



**St. Rocco**  
**School**

*Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!*

**THURSDAY**  
**PACKET**

Weekly Parent Newsletter



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SAINT ROCCO SCHOOL

***A Note from the Principal...***

Dear Parents,

Two of the most important things that we can do as parents and educators is to assist our children in developing resilience and accepting responsibility. Resilience is defined as the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties. It is the ability to bounce back from setbacks, difficulties, or disappointments. It's the strength to withstand adversity and grow despite life's challenges. In essence, resilience refers to a certain inner "toughness".

*"Everyone falls down, it's how you get back up that defines you as a person." Chiara Johnson*

Responsibility is being responsible, answerable, or accountable for one's own actions. It is accepting the consequences of one's own actions and not trying to blame someone else.

*"Eventually we all have to accept full and total responsibility for our actions, everything we have done, and have not done." HUBERT SELBY JR.*

School provides many opportunities for children to grow in both resilience and responsibility. There are numerous times every day when students succeed, but there are also times when there are disappointments. Each day provides opportunities for children to grow and make decisions to successfully adapt to difficult or challenging situations. Similarly, there are times each day when children can be responsible, and when they make mistakes, to accept responsibility for their actions. As parents, I urge you to help your child to develop resilience by not solving their problems for them. Additionally, I urge you to help your child accept responsibility for their actions. It can be hard to watch a child struggle and the urge to solve their problems is great. However, each time we let a child pick themselves up, dust themselves off and keep going, the seeds of resilience and responsibility within them grow bigger and stronger.

This Week...

Our Kindergarten, First and Second Grade students did a wonderful job at our All-Saints' Day Mass yesterday. We are so proud of them for their beautiful depiction of saints and the inherent holiness they each showed in church. Special thanks to Miss Messier, Mrs. Regnault, Sr. Daisy and Miss Marilynn for preparing the students so well.

Today our classes visited the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish class. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders were dressed in colorful costumes and shared information on "Dia De Los Muertos", "The Day of the Dead". The room was beautifully transformed to enable everyone who visited to truly get the sense of another culture. Thank you to Mrs. Muccio for all her work and creative energy with 7<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Tonight is the mandatory basketball parent meeting at 6:00pm in Café Rocco. Parents will meet both with the administration and their child's coaches. For those players who have a parent present, practices will begin next week. Go Raptors!

Tomorrow afternoon is the final "Parents, Pops and Playground" of the fall. It is for Grades 1 and 2.

Finally, our Color-a-thon will take place this Saturday with packet pick-up at 12:45. Looking forward to a better weather day than last Sunday!

Coming up...

Next Friday, we will have our annual Veterans' Day Prayer Service at 9:00am. We will recognize and honor those who have served. All students in grades 1-8 are asked to bring in a picture of a veteran who is a family member or friend that they can honor during the prayer service. Please join us for this special service.

Our annual Enthronement Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 21st at 9:00am. All students in grades K-8 should be in full dress uniform for this Mass.

A request ...

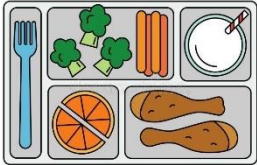
When using the playground and field during after-school hours, please have your children follow the school rules for these areas. If you are unsure of what they are, please ask your child. They know the rules. Many students have let me know over the past few weeks that some students are being unsafe, not following the rules and littering after school. Thank you for your support with keeping everyone safe and our grounds clean.

Wishing everyone a blessed week.

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!



#### **Feinstein Golden Ticket**

Don't forget to follow The Feinstein Foundation on Facebook. There you will find winning Golden Ticket numbers, Jr. Scholar news, and much more!  
<https://www.facebook.com/feinsteinfoundation.org>

## ***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 30<sup>th</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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

## **Student Council Fundraiser**



**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 15<sup>th</sup> - flyers went out in last week's Thursday Packet**

## **CHEERLEADING NEWS**



**"We'd like to build a cheerleading squad for the upcoming basketball season. This is open to grades 4th-8th and all abilities are welcome. If your child is interested, please contact the main office by Friday, November 10. Co-coaches are also needed so please contact the main office with any questions." This will only be possible with enough interest! More info to follow.**

**Thank you, Janet Heywood**

# ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

*Where our Children always come first!*

## Parents, Pops and Playground Event

Our last Parent Association Parents, Pops and Playground activity will take place this Friday afternoon, November 3<sup>rd</sup> for Grades 1 & 2 from 2:30-3:30pm. Friendly reminder ~ *Each child MUST be accompanied by an adult*

## Upcoming Events

### Color-A-Thon - **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** and check-in begins at **12:45 pm**



This Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> is our Colorathon! We look forward to seeing everyone there! It's supposed to be a beautiful day! If you have not registered and paid the \$30.00 fee, you can still participate at the Color A Thon. It is a \$10.00 entry fee Saturday, but you will not get color packs, t-shirts, etc., with Saturday registration.



