



**St. Rocco
School**

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

**THURSDAY
PACKET**

Weekly Parent Newsletter



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



Friday, September 29th - Professional Development Day/Independent Learning Day
This is just a reminder that this is a Professional Development Day for our teachers and staff. It is also an at home school day for the students. Teachers will be assigning work that can be completed independently at home. Teachers will be attending workshops and meetings all day and will not be available to the students.

Dear Parents,

As we come to the last days of September and the days begin to get cooler and shorter, we know that the season of Fall is truly upon us. Families have settled into the “new” routine for the year and there begins to be a sense of normalcy. All of this does not discount the feeling that September was one long month. So much has happened here in our families and at St. Rocco’s in our classes in these first weeks of school. And so, as we all feel a bit tired and maybe overwhelmed. It is said that Autumn is a time for letting go and releasing things in our lives that have been a burden. And so...

“Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.” Psalm 55:22

In today’s Thursday Packet, the October issue of “Partners in Faith” is being sent home. Please take time to read it as a family. Especially important and highlighted is the importance of praying as a family. It is noted that “praying as a family is a source of spiritual strength”. What a beautiful way to strengthen a family...through prayer.

Conferences...

Over the next few weeks, our PreK3-Grade 3 teachers will be meeting for individual conferences with parents. This is a wonderful opportunity to get feedback on your child’s progress this year. For our grade 4-8 students, please reach out to the homeroom teacher if you would like to schedule a conference.

The initial Star Testing of the year has concluded for students in grades K-8. This preliminary assessment gives teachers one insight into where students are academically as well as a framework for where to progress. Results will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Tomorrow is an Independent Learning Day for all students and a Professional Development Day for the Faculty and Staff.

After School Programs and Basketball...

Our afterschool program begins this Monday. We have extended the return date to Monday. If you are still interested in registering, please send in the paperwork. All registration for basketball should also be returned by Monday. Once registrations are returned, we will be able to see if we have enough players to enter a team. All parents are required to attend a mandatory parent meeting prior to the start of the season. This date has not been set yet.

Colorathon Update...

We are 46% to our goal of \$30,000. The students are excited and so are the faculty and staff. Thank you to the parents who have helped with the weekly raffles and for all of those who have registered and secured sponsors. We have 88 students registered so far. The last day to register and secure online sponsors is Tuesday, October 10th. This date is not negotiable. It is the date given by the company working with us on this fundraiser so that they have enough time to put all the packets and prizes together and have them delivered the week prior to the event. There are many things that we are looking to support with this fundraiser for our students and are hoping for 100% participation.

Finally, some big news ...

Fr. Carusi will award the entire school community a day off on Monday, October 30th, if we meet our goal of \$30,000!

Wishing everyone a blessed week.

Respectfully,
Regina M. Hand/Principal



This past Friday, St. Rocco School Faculty & Staff received a card stating the following message as well as a delicious lunch. St. Rocco's:

*With this year's Kindness theme, we wanted to acknowledge your dedication as educators, (we know it isn't easy), and say **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO & spread Kindness. Let's make Kindness contagious together!** Galatians 6:10*

What a generous act and wonderful surprise We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to our anonymous family donor. It was truly appreciated by all, and Yes, Let's make Kindness contagious together!

Just a few reminders...

Reporting



Absences

*****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 whether you should send your child to school, call the office to speak to the nurse. Please contact the Nurse with any questions.

*****ST. ROCCO'S FLU VACCINE CLINIC*****

The St. Rocco School Flu Vaccine Clinic is taking place on **Wednesday, October 18th**, starting at 9:00 a.m. The Flu Vaccine Clinic is for all faculty, staff, and students. Information on how to register is attached. The flu mist will be available. If you prefer your child to receive the flu mist, please email Nurse Cheryl.

Supply Money~ There will be a slip in your child's Thursday Envelope, for those students who have not yet paid for their supply money. Please pay the outstanding amount as soon as possible.

DAY CARE NEWS ~ Just a reminder, any student attending the Extended Care Program must have all necessary paperwork on file. **A NEW, UPDATED FORM IS REQUIRED AT THE START OF EVERY SCHOOL YEAR.** Forms are available through the School Office and/or on-line. The extension for daycare is #114.



Lunch Program: St. Rocco School partakes in the Federal Lunch Program. The menu is posted on our School Website. Your child may select the hot or cold meal choice. In doing so, your child will receive the required food items of the entree along with additional options of fruit and vegetables that they must choose to complete their meal. Your help in explaining this process to your child, required by the Federal Government, would be greatly appreciated.

Ordering Lunch ~ **Lunch is \$3.50.** Please place the payment in an envelope clearly labeled: LUNCH MONEY, your child's name/HR and lunch choice. **You may also choose to prepay for the week only.** We **cannot** guarantee their lunch choice after 8:45AM. If your child will be late, please call the office to let us know if he/she is purchasing lunch. Thank you!



Lifetouch Picture Day – Lifetouch will be here on Thursday, October 19th, to photograph all faculty, staff and students. **All students must wear their school dress uniform (including a sweater/vest), as these are the yearbook pictures.**

After School Programs...

Last week, we sent out information and permission slips for 3 After School Programs (Dance, Newspaper & Friends of Jesus) that will begin the first week of October. Tuesday afternoon, we sent an email for two additional clubs.

- Cultural Club Grades 5-8 and Strings for Grades K-8 Additional forms are available in the School Office.

