

*Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!*

**St♥ Rocco  
School**  
A Roman Catholic School

MAY 25, 2023

**THURSDAY  
PACKET**  
Weekly Parent Notes



Dear Parents,

While it seems like we just entered into the season of Easter, this past Sunday marked the end of the season of Easter in the Liturgical calendar with the celebration of Pentecost Sunday. As Sr. Daisy's class told me last week, the word "Pentecost" means fiftieth. Pentecost Sunday is celebrated 50 days from Easter Sunday and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem. It is a special time in the Church to reflect on and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in our own lives.

This week we entered into Ordinary Time in the Liturgical year and on Sunday we celebrate The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost and celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

### **School Happenings...**

We welcome Sr. Sheba to our school community. Sr. Sheba arrived from India just over a week ago and has been making her presence felt in the school by visiting the classrooms and talking to the students. If you see her, please help us in making her feel welcome.

Our Eighth Grade class took their exams this past week. The rest of the school will be taking their end-of-the-year assessment over the next week. Please make sure your child brings home the necessary materials each night to prepare.

Please join us tomorrow at 8:45 for First Friday Mass led by our Fourth Grade class with our PreK3, PreK4 and Kindergarten classes presenting the virtue of "Hope" at the conclusion of the liturgy. A few of our students will also be receiving a special award after the Mass.

The Eighth Grade has their Field Trip tomorrow and Grades 2-4 will have their Field Trip on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sports' News...**

Congratulations to our Middle School volleyball team. They have qualified for the play-offs! Their play-off game is this Saturday at 9:15 at LaSalle. Come out and cheer for our team!

St. Rocco School participated in many sports offered by the Catholic Athletic League this year. To do this, we needed a lot of parent support. I am so grateful to all of the volunteer coaches that made sports at St. Rocco School possible this year. I am also grateful to the parents who volunteered at our concession stand during soccer games this season. Athletes, parents and coaches please join us for our annual Sports Celebration this Monday at 6:00pm in Café Rocco.

Cross Country is the first sport of the year and will begin the first week of school. Practices take place here at school and are generally held twice a week right after dismissal. To enter a team into the league, we need to register students prior to the end of this school year. This team is for grades 4-8. If your child expressed interest in being a member of the team, they were sent home today with a registration packet. If any parent is interested in being a coach for Cross Country, please email or call the office.

Wishing everyone a blessed week.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand/Principal

# A Few Reminders

Reminder!

**St. Rocco School** has **limited** spots still available for the **2023-2024** 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. Don’t forget about our **REFERRAL PROGRAM!** Please check the website for details. For more than 59 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!



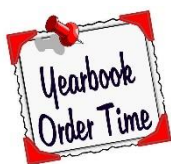
**Busing** - Beginning on April 1, 2023, the Statewide Transportation System has started open enrollment and new transportation requests for the upcoming **2023-2024** school year. To ensure a bus stop for the first day of the school next year, **both current and new riders** must register by **July 31, 2023**.



**Safety News** – For the safety of our students, families and faculty, please do not make any U turns in front of the school.

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## YEARBOOK ORDERS ~ Yearbook is in publication!!! ~ LIMITED AMOUNT LEFT



Please be sure to order a yearbook that captures the amazing memories of your child’s school year! **However, you NEED TO PURCHASE through the School Office. Limited copies available. First come first serve \$32.00.** We will notify you when the yearbooks are here!

(REMINDER to GRADE 8 Parents: DO NOT ORDER)



## NURSE’S CORNER NEWS

Cheryl Boscia BSN, RN  
St. Rocco School Nurse  
Email: [cboscia@stroccoschool.org](mailto:cboscia@stroccoschool.org)

**\*\*Please see the attached Nurse’s Corner Newsletter and Tic Detective Handbook for your children.**





# Classroom News

Spanish – Grades 5-8

Sr. Mary Antoinette, FMH

## St. Rocco Students on the Way to Lay Solid Foundations in Spanish

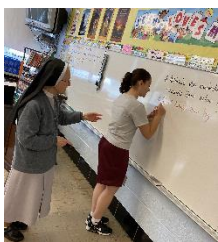


Buenos días a todos! We are almost at the end of another academic year. I am sure that by exposing our students to the Spanish language, they have grown in love and appreciation of the richness of this language, its rich culture and its many wonderful traditions.



