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St. Rocco
School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY PACKET

Weekly Parent Notes



Dear Parents,

One of the most important things that we can do as parents and educators is to assist our children in developing resilience. 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".

School provides many opportunities for children to grow in their resilience. There are numerous times every day when students succeed, but there are also times when there are disappointments. It might be a poor grade on a test that they have studied and prepared for or a disagreement with one of their classmates. It might be getting picked last for a team or forgetting their homework at home. Each day there are so many situations where children can grow and make decisions to successfully adapt to difficult or challenging situations. 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 seed of resilience within them grows bigger and stronger.

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

This Week...



Our Kindergarten, First and Second Grade students did a wonderful job at our All Saints' Day Mass. 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, Miss Califano, Sr. Daisy and Miss Charlene for preparing the students so well.

"On Wednesday we went on a leaf hunt on our beautiful school grounds. We investigated the different shapes, sizes and colors of the many different leaves we collected. The crisp Fall air and sun shining on our faces was a beautiful start to our day!" Miss Piccolino



"The Invention Convention has begun in 7th Grade! Students learned about patents, copyrights and how inventions make our lives easier. Who would have thought that teachers needed erasers at the end of white board markers? The Invention Convention is a project for students to solve a "problem" in their lives and be able to present their project to be judged. This project incorporates research, organization, time management, problem solving and public speaking. Plus, it's a lot of fun! Good luck to 7th Grade!" Mrs. Montecalvo



The Second and Third Grades partnered for an Autumn activity on the school grounds with pumpkin and apple picking, painting and exploring. The weather was beautiful,

and it was wonderful to see the individual creativeness of the students...and their teachers!

Our boys' basketball team began practicing for the upcoming season. There was much excitement in anticipation of the first practice as the boys were eager to get going. Go Raptors!

Coming up...

Next Wednesday we will have our annual Veterans' Day Prayer Service at 1:15pm. 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 in our Procession. Please join us for this special service.

Our annual Enthronement Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 22nd at 9:00am. All students in grades K-8 should be in full dress uniform for this Mass. Congratulations to Adrian Perez who will crown the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Gerson Garcia, who will be the crown bearer. These boys were voted for by their classmates and their teachers as being true examples of Jesus in how they live their lives.

Wishing everyone a blessed week.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand/Principal

More pictures from this week at St. Rocco's School





NURSE'S CORNER NEWS

Cheryl Boscia BSN, RN
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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 and the Nurses Corner attachment.

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.

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

Student Contact Information Reminder – Parents/guardians if any of your information has changed (phone#,

Email, address, etc.) please contact the office ASAP so that we make update the student's file. If we need to contact you, it is imperative that we have the correct information!

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.

DRESS DOWN DAY



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 25^h. Please place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with the required form your child's name, grade, along with your payment. (Checks ONLY)



Important Busing Notice: There will be **NO** busing for **Johnston residents** on **Tuesday, November 8th**, **Election Day.** Please plan accordingly. There **IS** busing for **all other students** who take Statewide buses.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Sarah DonFrancesco

welcome
to
THIRD 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 is working on researching a saint on our Chromebooks.



In reading we are focusing on main ideas and summaries. 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 have just finished 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 about nutritional food to eat during every meal and are working on our body systems and how they work.



Every day, their brains are expanding with lots of information. They are not only learning with books, but are also learning many important life lessons!

Third grade rocks!



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

****November payments for After School Clubs are now due, if you have not already paid in full.**



Save the Date

December 3rd– Catholic High School Placement Test ~ December 10th Makeup Test

November Activity Calendar



Friday, November 4 th	Flu Clinic –9:30 – 11:30
Wednesday, November 9 th	Veteran’s Day Prayer Service -1:15 pm
Thursday, November 10 th	*Dress Down Day – wear red , white and blue
	Parent Association Meeting – 6:30 pm
Friday, November 11 th	Veteran’s Day – No School
Saturday, November 19 th	Mother/Son Bowling Night – time TBD

Tuesday, November 22 nd	Enthronement Mass – 9:00 am
Wednesday, November 23 rd	Independent Learning/PD ½ Day
November 24 th – 27 th	Thanksgiving Break – Happy Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 30 th	Picture Re-Take Day



*Our Dress Down donations from Nov. 10th, will be going to RI’s 43rd MP Brigade, who are currently deployed. We will be helping fulfill their wish lists for Christmas, as they will not be home for the holiday season. The gifts will be sent in time for Christmas, to show our appreciation for their service as well as to brighten their spirits for Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!



Basketball Practice Schedule



Junior Girls	Middle School Boys	Middle School Girls
Monday 2:30-3:30	Wednesday 3:30-5:00	Monday 2:30-3:30
Thursday 2:30-4:00	Friday 2:30 – 4:00	Tuesday 2:30-4:00



Scripzone: Deadline to order gift certificates for Christmas is November 11th. Order on -line at: www.scripzone.com Group ID: SaintRocco

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Concert – December 14th

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



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Virtue of the Month-**Thankfulness**

O give thanks onto the Lord; for he is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34

-CHRIST is the Reason for this school.

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

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