



**St. Rocco  
School**

*Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!*

**THURSDAY  
PACKET**

Weekly Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents,

The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday, a day when we were reminded to “turn away from sin and return to the gospel”. We made a personal commitment to change something in our lives during this time. And now after six weeks, we find ourselves in Holy Week. This is the most important week in the liturgical year of the Catholic Church. Today, Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Last Supper with Jesus and the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders. On Good Friday, we commemorate Jesus’ last day and His crucifixion. At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, we welcome new members into the Catholic Church. People are baptized and adult catechumens are received into full communion with the Church. We wait and pray collectively for the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning. And, we share in the joy of Easter together on Sunday as the season of Easter begins. There are so many opportunities to attend services and be present with Jesus this week. Over the next few days, I hope you can take some time with your families to slow down and peacefully and prayerfully embrace Holy Week.

*O Lord, the resurrection of your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. Amen*  
*St. Augustine of Hippo*

**In School News...**

Congratulations to the Fourth Grade class and their teacher, Mrs. Ciunci, for their beautiful and touching enactment of the Living Stations. We are so proud of all of you! Special thanks to Mrs. Rachdouni, Mrs. Rodi and the choir who shared their musical talents during the Living Stations. You added so much to the holiness of the afternoon. Thank you, also, to all the parents and family members who joined the school community for the Living Stations. What an important and meaningful way to spend time during Holy Week.

Both our volleyball and soccer teams have begun to practice for the upcoming seasons. We look forward to seeing our students in action. Games will begin after the Spring break.

Rice Bowls were due this past Tuesday. Thank you to the families who donated to this important annual outreach to those less fortunate. If you forgot to send in your Rice Bowl, they can be returned after vacation.

I wish all our families an Easter full of joy.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand



Please remember to take a few minutes to complete the Family Survey that is part of our NEASC Self Study. It will only take a few minutes to complete. Your input is important to us. The link is: <https://surveys.neasc.org/s3/S25-NEASC-CIS-Family-Survey?id=28>. It would be great to get 100% participation from our families. The deadline for the survey is April 12<sup>th</sup>.



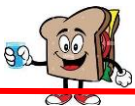
## SPRING PRODUCTION

### A Night with the Stars of St. Rocco



We are so excited for our Spring Production on April 27<sup>th</sup> at **Johnston High School**. All parents **MUST** have a ticket to attend the show. All students **Must** have 1 adult present at the show. This is going to be a wonderful night for our students, families, and faculty!!! There are only a limited number of tickets available!

**Lunch Reminder:** If you owe any lunch money for the month of March, kindly send it in with your child next week so we can close out the month.



## Meadow Farms Fundraiser

The Order deadline is **4/5/24**.  
This is a **DELICIOUS** way to meet your fundraising goal!



## ATHLETIC Practice Schedule

Soccer  
Volleyball

Tuesday 2:30–4:00  
Monday 3-4:30

Wednesday 4:00-5:30  
Friday 3:00-4:30

# ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

*Where our Children always come first!*

Save the Date for our Upcoming Events:



## Mother/Son Dance (K-8) – Friday, April 5 from 6pm to 9pm – Valley Country Club

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Maria Cassisi, [maria\\_cassisi@hotmail.com](mailto:maria_cassisi@hotmail.com) or Stephanie Fava, [scd1024@aol.com](mailto:scd1024@aol.com). We also need fathers to assist with this event. If any dads are available to assist with this event the day of, please contact the school office to make sure you have your BCI and Safe Environment.



## Mother/Daughter Brunch – Sunday, May 5 from 10am – 1pm – Cranston Country Club:

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Danielle Cazzarro, [dcazzarro@gmail.com](mailto:dcazzarro@gmail.com) or Shay Jenkins-Hernandez, [shayanna38@gmail.com](mailto:shayanna38@gmail.com)

### Looking for donations!

Mother/Daughter Brunch Raffle Items: We are looking for any items that we can use to raffle off at the Mother/Daughter Brunch. You can drop them off at school, contact the office or reach out to Danielle or Shay.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these events or help in any way, please reach out to the office, [office@stroccoschool.org](mailto:office@stroccoschool.org), the person listed above or Maria Cassisi, [maria\\_cassisi@hotmail.com](mailto:maria_cassisi@hotmail.com)

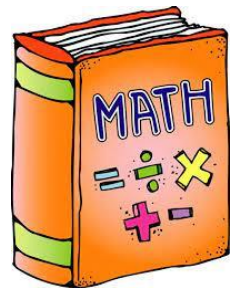
## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Grade 5 - Mrs. Jeannine Fuller



In Social Studies, Fifth Grade has been learning about the 13 Colonies. We have learned about each colony along with who founded each one. It has been exciting to learn about what is special to each colony. This week we will be learning about the taxes put in place by the King that led to the colonists revolting against the King. We did a taxation lesson in Social Studies. We realized that the colonists were taxed heavily by the King.

We have fun in Math and have learned so much. We just finished up with fractions and we are very good at multiplying, dividing, adding and subtracting them. We have moved into working with decimals. This is a little challenging, but the class is doing a wonderful job of taking notes and learning about lining up decimals for adding and subtracting. Multiplication is somewhat tricky, but we are doing a good job of taking notes and working together to learn this new skill. Word problems are something we work on together. We have learned to read the passage carefully and highlight the important information. Math is fun and we continue to learn new things together. We are getting ready for Sixth Grade Math.



Religion is a time that we get to study our religion together. We are learning about our sacraments. Lately, we have learned about Holy Week and Easter. We have learned that Jesus gave his life for us. This week we will learn about Holy Week. We will take time to reflect and be thankful for all Jesus has given us. We have three students that are learning with Sister Daisy. They have been baptized, had their First Penance and will be making their First Communion. We are so

blessed to be a part of their special journey along with Sister Daisy.



# PK4B – CELEBRATING SPRING & EASTER



# UPCOMING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Friday, March 29, 2024

**No School** ~ Good Friday

Monday, April 1, 2024

**No School** ~ Easter Monday

Friday, April 5, 2024

First Friday Mass ~8:45 am

Friday, April 5, 2024

Mother/Son Dance – Valley Country Club

April 15 – April 19

Spring Vacation

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Spring Production (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) 6:30pm – Johnston HS

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Early Childhood Spring Concert ~ 9:00 am

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Volunteer Mass/ 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Mass ~ 8:45 am

Saturday, May 4, 2024

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass and Reception – 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Mother/Daughter Brunch – Cranston Country Club

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

IL/PD Day - NO SCHOOL

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Ascension Mass – 9:00 am

Friday, May 17, 2024

May Crowning – 9:00 am

Monday, May 27, 2024

Memorial Day – No School

Friday, June 7, 2024

First Friday Mass – 8:45 am



HE IS RISEN!



March Virtue of the Month ~ Caring

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding.  
In all the ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*



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Also, don't forget to regularly visit our website [www.stroccoschool.org](http://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~*

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