



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

Dear Parents,

Each year on November 1st, the Catholic Church celebrates All Saints Day, an acknowledgement of all those holy men and women who have been canonized by the Church. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and we attend Mass. Our school Mass will be at 9:00am. Our Kindergarten, First and Second Grade classes will be leading the Mass. Parents and family members are welcome. Seating will be in the back portion of the church. Pictures for these grades and an "All Saints Day Parade" around the school will follow the Mass. On the very next day, November 2nd, we celebrate All Souls Day, a day that we remember and pray for all the faithful departed. It is a day to pray for those we have lost. We can all strive to be saints in our daily lives. We do this by loving God and loving our neighbor.

"If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

Colorathon Wrap-up...

My sincere thanks for the overwhelming support of our first ever Colorathon event. It was a huge fundraising success, but also, a huge school community success. Anyone who attended last Sunday's event knows just how much fun it was for the students, staff and parents alike. Thank you!



Today in School...

Our Seventh Grade class enjoyed their 1st Place Colorathon prize of a pizza party in the Church Hall and our PreK 4 and 5th Grade classes enjoyed an ice cream treat this afternoon for placing 2nd and 3rd.



Also today in school, our 2nd and 6th Grade Faith Buddies got together in Café Rocco to spend time together on a pumpkin activity. It is always wonderful to see the different grade levels interacting in such a positive way.

Tomorrow...



Our in-school Halloween Event is tomorrow. Thank you in advance to the parents who volunteered for tomorrow's in-school Halloween Event and to Mrs. Scotti for once again being the chairperson. The students and teachers are really looking forward to it. Our last Friday "Parents, Pops and Playground" afterschool get together is tomorrow for our 1st and 2nd Grades. We will pick it up again in the spring.



Our Middle School students and teachers will be enjoying a Halloween event beginning at 5:00pm that includes pizza, a Halloween themed movie and a trip to the Haunted Labyrinth. Have fun!

Of Note...

The first trimester ends on November 23rd. This means that there are less than four weeks before grades close. The teachers are working with the students to stay current with their assignments and prepare for subject assessments. Teachers post grades on Plus Portal and these grades are always available for parents to see. I say this because now is the time to contact the teacher with questions about your child's progress or to increase your child's academic efforts at home to improve in their subjects. If your child waits until the end of the trimester, it will be too late to make any change. We transition to our winter uniform on Tuesday, November 1st. Please use the Parent-Student Handbook for guidelines. Of note are the shoes for the boys and the skirts for the girls. All boys should be wearing either black shoes or black low-cut sneakers that resemble the school shoe. There have been many boys coming to school in hi-tops and multi-colored sneakers. These are not part of the uniform. For the girls, please be aware of the length of the skirt. If your child has gone through a growth spurt and outgrown their skirt, there are many skirts available in the Uniform Closet.



This Monday's afterschool Basketball Program for Grades 2-5 will not meet because of Halloween. This program will be extended an extra week through December 5th.

Wishing everyone a blessed week!
Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand/Principal



Afterschool Programs Schedule

Mondays:	Friends of Jesus – Basketball Development	2:35pm – 3:15pm 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Tuesdays:	Strings/Violin Lessons Soccer Club	2:35pm – 3:15pm K-4 2:35pm – 3:35pm 5-8 2:35pm – 3:45pm
Wednesdays:	Dance Art Club	2:35pm – 3:30pm 2:35pm – 3:45pm
Thursdays:	Crazy8's Math Club Newspaper Club	3:00pm – 5:00pm 2:35pm – 4:00pm



ST. ROCCO PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!



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:
Each child **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Grades 1 & 2

Friday, October 28th

2:30-3:30pm



NURSE'S CORNER NEWS

Cheryl Boscia BSN, RN
St. Rocco School Nurse
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FLU CLINIC: Friendly reminder for our Flu Clinic on **Friday, November 4th** for all faculty, staff, and students. Prior registration is required. Please see the attached Flu Shot Clinic information sheet.

