



St. Rocco
School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY
PACKET

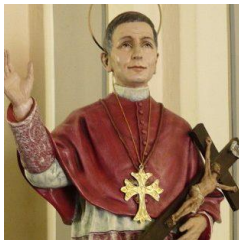
Weekly Parent Newsletter



Principal's note:

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are another week further into the first trimester. The days are busy with students arriving early for Student Council and Honor Society meetings and staying late for so many after-school activities. The students are being challenged every day from PreK3-8th Grade and the teachers are working tirelessly to meet the needs of all their students. Faith Buddies are getting together, practices for special events are taking place and Halloween is in the air with this week's Middle School Field Trip and next week's in school Halloween Event. There is so much good in each day and our blessings are plentiful.



This week as we celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony Gianelli, I am most grateful for the sisters of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Garden, Sr. Sheeba, Sr. Donna and Sr. Daisy. Each day they grace our halls with their positive attitudes, Faith and endless energy. Their love for the students and the St. Rocco School and Parish community is evident in all that they do. Tomorrow morning, we celebrate Mass and pray together on this special feast day. When you see the sisters, please join me in thanking them for all they do.

"St. Anthony Gianelli by your many works in this life, you have grown your great charity. Turn your eyes toward suffering humanity. Show to all the way to Salvation, and by your intercession, obtain for me the grace that I so deeply desire. I beg for peace of spirit, perseverance in good, and a holy death, for me and all whom I love. Through Christ our Lord, Amen."

Huge News...

We have both met, and surpassed, our \$30,000 Colorathon goal. The total of \$36,734.00 is a combination of online donations, business sponsors and parish support. And we are still receiving donations. A huge thank you to all the families, local businesses and parishioners who supported this schoolwide fundraiser. Fr. Carusi promised a day off, a "Pastor Day", on October 30th if we met our goal. And, we have! This is surely the biggest prize of all...a first in all my years here at St. Rocco's. **Thank you, Fr. Carusi!**

Thank You...

To all the parents, students, faculty and staff who attended the "Trunk or Treat" event and to the Parent Association for their hard work in organizing this event. A great time was had by all.

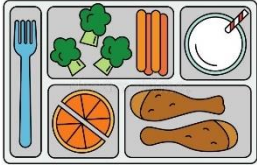
Coming Up...

The Middle School (Grades 6-8) have their Halloween Activity and Field Trip tomorrow. Any student participating has a free Dress Down Day. Thank you in advance to the Middle School Team, Office Staff and other teachers who have volunteered to supervise tomorrow's fun. You are amazing! The in-school Halloween activity for grades PreK3-Grade 5 will take place during the day next Thursday, October 26th. Each class will have a scheduled time to take part in the games and activities. Next Friday is Independent Learning Day for all students. The teachers have a professional development day. Work assigned on Independent Learning Days is expected to be handed in on the following day. These assignments are graded and count toward each child's trimester grades.

I wish you a blessed week ahead.

Respectfully,
Regina M. Hand/Principal

Friendly reminders...



Ordering Lunch ~ Lunch is \$3.50. If ordering an extra entrée it is an additional \$2.00. Please place the payment in an envelope clearly labeled: LUNCH MONEY, your child's name/HR and lunch choice. **You may also choose to prepay for the week only.** We cannot guarantee their lunch choice after 8:45AM. If your child will be late, please call the office to let us know if he/she is purchasing lunch. Thank you!

Community Outreach Programs



St. Rocco School Annual Food Drive

St. Rocco School began its Food Drive, that will continue throughout the school year. This month begins our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for specific food items... Of course, donations will be accepted any other time. Also, St. Rocco School will have all food items collected donated to families in need within our community.

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one -Mother Teresa



Coat Drive

Our "Annual Coat Drive" will be held October 30th – November 30th. All coats collected will be distributed to a local shelter. Please remember coats are to be clean and may be brought to school and placed on the stage in Café Rocco. Many thanks!

Thank you in advance for helping us live out our mission.



Birthday Dress Down

Just a friendly reminder, because birthdays are so special, students are allowed to "dress down" on their birthday! As always, appropriate clothing please!



Feinstein Golden Ticket

Don't forget to follow The Feinstein Foundation on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/feinsteinfoundation.org>

There you will find winning Golden Ticket numbers, Jr. Scholar news, and much more!

Colorathon Update

Fantastic News – We exceeded our goal of \$30,000 and raised almost \$37,000., and counting!

Top 3 Fundraising Classes :

- 1st Place – K – Mrs. Regnault – Pizza Party
- 2nd Place – 2A -Sr. Daisy – Ice Cream Treat
- 3rd Place – PK3 – Mrs. Angell – Ice Cream Treat

Top Student Fundraisers:

- 1st Place – Rylie Hilario – K
- 2nd Place – Sofia Catanzaro – 6th Gr.
- 3rd Place – Raeya Harootunian – PK4

Basketball News

There will be a mandatory Parents Meeting on November 2nd, at 6:00 pm in Café Rocco. Any student who is playing basketball this season needs to have a parent present at this meeting.

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

"Where our Children always come first!"