There are many activities to choose from and we know that our students will be excited to participate. Due to tomorrow, Friday being an ILD, the deadline for paperwork has been extended to Monday, October 2nd. As a reminder, all paperwork must be completed fully and required fees must be included for a child to be registered for a club.

Sports News...

Basketball packets were available at Back-to-School night and requested forms were sent home. Any student interested must send all the required paperwork and fees to the School Office as soon as possible. We are looking to have 4 teams (2 boys and 2 girls) this year. To do this, we will need enough players and coaches. Please call the office or send an email if you are interested in coaching.

The teams will be: Girls 4th and 5th and Girls 6th - 8th.
Boys 4th-6th and Boys 7th and 8th.

To ensure enough players for both teams and not too many on one team, the boys 6th Grade will be split.

Congratulations to our **Cross-Country** teams and their coaches for another great meet yesterday at Roger Williams Park.

Color-A-Thon Update



The St. Rocco School Parent Association has some exciting news. We are having our Second Color A Thon event on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 1:00 pm. This will be one of our major fundraising events for 2023-2024 school year for the Parent Association. Thank you to all the students who registered for our 2nd Annual Color A Thon. We have 88 students registered and we are off to go great start with a **47% of our goal raised.** We are hoping for 100% percent participation. Just a friendly reminder that the top three students who raise the most funds will be awarded at the Color A Thon event. They will be dousing color on our Principal, Ms. Hand, and Vice Principal, Mrs. Montecalvo! Also, the class which raises the most funds will have a pizza party. The classes that place 2nd and 3rd will have an ice cream party. We have weekly raffles for every five donations collected or received.

Week One winners were:

PK3-Gr 2 – Raeya Harootunian – Raegan Esposito - Nicolina Nardolillo-Lima – Rocco Boccanfuso

Grs. 3-5 – Lowell Grady – Dominic Boccanfuso

Grs. 6-8 – Alexia Lombardi – Alessandro Fava

Week Two winners are:

PK3-PK4 – Pia Turchetta – Nicholas Manocchio – Layla Livingston

K-Gr 2 – Oliver DeAnseris – Lilliana Thompson – Olivia Acevedo -Mila Paolucci - Riley Hilario

Grs. 3-5 – Lily Santoro – Aaydyn Hudick

Grs. 6-8 – Scott Creighton – Emma Cardillo

Top 3 Fundraising Classes to date:

1st Place – PK3

2nd Place – PK4B

3rd Place – 2nd Grade

Grand Prize Raffle:

PK3 – Gr2 – 4 Tickets to Disney on Ice

Grs. 3-5 – 4 Passes to Roger Williams Park Zoo

Grs. 6-8 – Providence College Gear – 2 Tickets to Men's Hockey and 2 Tickets to Women's Basketball

Pre-K3 – Mrs. Angell

♥ Welcome to
Preschool!



Our Pre-K 3 class at St. Rocco School is off to a great start! The children are adjusting to the new daily routine. The boys and girls begin the day by unpacking their backpacks. They put their lunch boxes and daily folders away all by themselves. We are fostering independence and Sr. Donna and I are happy to report that the children are doing fantastic!

Our religion program is especially designed for three-year-olds. "God Made Me" offers a whole-child approach that helps our children grow in relationship with God. The active-learning approach in this program is well suited to the developmental needs of early learners. It also involves a Family Time page that can carry the faith theme through at home.



In our classroom we have been learning about the season of Autumn. The change of seasons allows us to explore apples, the change in colors of the leaves, the shift in weather and pumpkins.

I have been blessed to be paired with my new friend Sr. Donna and her many years of experience. We make a great team! We are looking forward to spending the year with our wonderful students and guiding them each day and learning through kindness and faith.



Mrs. Angell





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:

Grades 1 & 2	Friday, October 6 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades PK3 & PK4	Friday, October 13 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades K	Friday, October 20 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades 1 & 2	Friday, November 3 rd	2:30-3:30pm

**Each child MUST be accompanied by an adult*

After School Clubs

St. Rocco School is always so proud of the quality teaching and educational experiences that are provided for our students. We are so excited this year to offer new programs. Please take the time to go over the flyers/registration forms that are included in your child’s Thursday Packet. The deadline for returns is Monday, October 2nd.

<p>Friends of Jesus</p> <p>Grades K-8 2:35pm-3:15pm</p> <p>Classes held on Monday Instructor: Sr. Daisy</p> 	<p>Strings/Violin Lessons</p> <p>Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:15pm 5-8 3:15pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Classes held on Tuesday. Instructor: Mrs. Rachdouni</p> 	<p>Dance Program</p> <p>Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Classes held on Wednesdays. Instructor: Miss Denise</p> 	<p>Newspaper Club</p> <p>Grades 6-8 2:35pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Classes held on Thursday Advisor: Mrs. Scotti</p> 	<p>Culture Club</p> <p>Grades 5-8 2:35pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Classes held on Friday Advisor: Mrs. Muccio</p>
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Last Week's Happenings at St. Rocco School

PreK 3 & 4 Enjoying the Playground!



5th Grade - Recess



3rd Grade Angels



Cross Country Meet this week at Roger Williams Park



SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, September 29th
Friday, October 6th

Sunday, October 15th

Thursday, October 19th

Friday, October 20th

Friday, October 27th

Sunday, October 29th

Independent Learning/Professional Day

First Friday Mass – 8:45 am – all are welcome

PA Trunk or Treat Event 3:00-5:00pm

School Picture Day

St. Anthony Gianelli Feast Day Mass 8:45 am

Independent Learning/Professional Day

Colorathon

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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