In grades fifth and sixth, students have learned the basics such as greeting one another in Spanish, asking for each other's name, telling how old they are, from where they come and what they would like to do. They are very familiar with the expressions "Me gusta" / "No me gusta", "Quiero" / "No quiero". These students have also learned the names of the colors, the numbers up to fifty, and many new words and expressions. Now they are moving from the basics to more complex structures. The fifth graders are learning how to conjugate the verb SER and how to use it properly. The sixth graders are learning how to describe people and asking for someone's age and birthday.

The 7th and the 8th graders have learned a lot. They are able to ask and answer questions properly, to tell time, to describe people and objects, to use properly the verbs "SER" and "ESTAR", to conjugate the verbs ending in AR and ER and now they are learning how to conjugate the verbs ending in "IR". They are asked to conjugate these action verbs and to use them in building good sentences using the vocabulary and the expressions they have learned in previous lessons. They can also tell the weather in Spanish.



Lately the 8th graders have been learning how to talk about everyday activities, saying how often they do things. For example, "Los lunes voy a la piscina." "Los fines de semana voy al parque," etc... They are also able to ask in Spanish questions such as, "What do you like to do on Saturdays?", "Do you like to come to the movie with me?", etc...

I think we are having a great school year full of goals achieved and good memories shared. Above all a year during which we laid solid foundations on which to build future knowledge of the Spanish language.

Hasta la vista!

# Take a peek at school happenings this week

## Field Trip to Roger Williams Park Zoo - K and 1st Gr.



## National Jr. Honor Society

### Making a special craft for local Nursing Homes during their lunch



## PLEASE JOIN US AT THE DAVID DECOSTA MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mr. DeCosta was a short-term Art sub for us last Spring, but he left a lasting impact on St. Rocco's students and staff. He was to return as our Art teacher in the Fall, unfortunately he was diagnosed with glioblastoma and passed away six weeks later.

We will always remember his infectious smile and winning attitude. His family is donating the proceeds of this tournament to St. Rocco School. Please consider enjoying a day of golf in remembrance of Mr. DeCosta. If you would like to donate monetarily or for raffle prizes, please contact the school at 944-2993.

### *The David DeCosta Memorial Golf Tournament*

Information on Pricing:  
Golf & Dinner: \$150  
Just Dinner: \$60  
\*Dinner reception and raffles to  
follow after tournament\*

Payment information:

Checks and cash: payable to St.  
Rocco School: memo DMD Golf  
Tournament : P.O. Box 867 North  
Scituate, RI 02857



**Interested in a T-  
Sign, Raffle  
basket,  
Sponsorship, or  
donation?**

Please reach out to (401)824-4734 or email:  
decostamemorialtournament@gmail.com for  
more information!



**Join us in  
remembering  
David DeCosta**



**Valley Country Club**

August 12, 2023  
Shotgun Start: 1:30pm  
Registration: 12:00pm



## 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 – June 2<sup>nd</sup>      2:30-3:30pm

## SAVE THE DATE – ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>      First Friday Mass/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
- Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>      Sports Celebration/Field Trip Grades 2~4
- Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>      Honor Society & STUCO Induction  
Ceremony – 9:00 am – Luncheon 12:00
- Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>      Field Day (PreK3~K)
- Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>      8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Day and Class Night (6:00 pm)
- Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>      Field Day (Gr. 1~7)
- Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>      8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>      Pk3/PK4/K Graduations – 8:30 am; 9:45  
am, and 11:00 am
- Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>      End of Year Liturgy – 8:45 am –  
Last day of School – 11:30 am Dismissal



Virtue of the Month – Kindness

*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 -*

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