.

~in our minds, on our lips, and always in our hearts~