

Dear Parents,

As we move through the Fourth week of Lent, we begin to see the “light at the end of the tunnel” so to speak. Easter doesn’t seem so very far away anymore. Signs of spring are beginning to pop up. We are given this week to stop for a moment and see where we have traveled on our Lenten journey, and, where we still need to go. We are reminded that:

“God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.” John 3:16

Knowing this gives us strength to continue through Lent knowing that the “light at the end of the tunnel” is Jesus and His love for us.

*Loving Father,
So many times we turn away from you
and always you welcome us back.
Your mercy and love give us confidence.
Thank you for the invitation to share, fast and pray
so that you can form a new heart within us.
Your powerful compassion for our weaknesses
lead us to ask for mercy
and await with great hope the Easter joy you share with us. Amen.*

This morning our Second Grade class and Avielle Hernandez made their First Reconciliation. They were well prepared for this Sacrament, and it showed with how reverent they were during the service. Thank you to Sr. Daisy for all her work preparing the students throughout the year and to Fr. Carusi for his spiritual leadership with the students. It was abundantly clear that the Second Grade class is going to let their “light shine”.



Stations of the Cross

Yesterday our Sixth Grade class led us in Stations of the Cross. Each week the students are reminded to reflect on the stations and look to find the connection to their lives as they walk with Jesus. We will continue to attend Stations of the Cross through Lent on Wednesdays. Next week the Fifth Grade will lead. All are welcome to join us.

All our students will have the opportunity on Wednesday to spend some special time with Jesus during Adoration. Eucharistic Adoration is a Catholic devotion dating back to the early days of the Church. It involves exposing a consecrated host, the Blessed Sacrament, and allowing people to sit and pray in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ.

We continue to prepare as a school community this season of Lent.

Congratulations...

To the boys' junior maroon basketball team for their win against Good Shepherd in the semifinals last Sunday. They will face St. Luke's in the championship game this Saturday at 3:30 at LaSalle. Come out and cheer the team on. Go Raptors!

Report Cards...

Report cards will be posted to Plus Portal and the student's e-locker later this afternoon. Please review your child's second trimester grades and help your child to set some goals for the final trimester of the year. We are now officially in the third trimester. It is important to work with your child on being consistent in their efforts for both homework and assessments. At St. Rocco School, students are expected to be responsible for completing and handing their work in on time. The result of not being prepared or turning work in late is a less than satisfactory grade. Children need to accept the consequences of their actions. This is where growth takes place and change can be made. Please support the teachers in their efforts to hold the students responsible and accountable in the classroom.

Important Reminders...

Every student has an agenda and a Thursday Packet Envelope. These are two key communication tools used at St. Rocco School. The agenda is used for homework assignments, projects, quizzes, tests, and notes home from teachers. Please check it each day when your child comes home from school. The Thursday Packet Envelope comes home every Thursday. While the majority of the Thursday Packet is sent electronically, each week there are one or two hard copies that are sent home. Please sign and return the Thursday Packet each week even if there are no hard copies. This lets the homeroom teacher know that information is getting home.

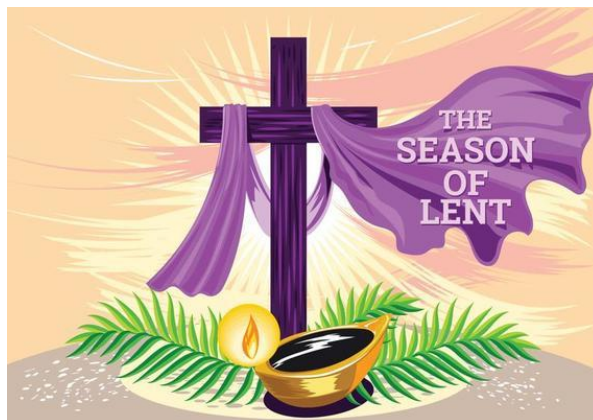
Students who are absent need to return to school with a written note for their homeroom teacher explaining their absence. Any student out for three consecutive days needs a doctor's note upon return. Parents should call the office for any absence or late arrival. Early dismissals should be the exception for important appointments only.

These are just some reminders as we move through the third trimester. Together we can ensure that our students continue to have a smooth and successful school year.

Have a blessed Lenten week.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand/Principal





POP-UP DRESS DOWN TOMORROW – FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH!

We are having a pop-up dress down day tomorrow – wear **GREEN!** Donate \$1.00 or any amount you would like to support the Rodriguez/Pope family. As a faith-based community, we are always there to support each other and our families. We thank you in advance for supporting and praying for the Rodriguez/Pope family.