NOT FEELING WELL:

If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home and call or email the **SCHOOL OFFICE FIRST** to report them absent. You may send an email to your child's teacher and to the nurse, but initially, **the phone call/email must be to the School Office.** If you are unsure if you should send your child to school, call the office to speak to the nurse.

RSV UPDATES FROM RIDOH AND CDC:

Please see the information below and the attached flyer from RIDOH/CDC.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection (RSV)

As you may know, it is the season for RSV, and children who attend school are at a higher risk of exposure or reinfection. Almost all children will have an RSV infection by their second birthday. For most, symptoms are like those of a common cold or other upper respiratory infections and generally mild. These symptoms include runny or stuffy nose, decreased appetite, coughing/sneezing, fever, fatigue, sore throat, and headache. RSV is contagious and can spread from viral droplets and can be typically transmitted between 3 and 8 days and the illness typically resolves within 1-2 weeks with supportive care. For prevention, you would take the same steps as you would for a normal cold. These include frequent hand washing, proper coughing/sneezing etiquette, avoiding close contact with others who are feeling sick, and disinfecting frequently used surfaces. If a student tests positive for RSV, you should follow the same protocols for cold or flu such as a child can return to school when they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. Emergency departments are experiencing crowding and prolonged wait times which affect those who need timely care. Healthy adults and infants infected with RSV don't need to be hospitalized. Most vulnerable to RSV are older adults, infants under 6 months, premature infants, the immunocompromised, and those with asthma, or chronic diseases.

Urgent symptoms for which to seek care for RSV including: Trouble breathing and Dehydration

WELLNESS UPDATES:



St. Rocco's Wellness Policy states our commitment to providing a school environment that promotes and protects children's health, wellbeing, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating, physical activity, and educational health curriculum.

We are happy to announce the addition of new Wellness Committee members highlighted below. Our committee meets several times throughout the year to discuss and plan. Some past initiatives include a *Lets' Get Moving Activity* for the entire school, *Social Emotional Wellness Presentation* for our middle school, and *Healthy Habits for Healthy Kids* for Grades preschool through 4th. Some other ways SRS promotes wellness include CPR Training and Certification and Mental Health First Aid Training for faculty and staff.

Please see the Nurse's Corner on our school website to read the full SRS Wellness Policy.

Wellness Committee Members for the 2022-2023

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| • Principal | Gina Hand |
| • Assistant Principal/MS Science | Marcia Montecalvo |
| • School Nurse | Cheryl Boscia, RN |
| • Director of Non-Academic Affairs | Robin Okolowicz |
| • PE/Health Teacher | Nicole Beaumier |
| • Food Service Worker | Marianne Menard |
| • Guidance Counselor | Geralyn Bergeron |
| • School Parent | Patricia Gorgievski |
| • Student | Kate Gorgievski |

Classroom News

Sr. Daisy – 2nd Grade

We are Blooming in Second Grade!!!



The Second Graders started this new school year by recognizing that they are a gift of God. They also learned that, through baptism, they became children of God and received the gift of faith. Jesus calls us to give ourselves in love and gives us the Great Commandment; Love God and Love Others. They are looking forward to our All Saints Day celebration.

Math is fun and they are learning how to solve various problems, adding and subtracting, place values, comparing numbers, etc. I am looking forward to introducing new concepts in math.

In reading, they are focusing on various types of stories. They had a lot of fun with our Pumpkin activity and learned about the Life Cycle of a Pumpkin. Our Pumpkin, Sister Pumpkin was 16 pounds, 10 inches, and had 681 seeds in it. Also, they wrote, If I were a Pumpkin---. Interesting story to read!



In Science, they learned about plants, animals, and their life cycles. They enjoyed doing hands-on activities and projects. Now, they are looking forward to doing projects on various types of habitats. Our Scholastic News Magazine articles enrich them with knowledge and excitement.

In Social Studies, they learned about the 3 types of Communities, Government leaders, their responsibilities and functions, the 3 Branches of the Government and their functions. They loved the projects! They were excited to take a virtual tour of the White House. What a wonderful trip! Now they are learning about the Countries of North America; landforms and bodies of water.