Our First Annual Trunk or Treat was a great success! A great time was had by all! Thank you to Alison Anderson & Melissa Moretti for Co-Chairing the event as well as all the parent volunteers who gave of their time. Without each of you these events would not be possible. Also, to all the families that participated in decorating a "trunk"; each one was so unique and festive! We can't wait to see what next year brings!!!



Parents, Pops and Playground Event

The Parent Association has planned an event for the younger students. The Parents, Pops and Playground activity will take place on Friday afternoons. The dates, times and grade levels are as follows:

Grades K	Friday, October 20 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades 1 & 2	Friday, November 3 rd	2:30-3:30pm

**Each child MUST be accompanied by an adult*

- **In School Halloween Event, Thursday October 26th**

Thank you to everyone who signed up to volunteer. There is still time if you haven't signed up and would like to. Please reach out to the office@stroccoschool.org

- **The Color-A-Thon, Sunday October 29th, check in begins at 12:45pm**

If you would like to volunteer, contact, Stephanie Fava, churchofstrocco@gmail.com

- **SAVE THE DATE: Family Christmas Party - December 1** at the Cranston Country Club

- We are looking for volunteers and for donations to be raffle prizes. Please reach out to Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com or Danielle Cazzarro, dcazzarro@gmail.com, if you would like to volunteer or have items to donate to the raffles.

*****Our next parent association meeting is on November 14 at 6pm at Café Rocco. We hope to see you there!**

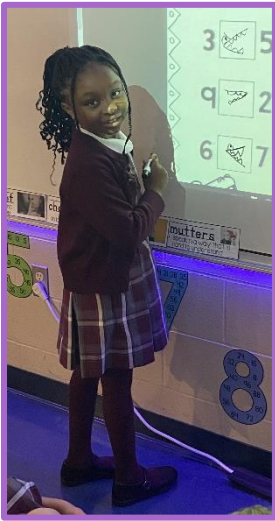


Classroom News



Hello from 1st grade! – Ms. Danielle Messier

We have been so busy these first 7 weeks of school. We are settled into our new routine, and we are loving being big 1st graders! Each day we are becoming more and more independent with our writing! We have been working hard on sounding out words and remembering all our rules when writing a sentence. We've been learning how to use adjectives in our sentences to make them "big and juicy"! We love to make "5 star" illustrations to match our writing!



In Reading, we are working on reading and spelling short vowel words. This week, we are working with the short o sound. Each week we read 2 stories in our reading textbooks. We love being able to read stories all on our own! Even though we love being able to read on our own now, one of our favorite parts of the day is when Miss Messier reads us a story using Novel Effect. As Miss Messier reads, the story comes to life with music and sound! Some of our favorite fall stories have been *Creepy Carrots*, *Room on the Broom*, and *The Good, The Bad, and The Spooky*. Another thing we love to do during our reading block is literacy centers. We use magnifying glasses to find hidden word wall words and play different phonics

games with our friends!

In Math, we just finished our first chapter on counting, ordering and comparing numbers, and problem solving. Now we are starting to add numbers using a ten frame and number line.



In Religion, we are getting ready to celebrate All Saints Day! We each have to research a saint and will be dressed as that saint on the day of Mass. It will be our very first time running a school Mass. We are so excited!



In Social Studies, we have been learning all about neighborhoods and what it means to be a good citizen. We even created our own neighborhood maps! We learned all about pumpkins during science this week. We read a Scholastic News article and saw what was inside a pumpkin!

The 1st grade has been so much fun so far, and we can't wait to see what else we learn this school year!







Wreath Sale - 12" Balsam Fir Decorated Wreaths ~ sponsored by The Student Council

Cost: \$20.00 Each (20" outside diameter)

All Order Forms Must Be In By November 15th - please see the flyer included in your child's Thursday Packet for more details.

After School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Friends of Jesus</p> <p>Grades K-8 2:35pm-3:15pm</p> <p>Instructor: Sr. Daisy</p> 	<p>Strings/Violin Lessons</p> <p>Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:15pm 5-8 3:15pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Instructor: Mrs. Rachdouni</p> 	<p>Dance Program</p> <p>Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Instructor: Miss Denise</p> 	<p>Newspaper Club</p> <p>Grades 6-8 2:35pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Advisor: Mrs. Scotti</p> 	<p>Culture Club</p> <p>Grades 5-8 2:35pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Advisor: Mrs. Muccio</p>

MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ is the foundation of the St. Rocco School community.

*We are dedicated to creating a **safe** environment that instills*

*Catholic values and nourishes the **development and growth** of the whole person.*

We are committed to excellence in academic standards

*that prepares students to reach their full potential and meet the global challenges of the **world**.*

Save the Date

Friday, October 20th
Thursday, October 26th
Friday, October 27th
Sunday, October 29th
Wednesday, November 1st
Friday, November 10th
Monday, November 13th

St. Anthony Gianelli Feast Day Mass 8:45 am
In-School Halloween Event – PK3-5
Independent Learning/Professional Day
Color-a-thon 12:45
All Saint's Day Mass – 9:00 am
Veteran's Day Prayer Service – 9:00 am
Veteran's Day Holiday – **No School**



Please follow us on Instagram @ [saintroccoschool](https://www.instagram.com/saintroccoschool) for updates and photos!
Also, don't forget to regularly visit our website www.stroccoschool.org for important information and updates.

Courage - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

CHRIST is the reason for this school.

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