



THURSDAY PACKET

Join us for our Annual Catholic Schools Week Mass Sunday, January 28 at 10:00AM

Open House



followed by our
OPEN HOUSE/INVENTION CONVENTION EXHIBIT
11:00AM – 1:00PM



*If you know of a family interested in attending St. Rocco School,
please have them contact our School Office at 944.2993 to schedule a personal tour.*

*Always remember that you are the ambassadors who help promote our school through your words. If you do so,
we have a referral program. Forms are included in your registration packet.*

A Note from the Principal...

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year. I know that with everything that is going on in our world, it can sometimes be difficult to be optimistic embarking on a new year. Thankfully, this is where our Faith and Hope in the Lord can give us the strength we need to be strong. With this strength, we receive the courage to greet each day and do our best.

One way we can connect on a daily basis with ourselves and God is to conduct “A Daily Examen”. This prayer card is being sent home with your child in today’s Thursday Packet. The Daily Examen is an ancient practice in the Church of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God’s presence and discern his direction for us. The five steps are:

1. Become aware of God’s presence/Know that God is with me.
2. Review the day with gratitude/Give thanks.
3. Pay attention to your emotions/Review my day.
4. Choose one feature of the day and pray from it/Think about my choices.
5. Look toward tomorrow/Think of ways God can help me tomorrow.

The Daily Examen is a beautiful way to connect individually or as a family in 2024.

Also being sent home this week is the monthly “Partners in Faith”. This is another wonderful guide for opening up faith-filled communication in the household. This issue talks about “shaping children’s hearts with virtues”. Here at St. Rocco’s we focus on a different virtue each month. This month’s virtue is Hope.

“I put all my hope in the LORD. He leaned down to me; he listened to my cry for help.”

Psalms 40:1

Coming up...

Please join us for First Friday Mass tomorrow at 8:45. Our Seventh Grade will lead the Mass and our PreK 4 classes will be joining us for the first time. All are welcome!

Mid-Year Star Testing will begin next week with results to be sent home in February.

Re-Registration will be taking place over the next few weeks as well. Packets will go home next week along with your scheduled re-registration date and time.





Also, St. Rocco School is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Please encourage family and friends to visit our school. “Word of mouth” is the best way to spread the good news about us. For years, St. Rocco has had the distinction and reputation of educating the whole child; spiritually, educationally and socially. We are proud of our accomplishments and we continue to strive to greatness for our students!

I pray that it is a peaceful week for everyone.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand

St. Rocco School’s Mission Announcements

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 prepare students to reach their full potential and meet the global challenges of the world.

Registration

- **New Applications for 2024-25:** Tell family and friends to come and visit and tour our school on January 28th at our Open House. 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:** Re-registration will take place the week of January 17th-26th. Appointments will be scheduled and sent home with your child. Tuition must to 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 2017 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://.onlinefactsmtgt.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.

Reminders and Announcements



Inclement and Cold Days – Please make certain that your child comes to school properly dressed for the weather! (Some students are arriving to school without hats, gloves, or even a proper winter coat.) On extremely cold days the students will have indoor recess; however, most days the students go outside. **Therefore, it is imperative that they have proper clothing.**

Winter Weather Alert ~ This policy can be found on the school website under the Parents’ Tab. (*click on Policies & Forms*)

Blizzard Bags ~ Please review Blizzard Bag Policy posted on the school Website.



Morning Arrival – Please be reminded that school doors open at **8:00AM**. Your child will be marked tardy after the 8:15AM bell. Daycare is available to students beginning at 7:15AM for those parents who need to send their child to school early.

Early Dismissal – Please send in a note with your child in the morning if he/she is going to be dismissed early. If for some reason dismissal plans change during the day, **contact the school office before 2:00pm**. For the safety and the least amount of disruption to the class, we would prefer not to have children dismissed after 2:15PM. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation. However, we do realize that emergencies and special circumstances occur; please don't hesitate to call the school office for assistance. Thank you!