Rice Bowl

Donations are due Tuesday, March 26th!



Registration

- **New Applications for 2024-25:** Tell family and friends to come and visit and tour our school. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis, so spread the word! If you know families who are interested in applying, have them call us at 401.944.2993 or direct them to our website at www.stroccoschool.org.
- **Re-Registration for 2024-25:** **If you haven't reregistered, please call the office ASAP to schedule an appointment.** Tuition must be current to re-register.
- Please be reminded that all families re-applying for next year must complete the online *FACTS Grant and Aid* form each year.
- The Diocese of Providence will use this information to determine your family's need. As soon as you have received your 2023 W-2 wage statement from your employer, please fill out the *FACTS* form. If you have not completed your 2023 income tax return, you may use your 2022 income tax return and your 2022 & 2023 W-2 statements together to file the *FACTS Grant and Aid* form.
- We will only be accepting the **online version** of the *FACTS* form, which you can find at <https://onlinefactsmgt.com/signin/3FR8T>

Parishioner Status ~ When re-registering your child for next year, your parishioner status needs to be determined for the tuition rate given. Just a reminder ~ to be able to receive parishioner rate, a family needs to contribute a minimum of \$250.00 in the prior calendar year. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office @ 942-5203.



SPRING PRODUCTION

A Night with the Stars of St. Rocco



We are so excited for our Spring Production on April 27th at Johnston High School. If you have any questions about your child's role or participation, please see the packet that was sent home. Mrs. Rachdouni and Mrs. Muccio are expecting full participation from all students from 1st to 8th grade. If your child has a previous commitment on this day, please notify Mrs. R. or Mrs. M. as soon as possible. This is going to be a wonderful night for our students, families, and faculty!!!



Easter Basket Raffle

STUCO is holding an Easter Basket Raffle this month. This is an annual fundraiser to support our Student Council. This is available to all grades!



Meadow Farms Fundraiser

The Order deadline is **4/5/24**.

This is a DELICIOUS way to meet your fundraising goal!



CHEESE!



Picture Day is Coming!

Spring Picture Day is Thursday, March 21st. Lifetouch order envelopes were sent home last week in your Thursday Packet Envelopes. Children can wear Spring clothes for the pictures. Please remember no ripped jeans, hoodies, cropped tops, etc.



Save the Date....SRS Parent Association Mother Son Dance

Friday, April 5th - Valley Country Club – This event is for Boys – K-8th Grade

Flyer was sent in last week's Thursday Packet Envelope

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

Thank you to all the parent volunteers for a wonderful early childhood Hoe Down! A great time was had by all!

Upcoming Events:

Parent Association Meeting – THURSDAY, MARCH 14 at 6pm – Café Rocco: Please come and join us as we talk about the end of the year! Thanks in advance for all your support.

Save the Date for our Upcoming Events:



Mother/Son Dance (K-8)– Friday, April 5 from 6pm to 9pm – Valley Country Club

Event registration is due by March 26. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com or Stephanie Fava, scd1024@aol.com. We also need fathers to assist with this event. If any dads are available to assist with this event the day of, please contact the school office to make sure you have your BCI and Safe Environment.



Mother/Daughter Brunch – Sunday, May 5 from 10am – 1pm – Cranston Country Club:

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Danielle Cazzarro, dcazzarro@gmail.com or Shay Jenkins-Hernandez, shayanna38@gmail.com

Looking for donations!

Mother/Daughter Brunch Raffle Items: Please see the Donation Form in Thursday Packet - We are looking for any items that we can use to raffle off at the Mother/Daughter Brunch. You can drop them off at school, contact the office or reach out to Danielle or Shay.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these events or help in any way, please reach out to the office, office@stroccoschool.org, the person listed above or Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com

CLASSROOM NEWS

2nd Grade – Sister Daisy Kollampampil

"Jesus said to him, 'If you can believe? All things are possible for one who believes.'" Mark 9:23



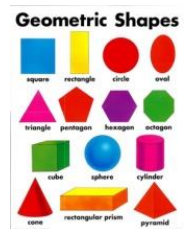
Each day is a gift of God; thus, we thank God for His unconditional love and protection. We had so much fun celebrating the virtue of "Faith." Faith is a gift and is given to all. We celebrated 101 days of school. We are so grateful to God for giving us 101 safe days of learning!