### Family Christmas Party - December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Cranston Country Club

Invite in the Thursday Packet – Sign up by November 21<sup>st</sup>!  
This is going to be a fun family night! We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. Please reach out to Co-Chairs: Maria Cassisi, [maria\\_cassisi@hotmail.com](mailto:maria_cassisi@hotmail.com) or Danielle Cazzarro, [dcazzarro@gmail.com](mailto:dcazzarro@gmail.com).

**\*\*Our next parent association meeting is on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Café Rocco. We will talk about the year so far and would like to get your thoughts. Hope to see you there!**

**Thank you to all our volunteers at our Halloween event! It was a glowing success!**

## PreK-4A Little Saints



# Classroom News

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Mrs. Sarah DonFrancesco



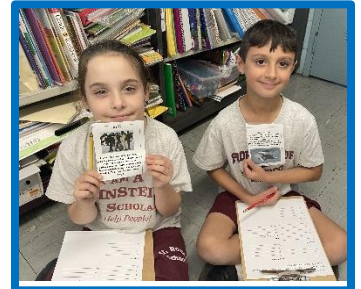
Welcome to 3rd Grade! We just finished learning about our Circle of Grace and how we are all made in the image and likeness of God! The class loves learning about the sacraments, times before and during Jesus as well as the Rosary.



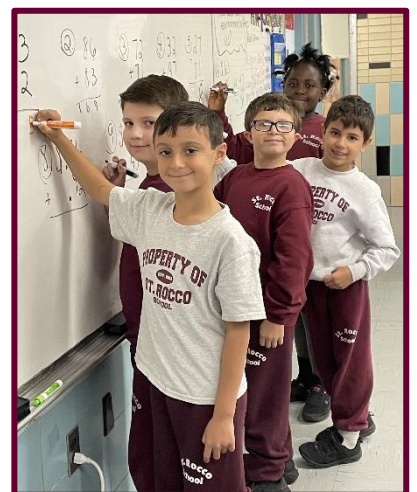
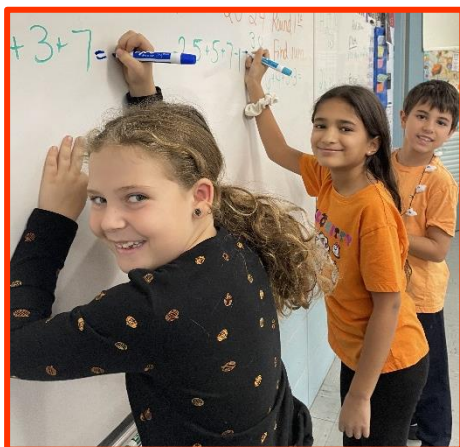
In Reading, we just finished Unit 1 in our new reading series. We learned many different ways in which our environment affects us and how we live every day. We have read various types of stories and hope to read a chapter book together as a class soon! Our latest writing assignment was a descriptive paragraph for our made-up haunted houses.

Math has been a lot of review with adding, place value, and money. We love writing on the board to solve problems. We cannot wait to start subtraction with reviewing and working on our multiplication tables. In science we are learning about living things as well as classifying animals. We are looking forward to learning about ecosystems and doing a project on living and nonliving things in ecosystems.





In Social Studies, we are learning a lot about communities and are working on a project on historical sites. The class loves using technology in all subjects. Whether it's an assignment in Google classroom, or a research project, the 3rd grade cannot wait to use their Chromebooks. We have been working so hard on our cursive. The enthusiasm they have for wanting to start writing their names is fantastic!



In Health, we have learned how to keep our minds and bodies healthy. We also began learning about the skeletal system and have made our own skeletons. We will continue to learn about the different systems of our bodies and why they are so important. Every day, their brains are expanding with lots of information. They are not only learning from books, but are also learning many important life lessons! **Third grade rocks!**



## After School Clubs

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

### 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**.*

## November Activity Calender

Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Thurs. & Fri, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

**Veteran's Day Prayer Service – 9:00 am**  
**Veteran's Day Holiday – No School**  
**Dress Down Day \$1.00 – Emmanuel House -Wear GREEN**  
**Enthronement Mass – 9:00 am/Full Dress Uniform**  
**Independent Learning/PD – 11:30 am**  
 Thanksgiving Recess



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Also, don't forget to regularly visit our website [www.stroccoschool.org](http://www.stroccoschool.org) for important information and updates.



*Thankfulness - O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.  
 1 Chronicles 16:35*

**CHRIST** is the reason for this school.

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