ELECTRONICS POLICY REMINDER ~ Please remind your child that they must follow and respect the school policy regarding electronics in order to continue having this school privilege. This includes Cell Phones. All phones **MUST** be brought to the School Office. **NO** phones are allowed with a student during the school day. Also, Kindle, Kindle Fire, I Pads, Apple watches, and any other electronics are not allowed in school. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Special Dress Down Passes ~ Plan ahead for the month of February! For \$5.00, you may purchase (3) Dress Down Passes for the Month of February to be used on Mondays **ONLY**, beginning February 5th unless otherwise noted. Deadline to purchase these passes is January 26th. Passes cannot be purchased after this date- **NO EXCEPTIONS**.



Lunch Room Policies ~ Just a few reminders: St. Rocco School is a Nut & Peanut free school. Also, no glass containers are allowed. There are quite a number of students bringing in food that needs to be heated; it can be very difficult to accommodate them all at times. Please be considerate of this procedure.

All students have access to water all day; however, they need to bring in their own water bottle.

Payment Policy Reminder: Lunch is to be paid on the day it is ordered, however, you may prepay for the week. We do understand that unexpected situations occur, but it would be greatly appreciated if the lunch payment is paid the next school day.



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>



EXTENDED CARE NEWS ~ Just a reminder, any **NEW** or existing student attending the Extended Care Program must have all necessary paperwork on file. Forms are available through the School Office and/or on-line. **With the winter season upon us, transportation may become an issue. Please be sure all**

information in regards to contacts and phone numbers are up to date as well. The extension for daycare is #114. Your child's safety is our top priority. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Communication ~ When sending in notes to school, please include your child's teacher and grade. Thank you!

STAR Testing ~ Students in grades K-8 will begin STAR Testing next week.

ATHLETIC Practice Schedule

Junior Boys

M. S. Boys Grammar

M. S. Girls Grammar

Cheerleading

Monday 4:00-5:30

Wednesday 2:30-4:30

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Tuesday 2:30-3:30

Wednesday 4:00-5:30

Friday 4:00-5:45

Friday 2:30-4:00

Thursday 2:30-3:30



Classroom News ~ MUSIC

Dear Families,

What an amazing morning AND night it was to be a part of our St. Rocco School community for this year's Christmas Concerts! Thank you to all our students for a job well done and to all who were in attendance. It means so much to all of us to have your support!

While we have been working very hard preparing for our concert, students have continued to learn new rhythms, the history of famous composers, more about musical careers, and of course, playing our various instruments in the music room!

PreK3- Kindergarten starts every music class singing attendance and then exploring different instruments and ways of making a steady beat and rhythm. We are always learning songs that coincide with each new holiday and have even learned some fun dance moves!

In first grade, we are learning how to make our own rhythms in 3/4 and 4/4 time as well as identifying simple music symbols and learning about classical composers.

In second and third grade, we are sharpening our recorder skills. Our second graders were so brave to jump to brown belt while learning "When the Saints Go Marching In" for our concert. We will continue to earn karate belts and read and play new notes!

In 4th and 5th grade, we are starting the basics of ukulele while learning about modern composers and chord building.

In middle school, we continue to play complex rhythms on the bucket drums while making our own "Music Alive" magazines. We are researching the history of instruments, musicians, the music industry, and writing a biography about themselves as a famous artist.

I am very grateful and impressed by our choir who have learned countless church hymns for all our First Friday and Feast Masses and always do it with enthusiasm and a smile!

I look forward to the Winter and Spring months as we continue to learn and make more music together!

Have a happy and healthy New Year!

Musically,

Mrs. Bethany Sousa Rachdouni

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

Family School Events: ...