In Religion we are learning all about Jesus' Gift of Forgiveness and Peace. We met Jesus in the Sacraments of Reconciliation for the first time. Now we are filled with his forgiveness, love, peace, and joy. We continue to learn about how Jesus gave us Himself in the Holy Eucharist.



In Math we continue to learn about subtraction and addition. Now we are learning all about shapes. Shapes everywhere! We are having so much fun turning, flipping, and sliding with shapes, and learning various concepts. We can't wait to deal with 3-digit

numbers. Guess what? We will be exported to add and subtract 3-digit numbers especially regrouping.



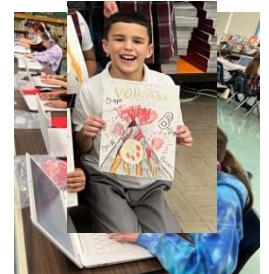
In Reading we continue to focus on realistic fiction, informational text, fables, Legends, poems etc. We have lots of fun reading different types of stories and writing poems.

In Science we have been learning about Earth, such as, earth's land, water, how earth changes, rocks, and minerals etc. Now, we know that only **3%** of the earth's water is fresh. So, please don't waste water. We are looking forward to learning all about Weather and Sky - one million cloud droplets make one raindrop. It is going to be a lot of fun!



In Social Studies we are learning about maps and locations. We are planning to travel to different parts of the world and learn something about each country. We have our own private plane to design and get ready for take-off. We are acquiring more knowledge and insight from the weekly

Scholastic Magazine. It is a wonderful nourishment for our mind! We are excited and enjoy reading, watching videos, and learning various topics! We learned all about Volcano Pizza! It was fun! We even made our own Pizza. It was delicious! We have so fun using technology in our lessons every day, especially using Chrome Books for various skills in Math, Reading and typing skills.



You see, our day is so busy, but we are getting smarter each day and having fun at the same time. We can't wait for our Spring Production. Hope to see you all!

Sr. Daisy Kollampampil, FMH



Second Trimester Honor Roll



congratulations to the following students in Grades 6-8:

High Honors with Distinction ~ Students must have achieved a cumulative average of 95 or above in their academic subjects with a grade of at least 90 and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

Grade 8: Alessandro Fava, Adrianna Insana & William Quattrucci

Grade 7: Aidan Cox & Samaira Dhamija

Grade 6: Mia Gorgievski

High Honors ~ Students must have achieved a cumulative average of 90-94 in their academic subjects with a grade of at least 85 and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

Grade 8: Scott Creighton, Nathan Henao, Michael Ramos, Nicholas Scotti & Aurora Trainor

Grade 7: Joseph Broccoli Jr. & Jializ Pagan

Grade 6: Savannah Horton & Mikaela Mercier

Honors ~ Students must have achieved a cumulative average of 85-89 in their academic subjects with a grade of at least an 80 and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

Grade 8: Arielle Ainabe & Leilani Delgado

Grade 7: Landyn Chester & Rossella Ritacco

Grade 6: Malakai Moan, Angelica Price, Emily Ramos & Sophia Sciamacco



congratulations to the following students in Grades 4 & 5:

Certificates of Achievement ~ Students must have achieved a cumulative average of 85-100 in their academic subjects with a grade of at least 85 and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

Grade 4: Ava Bernardeau, Jackson Ethier-Bibeault, Natalie Heywood, Selena Hines, Nico Iacobo, Julia Moretti, Jaxson Scipione & Aubrey Sgambato

Grade 5: Owen Chester, Gabriella Ciampanelli, Oliver Heywood, Amaya Hudick, Aria Maddern, Dayana Ribera Bustos & Sophia Ribera Bustos

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Many of our 2nd grade students along with a few other upper-class students, completed their First Reconciliation today!



Congratulations!





UPCOMING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Friday, March 29, 2024

Monday, April 1, 2024

Friday, April 5, 2024

April 15 – April 19

April 27, 2024

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Spring Picture Day

Dress Down for \$1.00 – Wear Purple for Rice Bowl

Living Stations of the Cross – 1:15 St. Rocco Church

11:30 Early Dismissal – Holy Thursday – No Aftercare

No School - Good Friday

No School – Easter Monday

Mother/Son Dance

Spring Vacation

Spring Production (1st-8th) 6:30pm – Johnston HS

Volunteer Mass/ 1st Thursday Mass - 8:45 am

IL/PD Day



March Virtue of the Month ~ Caring

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding.
In all the ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*



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Also, don't forget to regularly visit our website www.stroccoschool.org for important information and updates.

CHRIST is the reason for this school.

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