Technology is integrated in all subjects. They love to use Chrome books in the lab. They are learning how to explore Windows and use Microsoft Word. They are also practicing Reading, Vocabulary, Spelling, and Math skills. In Spanish, they can count to 20 and recognize colors, days of the week, months, greetings etc.



You see, every day, they are getting smarter and smarter. They are so busy learning and having fun that the day goes by without even realizing it. Second grade is fun!

Sr. Daisy Kollampampil, FMH



Breakfast – Breakfast is served from 7:45-8:00 am. The cost is \$2.00. If your child is receiving breakfast, please have them inform the teacher on duty at Café Rocco as soon as they get in, so that they can receive their breakfast asap.



Monthly Dress Down Passes ~ Each month throughout the school year, St. Rocco School will be offering special dress down passes for the month. You may purchase the monthly passes for NOVEMBER ~ Mondays only for the cost of \$5.00. Deadline for November Passes is October 25th. Please place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with the required form your child's name, grade, along with your payment. (Checks ONLY)

Color-A-Thon Update

Thank you to all the students who registered and raised money for our Color A Thon event. We have raised over \$21,000.00. Thank you so much for those volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to help with our First Annual Color A Thon/Food Truck Event. Thank you to those parents who assisted with checking in students and distributing the students' prize packets, monitoring the obstacle course and to those who stayed to help clean up. These events would not be possible without parent involvement, especially all of you.

Thank you to Ms. Hand, Mrs. Montecalvo and the Faculty and Staff for also taking time out of their weekend to make the Color A Thon a memorable event for our students. We'd also like to thank Mike Montecalvo for being our guest MC and Mr. Cece for taking all the awesome pictures of the event.

Thank you to those businesses who have donated to our First Annual Color A Thon event: JWM Equipment Inc, Ralph's Catering, Nardolillo Funeral Home, Woodlawn Funeral Home, Dr. Maarten Broess, Cassisi II Construction, Central Nurseries, St. Rocco Holy Name Society, Rev. Angelo N. Carusi, The Big Cheese & Pub, JoJo Loves You, Bally's at Twin River, Pensco, Ms. Hand, Daughters of our Lady of the Garden, My Cousin Vinny Rental, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Dixon and The Mariano Family in memory of Patricia Mariano. Thank you!!

Last but certainly not least, we'd like to thank our Event Chair, Stephanie Fava, for all of the time and hard work she put into planning this event. We couldn't have pulled it off without her!

It was wonderful to see all the students and children's faces as they were going through the Color A Thon event and in the Obstacle course. The Parent Association appreciates all of you for your dedication and commitment to St. Rocco School.

Thank you- The St. Rocco School Parent Association

Three Outstanding Students
Who helped raise \$21,000.!!!





Congratulations...



Brianna Moosey for being appointed Copy Editor, Kate Gorgievski for her appointment as Layout Editor and Talia Moosey for Photo Editor at the SRS News!

November Activity Calendar



Tuesday, November 1st All Saints' Day Mass – 9:00 am
Friday, November 4th Flu Clinic – 9:30 – 11:30
Wednesday, November 9th Veteran's Day Prayer Service - 1:00 pm
Thursday, November 10th Dress Down Day – wear red, white and blue
Parent Association Meeting – 6:30 pm

Friday November 11th

Veteran's Day – No School

Friday, November 18th

Mother/Son Bowling Night – time TBD

Tuesday, November 22nd

Enthronement Mass – 9:00 am

Wednesday, November 23rd

Independent Learning/PD ½ Day

November 24th – 27th

Thanksgiving Break – Happy Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 30th

Picture Re-Take Day



UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Concert – December 14th

Prek3, Prek4 & Kindergarten – 9:00 am/First ~ Eighth Grade – 6:00 pm



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*Be kind be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.
Ephesians 4:32*

CHRIST is the reason for this school.
~in our minds, on our lips, and always in our hearts~