Save the date in 2024 for:








- **Snowball Event** – January 29 – in school
- **Book Fair** – January 29 – February 4 – in school
- **Father/Daughter Dance** – February 2 – Valley Country Club



More details will be given in the upcoming weeks. In the meantime, if you would like to volunteer for any of these events, please reach out to the office, office@stroccoschool.org or Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com

After School program

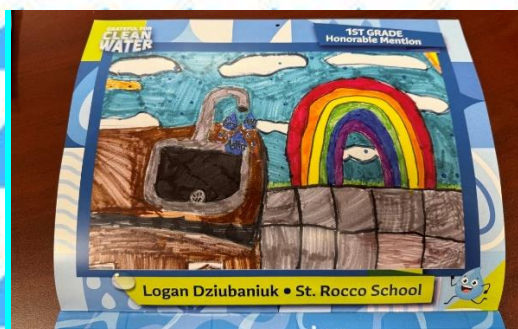
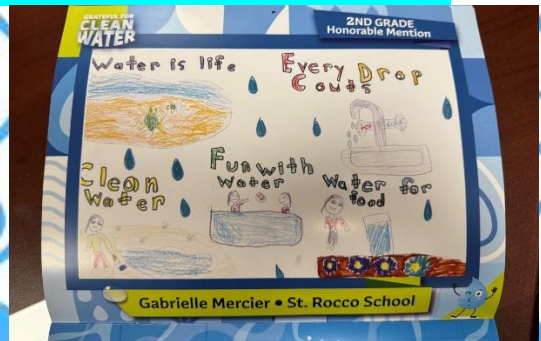
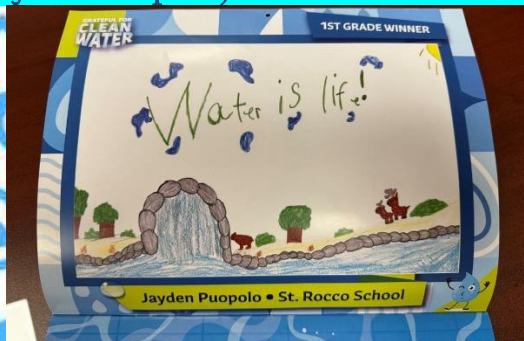
St. Rocco School offers an Afterschool Program. We continually expand the variety of programs offered for the students to reflect their interests and talents. The Winter Session Forms for the Afterschool Programs are included in your child's Thursday Packet as well as posted on the school website. **A completed form and fees must be submitted to enroll your child into any of these programs.** Please adhere to the deadlines.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Friends of Jesus</p> <p>Postponed until Further Notice</p> <p>Thank you for your Prayers for Sr. Daisy</p> 	<p>CHESS CLUB Grades 4-8 2:35pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Strings/Violin Lessons Begins in February Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:15pm 5-8 3:15pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Instructor: Mrs. Rachdouni</p> 	<p>Dance Program Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Instructor: Miss Denise</p> 	<p>My First Hot Cocoa Stand Grades K-2 2:45pm-3:45pm</p> <p>My First Craft Fair Grades 3-5 2:45pm-3:45pm</p> <p>Newspaper Club Grades 6-8 2:35pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Advisor: Mrs. Scotti</p> 	<p>Italian Club Grades 1-4 2:35pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Advisor: Mrs. Muccio</p> 

Narragansett Bay Commission Clean Water Calendar 2024

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Jayden Puopolo, Gabrielle Mercier & Logan Dziubaniuk contest winners.



Upcoming Activity Calendar



Friday, January 5, 2024

First Friday Mass 8:45am

Jan. 8th -Jan. 31st

Schoolwide Baby Shower

Collection of Items

Monday, January 15, 2024

No School ~ Martin Luther King Day

Friday, January 19, 2024

Dress Down Day \$1.00

Wear Pink or Blue for Right To Life

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Schoolwide Spelling Bee

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Independent Learning Day

Friday, January 26, 2024

Invention Convention

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Family Mass 10:00AM

Catholic Schools Week Begins Open House, 11AM-1PM

Friday, February 2, 2024

Father/Daughter Dance

Friday, February 9, 2024

PK3-K Valentine Celebration

Feb.19-Feb. 23

Winter Vacation



January Virtue of the Month ~ Hope

*“As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise You more and more.”
Psalms 71:14*



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.

CHRIST is the reason for this school.

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